

## Kia ora/Greetings

### Knighton's Cultural Celebration Day

**When: Tuesday**

**Date: 10th March**

**Theme: Language, Culture, and Identity**

It is an exciting time in our school where we learn about each other and celebrate diversity at Knighton. Our Cultural Parade is Tuesday 10th March.

All Knighton children are involved in the parade, please help your children to decide which country they would like to identify with and clothing to wear that represents something about that culture.

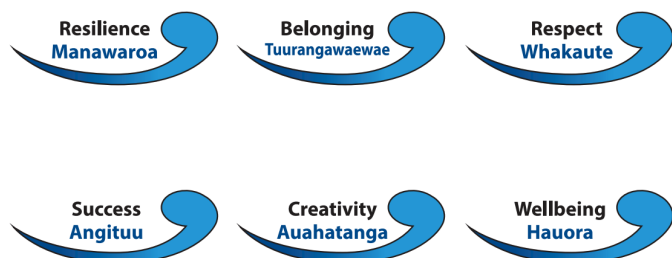
Following the parade of countries, some children will be performing cultural dances. Please register your interest with Diane Copper by Thursday 5th March if you would like a children's cultural group to perform at the Cultural Festival.

Throughout the day there will be opportunities for our Knighton community to run a cultural workshop to areas or in classes show some special clothing or objects, teach a game or maybe bring some food typical of your country.

Please come and see Diane Cooper in the ELL Centre to arrange a suitable time to share about your culture.

### Our School Values

Our school values guide our every action. At assembly this week I spoke to the children about the word RESPECT. At KNS we ask that children show respect for themselves, others and our school environment. This week take a moment to ask your child how they could show respect at Knighton.



## Communication

There are many ways to keep in touch with what your child is doing at Knighton! Obviously nothing beats face-to-face catch-ups with their teachers. Next steps can be:

-The school website- [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)

The school website has current, past and class newsletters.

-The school Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/knightonnormal/>

-The school newsletter which comes home every Tuesday.

-Class Dojo is used to share your child's learning and to communicate with you about what is happening in class.

-The school app (this is only for essential communication).

### Knighton Normal School Free App

On an iPhone or Android device, go to:

<http://onelink.to/mnfdrg> or search Knighton

Normal School at the App Store or Play Store.

App Features:

- Direct email absences.
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups.
- View and add school events to your phones calendar.
- Access to school notices via your phone.

### Out of Zone Enrolments

The Board of Trustees is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of existing students in the 2020 school year.

To help determine this, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Our next out of zone ballot is Monday 6th April.

### Kids with challenging behaviour? FREE evening for Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

**FRIDAY 13th March**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Southwell School**

This event is for anyone who has contact with children, and would be interested in learning ways of dealing with challenging behaviour in more peaceful ways. This is a free event sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

All event information and booking info can be found at:

[https://www.elp.co.nz/a\\_free\\_evening\\_for\\_all\\_parents\\_caregivers\\_and\\_whanau\\_waikato.cfm](https://www.elp.co.nz/a_free_evening_for_all_parents_caregivers_and_whanau_waikato.cfm)

## Coronavirus

You may be aware the end of the 14-day stay away period is approaching for many students and we are delighted to be welcoming back many of our students and families to school. We are very grateful for the 14-day self-isolation period that the small number of families returning from China have adhered to and the positive and caring way they have communicated with the school around this. A number of you may still be feeling worried about the Novel coronavirus. We need to continue to stress that there have been no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in New Zealand. The final two people in quarantine, flown out by the Government from Wuhan that were tested yesterday, came back negative for the virus.

This 14-day self-isolation period for any person returning to New Zealand from China from the time of their arrival and the current travel ban affecting travel to and from China remains in place.

## School Pick up

Why not try mixing it up at school pick up?

Be a 3pm superhero, try alternative transport options:

- o Park down the road or around the corner away from the busy school gate
- o Walk, bike or scooter at least once or twice a week
- o Carpool with families in your area

## Absences

The Ministry of Education is closely monitoring school absences. Absence has a **huge** impact on your child's learning.

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school, for any reason, prior to 9.00am. You must tell us your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence. If the absence is for more than one day please also advise this in your message. If a child is absent from school without notification they may be recorded as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

- School App: <http://onelink.to/mnfdrc>
- Phone (07) 856 5393 (voicemail)
- Text 027 352 2089

## 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)



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## Sharing of sporting events on Social Media

It is fantastic to have parents going to their children's games and encouraging them to do their best. Please be mindful when taking photos or video of the game not to upload photos of the other players onto social media as some Knighton families and parents from other schools don't want images of their children online.

## Senior Swimming Sport Festival

Senior swimming sports are this week Thursday 27th Feb. Our children walk to Hamilton Boys High School leaving school at 9.15 with the events starting at 10.15am.

Planned departure from HBHS is 12.30pm.

We encourage families to come along to support the swimmers.

Over the weekend Arieta Atatoa-Carr attended her Waikato Touch prizegiving where her team won her grade - The Waikato U10 Girls Red. She was awarded a gold medal. She also recently attended a Waikato Touch IPS tournament where her team came away with a silver medal.

Wananei! Kei tawhiti koe Arieta



## Ngā mihi nui

**Stuart Armistead**  
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