

2020

**Kia ora/Greetings**

**Meet the Teacher Picnic  
Tonight  
Tuesday 11th February**

This evening is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) in an informal, fun setting. It is also a great chance to meet other parents and to form connections!

You are welcome to come down to school from 5:00pm - all school gates will be unlocked. Teachers and some helpers from Project Energise will have a range of activities for you and your children to take part in. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner to have on the field. There will be a sausage sizzle operating.

Stuart will be making a brief presentation of 'How we do things at KNS' at 5.15 and 5.45pm in room 23 for any parents that are interested in attending.

At 6:00 pm teachers will move to their rooms. This will be an opportunity for families to go into classes to meet teachers and become familiar with the class.

The evening will conclude at 6.30 pm. Gates will be open until 6.45pm.

**Getting Along- Manners**

We are promoting great manners! At Knighton Normal School we talk to our children about using their **PETS!**

- Please
- Excuse Me
- Thank you
- Sorry

I have been very impressed with the manners I have seen and heard already. Test your children to see if they know and use their PETS!

**Important Term Dates**

You will have received a flyer with today's newsletter which has important term one dates, please keep it somewhere handy so you can refer to it throughout the term.

**Grad Students**

Knighton is a **NORMAL SCHOOL**. A normal school has a formal relationship with a University in helping train teachers. This provides exciting opportunities for our children and teachers. There will be a student teacher with your child's class for the first three weeks of this year. During the year we will work with approximately 40 student teachers. This means that your child's class will have an extra teacher in class on either a Tuesday or Thursday.

**Bike Safety**

Our senior classes started bike safety sessions this week. Cameron and Sean from Hamilton City Council's Kids on Bikes initiative are taking our children through a range of fun activities and safety tips. It was great to see the children go and utilise the new pump track and velodrome as part of their learning.

**Cricket Sessions**

Thanks to Francisco and Alex from Hamilton City Cricket for coming into Knighton this week to work with some of our senior children, teaching some cricket activities and skills. The children had a blast!



## Reading Together Workshops

Do you want to know how you can help your children with reading? Come along to the Reading Together workshops.

Reading Together will help you to help your children to become readers who understand what they are reading. There are limited places.

See your teacher or Carmen Johnstone in Room 16 or [cjohnstone@kns.ac.nz](mailto:cjohnstone@kns.ac.nz), for more information.

The dates for the 'Reading Together' Workshops are:

26th February

4th March

11th March



These workshops are going to be held in the school Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm.

### \*\* Reminders \*\*

- ALL toys are to remain at home please. This includes collectable cards.
- We are trying to promote healthy eating habits here at KNS therefore lollies, bubblegum and chewing gum stay at home along with Fizzy, sugary drinks and energy drinks. WATER IS BEST!
- Knighton hats are the only hats to be worn at school so please no caps from home.
- Please pack a change of clothes with your child everyday.

### Interested in learning the flute?

My name is Ashleigh Smith and I'm a third-year university student offering group or individual instrument lessons on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm till 5pm.

Group lessons are \$7 per student per week. Individual lessons are \$14 per student per week. Lessons are 30 minutes each and will be held at school. All children are welcome, however if they're younger than 8 years old then they will be recommended to start on fife. Information regarding the hire of instruments is available when contacted.

If interested, please contact me on: [ashl3igh.smith@gmail.com](mailto:ashl3igh.smith@gmail.com) or on my mobile at 021 135 7297

## Play Time Sessions

### - Thursdays 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Knighton Kids Play Time is designed to give children an introduction into school. It will help their transition from pre-school.

Any enrolled child can attend up to 10 weeks before their start date, with their parent or caregiver.

Children will get the opportunity to get to know others, become familiar with our class and play spaces, and participate in play activities in the New Entrant area.

**Visit our website [kns.ac.nz](http://kns.ac.nz) for enrolment details.**

## music lessons at your school!

Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling out the online enrolment form at [musichouse.co.nz](http://musichouse.co.nz)

### guitar, bass, drums



[www.musichouse.co.nz](http://www.musichouse.co.nz)

Individual lessons - \$300 per 10 week term  
Pair lessons - \$170 per 10 week term  
Group of 3 - \$120 per 10 week term  
Hire guitar - \$15 per month, (3 month min. hire)  
General enquiries - 078080235 or [admin@musichouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@musichouse.co.nz)



**music house**

## Free to a good home

We have a piano that is free to a home- as is, where is and pick up needs to be arranged by you! Speak to the ladies in the office if you are interested.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Stuart Armistead  
Principal**