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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Level 1 Update - What a bumpy ride 2020 has been so far. If you had told me at New Year how it was going to pan out it would have been totally unbelievable!

Many thanks for the invaluable feedback we have received from you recently for the surveys we have sent out. I can see since the 7th May we have sent out 4 surveys now! This has been a big ask and I know these all take time but the results have informed us of areas for improvement and change that we were unaware of previously, or reinforced the hunches we had.

The most recent survey is the School Gate Consultation - where we are wondering whether some of the positives around drop off and pick up can be used to change the way we do things.

You seem to think the same thing as us so far, from 43 responses, 86% of parents support our proposal for a new system for drop offs/pickups, and I know that many other NZ schools are finding similar results as they re-examine their processes to make the most of their learnings post pandemic..

In case you missed it, there is a link below to the survey which offers a model and then a chance for you to feedback your comments and thoughts on this. We are aware this could be tricky as we place a huge value on our interaction with parents and our community, but the positive effect on the children so far has been undeniable.

Please could you feedback using the link below by this Friday (12th June) - we look forward with interest to your response.

<https://forms.gle/hK6qiq5GLCuQM2ai6>

Under Level 1 it is the responsibility of all of us to track our own movements. An app has been developed that will assist you with this. You will see information posters and QR code signs that will allow you to use your phone's camera to track when you come on and leave the school site.

We have been assigned our unique QR code to assist in this and they have been displayed around the entrances to the school for you to use. More information on the app we are using here:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-resources-and-tools/nz-covid-tracer-app>

PB4L NEWS

PB4L at Plateau School....

*PB4L is about building a school-wide culture of **Positive Behaviour for Learning**.*

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 one of our values is Pono/Honesty

- We tell the truth
- We do what we say we will
- We are fair

Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka

The kumara (sweet potato) does not say how sweet he is

OTHER NEWS

Student Profile Sheets - If you have not already sent yours back, can you please do so by this Friday. Thanks.

Scholastic Book Club - The latest issue of the Scholastic Book Club is now open. To order, visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP. Orders will close on Wednesday 17th June.

School Hoodies - We will be placing an order for school hoodies on Wednesday 17th June. If you wish to purchase one (or more), please email Suzanne on office@plateau.school.nz and let her know what size you would like, and what you want written on the back. They come in both children's (\$35.00 each) and adult (\$40.00 each) sizes - S, M, L, XL. Payment is required with the order and can be paid into the school bank account - Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Please use your name and Hoodie as the reference. Orders close Wednesday 17th June.

Dental Van - Due to COVID levels 3 and 4, we have had to reassess our van visits to schools, and unfortunately we are now unable to complete all our van visits for this year.

We are prioritising schools with children with a high risk of dental decay. As Plateau School is low risk, the mobile van will not be visiting in 2020.

However we will be prioritising your school early in 2021.

If parents have any concerns regarding their child's dental care, need to update contact details or require an appointment, these can be done at our hub clinic. Please contact us on 0800 TALK TEETH (825583).

Maidstone Intermediate (Year 6 2020 Students) - The timeline for 2021 enrolments are as follows:

- Mid August - DP will come to Plateau School to talk to our Year 6 students.
- Thur 27 August - Family Information Evening
- Early Sept - Year 6 students will visit Maidstone Intermediate
- Friday 18 Sept - Enrolments close
- Monday 14 Dec - Year 6 Classroom Placement Afternoon Visit, 3pm - 6pm

HOUSE-KEEPING

Riding Bikes to School - Just a reminder to children that ride their bikes / scooters, etc to school must walk them in and out of the school grounds. Thanks.

Signmee - This is our communication channel between home and school re different events / trips, etc that are happening at school. 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.

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.

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

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 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.

<p><u>Parking</u> - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

Term Two	- Wednesday 15 April - Friday 3 July
Term Three	- Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term Four	- Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER - There will now be TWO Teacher Only Days this year (School Closed):

- Friday 21 August
- Friday 23 October

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches - School lunches this week:

Thursday – 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.

Friday - Sausage in bread or fish fingers in bread - \$2.00 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS



These are the years that set students up for life and this is the school that can do that. We're the only co-educational, independent school in the Wellington region for Years 7-13, giving us a rare ability to create a place where all students are happy, generous achievers. We'd be delighted to show you our school and tell you more in person.

To register for our next open day visit our website whitbycollegiate.school.nz or give us a call on 04 234 1070.





School Holiday Computer Class.

Grand Training runs fun and educational computer classes, Saturday, after school and school holidays at Johnsonville Club and Wellington Girls College, for ages 5+. Learn to Code and Create 3D Games or Learn to Code with Scratch, Python or Java. Also Minecraft, Website Design and for younger children the Discovery Computer Class.

Fun weekend themed Birthday Party; Minecraft, Roblox or other computer programs.

For more details go to www.grandtraining.co.nz or ring Wanda at (04) 499 2211



WELLINGTON HOCKEY

FUNSTICKS HOCKEY 2020

The Funsticks programme is aimed at children in School Years 1 to 2 who are new or relatively new to hockey. This programme is a progressive 10 week programme and is run a number of times during the year.

Fundamental skills, movement in a safe environment.

JULY, 2020 //

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Any questions, email Cat at
catewellingtonhockey.org.nz

