

## Newsletter 36

19th November 2019

### Kia ora/Greetings

#### ERO

Last week we had a team from the Education Review Office on site. The team visited classes, spoke with the Board of Trustees, children, parents and staff. On Thursday afternoon, the team gave some feedback to the BOT.

Some comments they made about our amazing staff were focussed on the:

-Well-rounded programmes that look at the whole child (reading, writing math, KNS Way, opportunities etc)

-How students were able to articulate the KNS Way competencies- the reviewers heard this reflected in the language of classes.

-The positive relationships between teacher / child

-High level of learner engagement

-Bi cultural context reflected in class programme and language

-Teachers making deliberate acts to support children.

-Inclusive practice- significant support from our learning assistants ensuring success for all.

-Positive partnerships with whanau,

-Clear communication between home and school

-Responsive practice according to need

-Strong transitions across the school.

I look forward to sharing the full report when we receive it later in the year.

#### Principal Appraisal

Every year our Board works with a consultant to look at how effectively our Principal is completing his role.

Next Wednesday Rachel Allen will be at Knighton to talk with children, staff, board of trustee members and parents. She will be in the staffroom from 2.15 to 3pm to meet with any parents that would like to speak with her in regard to this.

#### Berkley Orientation Morning

This Friday Berkely has invited those that have enrolled to their Orientation morning. Your child should have brought home a notice with all the information about this.

#### Touch Tournament

Last Friday Mr Penman led a group of our children to a touch tournament at Peachgrove Intermediate. The KNS team played exceptionally well finishing the event in fourth place.



#### Music House Concert

Music House Concert are happy to announce the date for the end of year Music House Concert - Monday 9th December, Knighton Normal School hall, 12.45pm kick off. All welcome.

(If your child is performing we ask that they be at the hall 15 minutes before to make sure they're warmed up and in tune.)

#### Absences

Please remember to notify us if your child/ren will be absent.

- Send a message via our school App. This is our preferred method for receiving messages about a child's absence. The App is free to download - Search Knighton Normal School at App Store or Play Store.
- Text a message to 027 352 2089
- Leave a voicemail message on 07 856 5393



### **Opposite Day**

Make A Wish Fundraiser:  
**Tomorrow, Wednesday  
20th November**, the  
student council is running

a fundraiser for the Make a Wish foundation. The theme is "Opposite Day". Children are invited to dress in any way they think it is opposite to the usual. This might be pyjamas, crazy hair, odd socks or any other dress up that they can imagine. A gold coin donation to pass on to our charity would be appreciated. Money will be collected by the student councillors from the children's classrooms first thing in the morning.

### **Playtime Visits**

For any new, new entrant students starting with us next year wanting to come and do a visit with the Junior school, we have two remaining Playtime sessions this year:

Wed 20th Nov and Wed 27th Nov 1:45 - 2:45.

Please sign in at the office when you arrive.

### **The Knighton After School Programme (KASP)**

KASP provides a stimulating and varied programme which encourages children to try new experiences, mix in a variety of social situations and generally have fun. Operating between 7.00 -8.30 a.m and 3pm - 5:45pm.

For further information about the Before and After School Programme, please contact Daphne Barlow on 022 642 0726 or email her on [supervisor@kasp.co.nz](mailto:supervisor@kasp.co.nz)

### **Mobile Dental Van**

The Mobile Dental Van is now at Knighton. All children will be seen in due time by appointment made by the Dental nurse and you will receive a text message informing you of the day and time of the appointment. You are welcome to attend with your child at this time or they will see them straight from class.

### **Kindo**

Payment for all school requirements is available online through our Kindo school shop.

Permission for trips etc is also requested as you pay so you don't need to fill in and return forms to the school. Items paid for will be sent to your child in their class and information passed on to your child's teacher. Now would be a good time to set-up your account at <http://shop.tgcl.co.nz/> and if you wish, you can start to add monies to the account to accumulate funds ready for next year's school costs.

### **New Entrant Open Morning**

Once a term we have an open morning and it is happening @ 9.30am this **Thursday 21st Nov**. The Principal and junior school Assistant Principal outline the school's philosophy and policies and give parents a chance to ask questions about life at school. This is also an opportunity for parents and caregivers of preschool children to see the new entrant classes in action.

#### *What Season am I?*

*The leaves come back to life and cuddle the tree like blankets. The flowers coat the earth. The light breeze warms lizards like heaters. The summer breeze awakens kids, joeys and calves from the long months the mum was carrying them. Leaves bloom on the trees like grass grows, while the kids play around.*

*By Hassan (Room 29)*

### **Ngā mihi nui**

**Stuart Armistead  
Principal**