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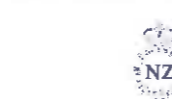
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We wish the Year 5 students in Kea and Ruru rooms well on their camp at Forest Lakes. Mr Sheehan and Mrs Roberts will be leading the experience. Mrs Moore will be going up to Otaki tomorrow and I will head up on Wednesday. Many thanks to the parents who have given time to help out with camp and to those that offered their support. This Camp is always a great experience as many of the children have not had this type of experience before and a great way for them to start of the year with their classmates. We will be posting a movie of the children's great time on YouTube during the week so check Plateau's account for updates.

Just a couple of minor issues that need to be addressed that have arisen in the first couple of weeks:

There have been a couple of incidents between children at school that have spilled over into parents visiting other parents at home. This is not acceptable and if you have an issue with anything that may have occurred at school please see your child's teacher, or myself, in the first instance and steer clear of taking matters into your own hands.

A reminder that the school car park is off limits to parents as a drop off area as we have major safety concerns with cars using the car park for this purpose. Please find a park on the road outside school between 8:00 and 9:00 as well as 2:45 to 3:15 so that we do not cause safety issues for our children. If you are accessing the school car park outside these times please observe that we have a 5kph speed limit, which translates as walking pace.

Many thanks for your cooperation on these matters.

Swimming

We now have silicon swim hats in stock- please come in and pick one up, they are a bargain at \$4 each and will ensure your child is safe from nits and does not have wet hair when they get out of the pool. They are available at the school office. They are selling fast so get in quick!

Flickr Sets recently added to www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/

Recently we have been adding lots of photos to our existing library of snaps from school events and activities on our Flickr site. The recent additions are: **School Christmas Disco:** What a great night, with some amazing costumes!

Useful websites

Adults

Mum, dad, I'm bored! You may have heard that a fair bit towards the end of the summer break! This is a PDF booklet from ASG (Australian Scholarships Group) that should help you out! <http://bit.ly/vR3c1I>

Kids

As we are having a good look at Forces this term with our "Feel the Force" unit this website will give you some great fun activities to try at home. <http://bit.ly/zWU7ms>

This Week's Brain Teaser Challenge! See if you can work this picture puzzle out, write your answer at the bottom of the newsletter; put it in the green letter box and go in the drawer for the newsletter prize at assembly. Even if you are unsure have a go. The answer to last newsletter's question was "A cut above the rest". Congratulations to those of you who got it right.



Scholastic Book Club – Please have any last orders in by tomorrow, 22nd February please – thank you!

School Donation – Thanks also to those families who have paid their school donation. We rely on parent donations to purchase the extra resources that our Government Grant doesn't cover. We are a fortunate school with regard to parent support and appreciate all donations received. We have not increased our donation amount this year and therefore the recommended amounts are: 1 child = \$90.00 (per annum), 2 children = \$120 and 3 or more children (in the same family) = \$150.00. As a thank you to those who pay their donation, we will be holding a draw at the end of term one (5th April). All families who have paid their donation in full by this date will go in the draw to win a weekend for 2 in an executive studio room with a luxurious two person spa bath courtesy of Bluewater Hotel in Napier.

Fun Run – We will be holding our annual Fun Run on Thursday 29th March. This is an excellent way to raise funds for the junior EOTC week and senior camps. Families who will have a student going to Y6 Ski Camp this year, will have 80% of their sponsorship money put towards this year's camp, and families who have a student who will be attending Y5 camp early next year will have 80% put towards that camp. All other families who do not have a child who will be Y5 or Y6 in the next 2 years will have 80% put towards the EOTC junior week we hold at the end of the year. As this is a very worthwhile fundraiser we encourage you to get as many sponsors as you possibly can. There will be a prize for each class for the student who has the most number of sponsors.

Walking School Bus – We are desperate for a parent or caregiver to walk each Friday with a group of students down Plateau Road to school. Plateau School has had a "bus" for about 2 years, and it has been very successful. If you are willing to help and / or need to know more details, please ring Sheryl Homer at school or home on 526 7851. As we do not currently have a 'driver' for our walking school bus, this will be unavailable until further notice. If you are keen to 'drive' a walking bus in another area, please ring me also.

Travel Plan – We will be continuing with WALKING WEDNESDAYS AND FEET FIRST FRIDAYS, so please encourage your child to walk to school or walk part of the way on those days. Many people who live too far away to be able to walk, stop at the end of Plateau Road or "the cutting" and walk with their child from there. Spot prizes are given out to some walkers on some days, so you might be lucky!

Parent Reading – We will be running a Parent Reading programme again this year. If you have ½ - 1 hour a week when you can come along to school, we can guarantee that you will enjoy it. You will be given 1 or 2 children to read with once a week. You will be given some guidance with what to do if they don't know a word, etc, but you are there to listen and encourage, so it is very easy. If you would like to help, please fill in the form below and return it to school asap. Thank you – Sheryl Homer.

Students Arriving Late / Leaving Early – A reminder, if your child is going to be late, please notify the school office as soon as possible. When they arrive at school, they are to report to the school office and sign in. Also if you are collecting your child early from school, they now need to be signed out at the office. Thanks.

Sausages – If you are able to help out with sausage on a Friday on a roster basis, please contact Lou on 526 2934 or 021 239 0862. Helpers receive a small subsidy on their child's camp. This is a good fundraiser for camp, but will only work if we have parent support, and the more parents we have, the less often you have to work!!

Old Magazines Wanted – If anyone has any old magazines that they could donate to the school for the Kapa Haka group, it would be much appreciated.

Pithy Quote - You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. - **Albert Einstein**

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ROAD SAFETY SPOT: Did you know? – That you should always choose safety over convenience. Protect all our children.



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Clever ways to recycle!
– Use an old towel to make a hand towel, bathmat, face cloth or bib.

PUSH PLAY! – Make your parents breakfast in bed.

Home & School News

Plateau School Gala – Sunday 18 March 2012, 10am – 2pm - Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help at the Gala and never fear, we will be in touch soon! Please remember the grocery raffle and mystery bottles - students who contribute qualify for a lollipop!

We are on the lookout for a wrecked car, should you know of anyone who is willing to donate one for the Gala please call Kayleen on 526-2605.

We have a heap of containers that would be perfect for fudge/coconut ice etc. If you are keen to help fill them, please either ring Kayleen on the above number or make a note in the volunteers note book located in the office, and we can get some to you.

Community News

PUMP DANCE STUDIOS – Offers Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet & Contemporary dance classes to children of all ages and abilities. If you are interested in coming along to a fun and energetic dance class, please contact us on 384 7867 or go to www.pumpedance.com for more information. Our studios are located at Level 1, 302 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

UPPER HUTT SKATING CLUB "SPACE AGE" ROLLER DISCO – Saturday 10th March, 7pm – 9pm. Prize for best costume. Entry \$6, blade hire \$3, skate hire free. April School holidays roller disco Tuesday – Friday of the first week and Monday to Friday of the 2nd week, 1pm – 3pm. Same charges apply. Regular Saturday afternoon discos until mid December, 3pm – 5pm. For more information check out www.skate.wellington.net.nz, email skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz or Ph 939 0507.

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SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY TEAM (HERETAUNGA COLLEGE) FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT – To be held at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club on Friday 24th February at 7pm. Tickets will be sold for \$10 per person, with a maximum of 8 people at a table. They are also seeking sponsorships from businesses (possible options - \$130 table sponsorship, including 8 tickets, or \$50 table sponsorship). All proceeds are going to their sporting trip to Australia. For more information, contact Kevin Alkema on 970 1462 or 027 293 1775.

LOCAL COMMUNITY COORDINATORS NEEDED IN UPPER HUTT AND SURROUNDS – Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is currently looking for people to become Community Coordinators in Upper Hutt and the surrounding area. We are a not-for-profit company registered as a secondary exchange organisation with Departments of Education around Australia and with the New Zealand Ministry of Education. Our Community Coordinators are men and women who believe that student exchange is a life changing experience for young people and for the people they come into contact with in the local community. They assist with interviewing potential host families and provide ongoing support to these families and students to ensure that the exchange experience is a success for everyone as well as interviewing local students wishing to go on exchange overseas. For more information contact 0800 440 079 or go to www.studentexchange.org.nz.

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Parent Reading

I am able to help with parent reading for _____ (amount of time) on a _____ (name a day or days) in the morning / afternoon.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Brain Teaser Challenge:

Answer: _____

I have read the newsletter dated 21st February 2012. Signed: _____

Child/ren's Name(s): _____