

23 July 2019

Kia ora/Greetings



Welcome Back

Term three is here! We are looking forward to seeing you all this term as our children continue to learn and grow! There are a range of opportunities for our children in Term Three and some important dates which will accompany this newsletter.

Knighton Way Focus

The Knighton Way is the vision that drives us as a school - what we see as success for our children. We believe that the dispositions of the KNS Way are coachable - just like learning to catch a ball. To coach these skills we need your help at home to reinforce the messages we are teaching at school!

This term's KNS Way focus is persistence. Yesterday during assembly I spoke to the children about:

- knowing what to do when they are stuck
- supporting each other through challenges
- problem solving
- trying their best

Speech Finals

During the last week of Term Two our year five and six students had the opportunity to take part in our annual speech competition.

A huge thank you to Natalya Burgess, head girl of Hillcrest High (and ex KNS student), who judged the competition along with Mrs Broom and Mr Armistead.

Communication between Home and School

Please remember we always welcome opportunities to meet with our parents/whanau. Whilst there are no set parent/teacher interviews, our teachers are always willing to make a time to catch up.

Library Closure

Our school library will close to make room for another Year 1 junior school class from next week. Classes will still have access to the

books but will not have class or lunchtime library times.

New Website is live

Our new website is now live! A few additions will take place over the next couple of weeks. Pop to www.kns.ac.nz and check it out!

Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori

Over the next two terms 21 of our staff will be attending professional development. Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is a Government initiative led by the Ministry of Education that aims to grow and strengthen an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga and students in Aotearoa New Zealand. More information about Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is available at www.education.govt.nz

Absence

Please remember that safety of our KNS kids is a shared responsibility. Every morning our office staff have to phone to double-check absences - children who are not at school. If parents contacted us, it would lessen the amount of time we waste making follow up calls. Please make sure your contact details are up to date and that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school for illness, appointments or family events.

Root to Tip Competition

Congratulations Ava Duncan and Zera McCall who have made it to the cook-off regional finals for the Root to Tip competition: <https://www.roottotip.org.nz/>

They will be cooking at Wintec in August. Good luck girls!

Cultural Festival Cookbook Recipe Ideas

We have decided to try to put together a culturally diverse cookbook to fundraise by selling it at next year's Twilight Cultural Festival, hopefully this will help offset the cost of the event. Therefore we are asking for submissions of recipes towards the book. If you have a recipe you would like us to consider for the book please list the ingredients, instructions (including special tips), and background information about the culture it comes from, then bring it to the office or email it to knighton@kns.ac.nz

Classroom Building Update

Mitchell Construction have been busy over the break! We anticipate having the new classes able to be used at the beginning of term four!



Local Elections

Local elections will be held in October this year, by postal vote, when we choose who will be on our local councils and health boards. It's an important choice because councils and health boards make decisions about the services we use every day like hospitals, buses, rubbish collection, parks and pools. People need to be enrolled correctly by Friday 16 August. For further information visit: www.vote.nz or email: enquiries@elections.govt.nz

Berkley Information Evening

On Wednesday 14 August Berkley Normal Middle School will hold an Information Evening for prospective 2020 enrolments. All families are invited to attend, for information on teaching and learning at Berkley. All enrolment forms must be received by the Berkley school office by 4pm Wednesday 28 August. A ballot for all out of zone enrolments will be held on Wednesday 11 September. An Orientation Day will be held next term for all confirmed placements.

SNACKS

Snacks are an important part of our day as they give us energy to keep going between meals.

Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.

Vegetables and fruit

Milk and milk products

Meat and meat alternatives

Grain foods

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Community Notices

- **Ignite under 12 Marching Team** are currently recruiting for the new season. No experience needed just an attitude to learn. Ages 7-12 years are welcome. Contact Lynette on Mob: 027 214 8647.
- **Waikato Community School of Music** (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music) are now taking enrolments for Term 3. The first session is on Saturday 3 August, catering for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$39 to \$99 per term (average 8 lessons) depending on age and instrument. Class times are between 8am and 1:00pm. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact via website: <http://wccsm.ac.nz/> or on Ph: 838 4611
- **e2 Young Engineers - Lego challenge and Gali-Lego** are programmes that boost a student's creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering! Places are strictly limited. For more information please go to www.squiggle.org.nz or contact Katrina on Mob: 027 909 3903 Email: katrina@squiggle.org.nz
- **Waikato Museum's Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank** explores the life of young Anne Frank and her family, as they face the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and the events surrounding the Holocaust. This exhibition covers the story from Anne's birth in 1929 up to her death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 and runs Saturday 22 June - Thursday 8 September.
- **Online Piano lessons** available for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from the tutor using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available. Special introductory offer, get your first month free using the coupon "1monthfreeNZRS" at www.katiesuzukimusic.com. Offer valid until end of August 2019. Katie Dey – Experienced Suzuki Method teacher based near Nelson.

Regards

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