

6 November 2018

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

### School Values

Our values surveys received a positive response from Staff, Students and Parents. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the survey.

Based on the results of the survey, the PB4L group has come up with 5 values:

- **Respect**
- **Caring**
- **Aim High**
- **Resilience**
- **Honesty**

We will be doing more work on the values over the next few weeks - thinking about a slogan or wording that will help us all remember the values. If you have any ideas, get in touch!

The values will help us set out the expected behaviours at Plateau School both in and outside the classroom. We will put these out to you for feedback as soon as they are ready.

**Headphones** - We are asking that all Senior students be provided with headphones to use while they are accessing technology next year. At present some children have them and others don't, this causes issues in class when accessing some websites that have audio.

We are in the process of finding the best model of headphones at the best price. We will buy these in bulk and allocate them to students who need them. We are aiming for a cost of between \$12-\$15 for a child-friendly model.

**Teacher Strike Action** - Just a quick reminder that on the 16th November (Friday next week), teachers will again be taking strike action. At this stage the Board will be closing the school due to all our teachers being in the NZEI Union and therefore taking Industrial action. This will be confirmed by the Board later this week but bank on the students not being at school on that day please.

**Chicken Pox** - We have had 3 confirmed cases of chicken pox reported in Tui and Tuatara classes. If spots appear on your child, or they are unwell, please see your doctor. If they are diagnosed as having chicken pox, they will need to stay away from school until the last spot has dried up.

**Plateau Facebook** - All our blog posts, Flickr photos and recent school news are gathered on our Facebook page making it the "one stop shop" for school events.  
[www.facebook.com/plateauschool](http://www.facebook.com/plateauschool)

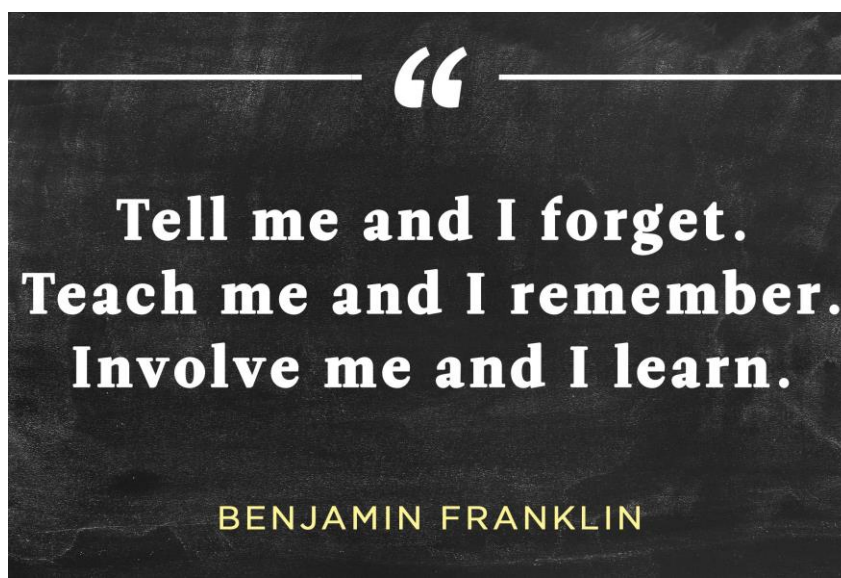
There are also two associated Facebook pages and our Flickr page which has a TON of photos from different events for you to peruse:

<https://www.facebook.com/PlateauHomeandSchool/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>

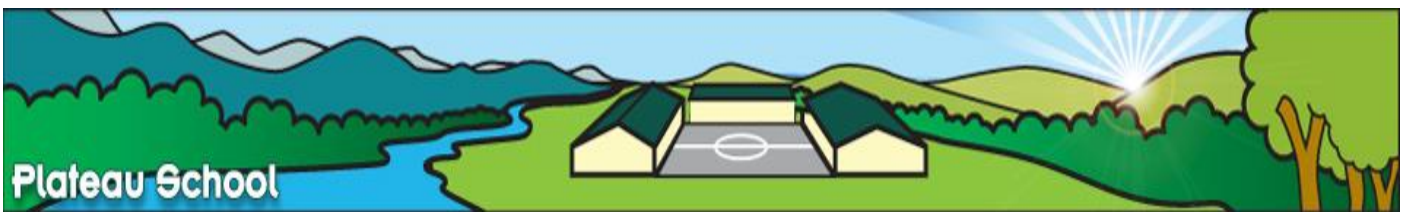
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## *NEWS FROM THE BOARD*



Dear Parents/Caregivers

At this stage a teachers' strike will be going ahead on the 16th November for the full school day.

If the situation changes, we will advise you as soon as we are able to.

Assuming the strike does go ahead the school will close for the full day (including before and after school care) so parents and caregivers will need to make alternative arrangements.

We understand that this will be an inconvenience for some parents and caregivers. We looked at our opportunities to stay open but decided that we can't practically do so in a way that's safe for all children. We also support our teachers, the great work they do every day for our tamariki, and what they are striking for.

We recognise their right to take action if they think it is necessary.

More information about the rolling teachers' strikes across the country is available from [www.nzei.org.nz](http://www.nzei.org.nz).

Regards

Tim Hewitt

Board Chair

(On behalf of the Board)

## *CAMP NEWS*

**Fundraising for Year 5/6 Camp 2019** - This Thursday morning we will be selling scones, and we will also have a few muffins and brownies for sale as well. These cost \$1.00 each. We will have gluten free options available. As we do not want to disappoint people on Thursday, can you please bring your order to school tomorrow as we need to know numbers to make before Thursday. If you require a gluten free muffin / gingerbread man, please note this on your order. Thanks.

We will also be running a Quiz Night at the Tote on Wednesday 28th November, 7.30pm start. Tickets will be \$10 each and will be available from the office shortly. Please pre-book at the office. For all food and beverage sales, we receive 20%. This promises to be a fun night out, so gather your friends and register now. (Bring some extra coins for the raffle and to pay for your answers!).

**Year 5/6 Camp Signmee** - There are still a few parents of children attending the Year 5 & 6 camp next year that haven't completed the Signmee (both permission and Health Form). Can you please log on to Signmee and sign this asap. Thanks.

**Year 3/4 Camp 2018** - This will take place on Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd November, and organisation for this is now in full swing. Invoices have been emailed to you this week and some information has been sent through via Signmee. Please ensure you log on and complete the necessary forms. Thanks.

## ***HOUSE-KEEPING***

**Medical Certificates Required** - If your child is absent from school due to illness for 5 or more days, we require you to produce a medical certificate for us to keep on file. Thanks.

**Toys at School** - We understand that children want to bring their special toys to school to show their friends. However, we discourage this as, more often than not, the toys end up broken or missing, which is very upsetting for the children and they can also cause a distraction in class. Please support us in this by ensuring your children do not bring their toys to school, as we take no responsibility for broken, lost or missing toys. Thanks.

**Absences** - If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you notify the school by 8.45am. We have a dedicated answer phone message for leaving an absence. Please remember to state your child's name, room and the reason for the absence. If you do not give a reason, we have to record your child down as an unjustified absence. Medical certificates are required for 5 or more days away from school due to sickness.

**After School Care** - Please remember to book your child into After School Care on the days that they will be attending (unless they are regulars). We need to know who is supposed to be attending for the safety of our students.

Also, if your child is regularly in on a particular day and they won't be there for some reason, please let us know. We appreciate your support. Thanks.

Before School Care operates between 7.30am and 8.30am and After School Care starts at 3pm and closes at 6pm. All children must be collected by 6pm at the latest.

**Parking** - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### **November**

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| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>                      | - Science / Technology / Art Evening, 5.30pm<br>- Touch Rugby Postponement Date |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Whole School Pool Party (H2O Xstream - 12pm - 1pm)                            |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                      | - Athletics   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | - BOT Meeting, 7pm  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>                     | - Athletics Postponement Date   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>                       | - Teachers' Strike Action Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)                                   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                      | - Athletics 2 <sup>nd</sup> Postponement Date                                   |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> | - Brookfield Camp (Years 3 & 4)   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>                      | - Danish Rounders (Kea & Ruru)  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Quiz Night Fundraiser at the Tote (7pm) -\$10                                 |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>                     | - Danish Rounders Postponement Date   |

### **December**

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> | - Whole School Zoo Trip                  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Christmas Concert (5.30pm - 7.30pm)    |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | - Year 6 Leaving Party, (6pm - 8pm)      |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | - Last Day of Term 4 (finishing at 12pm) |

### **TERM DATES FOR 2019**

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| Term 1 | - Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April (98 half-days) |
| Term 2 | - Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July (98 half-days)        |
| Term 3 | - Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> September (100 half-days)  |
| Term 4 | - Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October - TBC (94 half-days)                           |

## ***HOME & SCHOOL NEWS***

School Gala - We have decided to not run a school gala this year, but will hopefully be able to run one again next year.



## *SCHOOL LUNCHES*



**School Lunches** – School lunches this week:

**Thursday** – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6" sub pack). To order please go to

[www.subway.co.nz](http://www.subway.co.nz). Select "Online Ordering" then "Subway School Lunch Programme". Close off for orders is 8.45am that morning. If you have any issues with the ordering process, please contact 0800 782 273.

**Friday** – Sausage in Bread or Fish Fingers in Bread (\$2.00 each).

## ***STAY SAFE / GET FIT / HELP OUR PLANET... TIPS FOR THE WEEK***



**ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Safety Belts - Did you know: If you sit in a seat with a safety belt, you must wear the safety belt.**



**PUSH PLAY!** - Stack and carry the firewood.



***COMMUNITY NEWS***



We are super excited to announce the first of our Kiwi Hoops Camps coming to the Walter Nash Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity for 7-12 year old boys and girls to PLAY, LEARN and HAVE FUN under top youth basketball coaches. Read on for more info and how to register.

**WHAT:** Kiwi Hoops Camp, Hutt Valley

**WHEN:** Saturday's 10th and 17th of November, 9am-12pm.

**WHERE:** Walter Nash Centre

**WHO:** Ages 7-12, girls and boys from the Hutt Valley

**COST:** Free!

Capital Basketball in partnership with Hutt Valley Basketball Association are bringing an exciting basketball experience to Hutt Valley kids aged 7-12 years!

Kiwi Hoops Camps have a core focus of teaching fundamental movement and basketball skills through games based learning. Players will learn how to move like a basketballer, while developing their ball control, dribbling, passing, catching and shooting skills through fun games.

Whether your son or daughter is a seasoned player or a first timer, role model coaches will ensure your child feels safe and included, all while learning key skills to enjoy sport for life.

## REGISTRATION

Register via this [online form](#).

Limited spaces available, those first in get a spot. If we reach capacity preference will be given to those that live or school in the Hutt Valley.

We will email you to confirm your child's placement on the camp. Don't worry if you miss out this time, we will be bringing more Kiwi Hoops Camps to you in the near future.

What's involved?

- Basketball activities from 9am-12pm
- Players are to wear sports attire and non-marking shoes
- Please bring a water bottle and some healthy snacks.

Parents are welcome to come along and watch.



## The Salvation Army Corps & Community Ministries BBQ

**When: 3 December 2018**

**Time: 5.30 - 8pm**

**Where: [695 Fergusson Drive](#)**

**RSVP: Please contact office on 528 6745 and let us know how many will be attending (for catering purposes)**

**A fun evening with food, drinks and entertainment.**