

8 September 2020

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Sadly we will be farewelling 2 extremely experienced, highly competent teachers next term. Pauline Roberts who has taught our oldest students and prepared them so well for Intermediate will be leaving us at the end of term 4. She is planning to head back to the UK and set up home again there. I have lots more to say but will leave it at that for now!

Joanne Schroeder is also leaving us next term and will be heading back to Auckland after spending the last 4 years in Upper Hutt. Jo will be leaving us towards the end of next term and will be missed as she has such a depth of experience to draw on. We are advertising at present for the 2 roles, so if you know of someone who would be a great fit at Plateau, please let them know we are looking for staff.

It was great to pop down to Fergusson yesterday to see the children engaged in the Science Roadshow. This is a great opportunity for our students to engage in "hands on" science and watch some science demonstrations. We are part of the Hutt Science project as well which sends out science kits to schools on a rotating fortnightly basis. <https://www.huttscience.co.nz/> This has really helped our students engage in hands-on science, as gathering the resources for this is often difficult but is the most engaging part of science - especially for younger students. Being part of the Hutt Science Project has made a big difference to many of our tamariki.



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Ghi XYbh' =a dfcj Ya Ybhg']b' K f]h]b[' ! ' At the August meeting, Nigel presented the Board with a mid-year review of Year 4 and 5 achievement data for writing. The data showed an increase in achievement across Years 4 and 5 from 2019 to 2020. We would like to thank the teachers and teacher aides that have worked hard, alongside students and whānau to achieve this.

7ca a i b]W]h]cb': fca 'GWcc`' ! ' During the charter review last year, you told us that you wanted communications from school to be simplified. The Board looked at how we might do this. Currently, we use lots of different ways to get information to families (Hero, Facebook, Signmee and more). We agreed that whichever one you prefer to use (Facebook, Hero) the information you get should be the same. Nigel will work with the staff to see how we might simplify the number and type of communications from school.

Dc`]W]h]Yj]Yk g' ! ' Thanks to everyone who gave us feedback on this term's Policy reviews. The Board approved policies on Learning Support, Child Protection, and Reporting to the Board, along with an Appointment Procedure. You can access all [Plateau's policies](#) - use "plateau" as the user name and "heart" as the password.

B YI h' 6cUfX' A YYh]b[' ! ' Our next board meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September. We will be looking at student achievement, engagement with our community, and start the review of our Strategic Plan for 2021.Æ

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At Plateau School we are aiming: 'To create a safe, secure and positive school environment through a consistent approach to managing learning and behaviour.'

At Plateau we are working on Rawe/Aiming High

- **We work hard**
- **We always try to do our best**
- **We give new things a go**

A reminder of what the schoolwide rewards are that the students are collecting their tokens and voting for:

Animal/Pet Day - Focus on our favourite animals/pets, bring photos, videos of pets to share. Petting Zoo to visit school.

Toys and Teddies Day - Toys allowed at school, includes Teddy Bears Picnic.

Movie - School Trip to the movies. Book out a movie at the local cinema.

There has been a shift over the last couple of weeks since the last update and currently the Movie reward has the most votes, followed closely by Toys and Teddies Day and then Animal/Pet Day.

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GWcc'': UfXYbg - With spring nearly upon us, our gardening team will soon be prepping the school's garden beds for the planting season ahead. If you keep livestock and could possibly bring in a sack or two of manure (cow, horse, sheep), our team would really appreciate it - as will the gardens! The sacks can be left beside the school's compost bins.

We are also seeking new members to join our gardening team of school parents, which usually meets to garden for an hour or so, once a week on a weekday morning (currently Wednesdays). If you are interested, please call Kate on 021 146-4115 or email her at: katedowling200@gmail.com

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Entertain the family, save money and support our Fundraising whilst enjoying the simple things in life!

Help yourself to savings and support local today, 20% of every membership sold helps support Plateau School



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10531r1>

Thank you for your support and please share with your friends and family!



8UZZcX]` 8Um/` C bYg]Y` 8Um- Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to these two great causes. We raised a whopping \$240 for Daffodil Day and \$320 for the Wellington Free Ambulance on Onesie Day.



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The timeline for 2021 enrolments are as follows:

Friday 18 Sept - Enrolments close

Monday 14 Dec - Year 6 Classroom Placement Afternoon Visit, 3pm - 6pm



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F]X]b[` 6] Yg` hc` GWcc` - Just a reminder to children that ride their bikes / scooters, etc to school must walk them in and out of the school grounds.

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G]] ba YY - This is our communication channel between home and school re different events / trips, etc that are happening at school at present. Please check your emails for notifications of any new Signmees, then log in to see / action as necessary. If circumstances change and you need to amend any Signmee response, you are able to do this by logging back in and changing your reply.

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5VgYbWYg - 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.

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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.

Time sheets showing the balance owing will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month, for the month previous.

Hcmg Uh GWcc` - 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 plus 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.

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- Tuesday 15th - Tee Ball (Years 1 - 6)
- Thursday 17th - Tee Ball Postponement Date
- Friday 18th - Maidstone Intermediate Enrolments for 2021 Close
- Friday 25th - Last Day of Term 3

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- Monday 12th - First Day of Term 4
- Thursday 15th - National NZ Shakeout Day
- Friday 23rd - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- Monday 26th - Labour Day (School Closed)

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- Tuesday 10th - Interschool Athletics
- Wed 11th - Interschool Athletics (1st Postponement Date)
- Tuesday 17th - Interschool Athletics (2nd Postponement Date)
- Thursday 19th - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield
- Tuesday 24th - BMX Challenge

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Monday 14th - Year 6 Class Placement Afternoon Visit at Maidstone Intermediate, 3pm - 6pm

Tuesday 15th - Last day of Term 4

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Term Three - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

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Term One - Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April

Term Two - Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

Term Three - Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

Term Four - Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

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H\i fgXUm- To order please go to 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.

: f]XUm! 'Free sausage in bread for all students at school. Please tell your child to let their teacher know if they wish to have a free sausage this Friday.Æ

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