

Kia ora/Greetings**Cultural Celebration**

Come along and celebrate the wonderful cultural mix at Knighton School

When: Tuesday 10th March

Starting Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Knighton Normal School Turf

Programme

9:00am	Parents/whanau assemble on turf Children Roll call in classrooms for roll call.
9:10am	Children line up on the courts behind countries/flags
9:20am	Welcome Whakatau on the turf. Mr Armistead welcomes families.
9:30am	All Knighton children walk in the Parade. National Anthem Cultural Performances
10:30am	Mr Armistead will close the parade Waiata tautoko - He hōnore
10:40am	Morning tea (in the hall for adults)
11.00am	Classes/teams participate in Cultural activities.

We will be having:

- A parade of countries and flags
- Cultural performances
- A morning of fun activities
- Shared cultural food in our classes

Students can:

- wear their national costume or something that reminds them about their country or culture.
- Show my class a game or treasure from my culture.
- Bring some traditional food to share with their class if they can.

Corona Virus Update

The Prime Minister has announced the first case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Zealand. The Ministry of Health has noted that although we have our first case of COVID-19, the chances of community outbreak remain low.

Please continue to reinforce messages about hygiene practices with your children. Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow
- put used tissues in the bin.

Encourage students to stay home if unwell.

There is no reason to keep your child home if they are well!

Border restrictions remain in place for anyone who has been to or through mainland China or Iran in the past 14 days.

The Ministry's expert advisory group yesterday revised the advice to health professionals about identifying possible cases of COVID-19 by adding Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand as countries and territories of concern when assessing patients.

Anyone arriving in NZ who has visited those countries in the previous 14 days is advised if they develop symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath **they should seek medical advice by first phoning Healthline's dedicated COVID-19 number 0800 358 5453 or phone ahead to their GP before their visit.**

Biking and Scootering Safety

Please remember that helmets need to be worn by everyone biking and scootering to and from school.

**Changing our current bike and scooter area**

We are well aware that the current set up for storing our bikes and scooters is not working! Later this term we will be developing that area to make it safer and more user friendly.

Well Done Mr Hannah

Congratulations to Mr Hannah who represented Waikato last week at the national hockey masters tournament.



Out of Zone Enrolments

The board is looking to accommodate siblings of existing students who are out of zone. If you have a child in this situation please go to our website and download and fill in the form, or come to the office and fill in a form to hand in.

The next ballot date is the 6th April 2020



Advance Notice of Teacher Only Days

You may be aware that the Ministry of Education, in accord with NZEI, allocated 8 Teacher only Days to Primary and Secondary Schools to use over the next 3 years.

The Teachers Only Days are required for experts to work in depth with our staff for extended periods of time. The Board of Trustees have approved the following days for Teachers Only Days:

12th June - Week 7 , term 2

28th August - Week 6, Term 3

Knighton Normal School will be closed on both of these days.

Knighton Junior Football Club

Registrations for the 2020 football season will be accepted this coming Sunday 8th March, at 2pm here at Knighton School. Fees will be \$75 per player.

For further information please contact Stephen Hine, Ph: 856 2100, Mob: 8562100 or email: stephenhine@actrix.co.nz

Senior School Swimming Festival

Last Thursday, the senior school children participated in our swimming festival. We are so proud of all the children who took part. Our Knighton values of angituu, hauora, whakautu, and manawaroa could be seen on the faces of all our children. There was something for everyone. Our confidence building activities involved swimming with hoops, pool noodles, and kickboards. Our give it a go skill building activities got our tamariki to swim 25m down the pool using their best freestyle, backstroke, swim like a frog (breaststroke) and swim like a dolphin (butterfly) techniques and finally our competitive swimmers raced to see who would be the fastest Y6 and fastest Y5 boy and girl in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The highlight of our competitive events were the Ostler and Thomson cups, which were won by Maia Rapana-Rimmer and Mateo Castro-Stephens respectively. A full list of all the competitive placegetters can be found below. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the senior team teachers, learning assistants, grad students and whānau supporters who all made the day extra special.

NB. Swimming certificates will be presented at the senior assembly Friday 6 March at 12pm. All welcome.



Thompson Cup:

1st place: Mateo Castro-Stephens

2nd place: Carla Wang

3rd place: George Knewstubb

Ostler Cup:

1st Place: Maia Rapana-Rimmer

2nd place: Arieta Atatoa-Carr

3rd place: Malakai Hala

Knighton really is a great place to be!

Ngā mihi nui

**Stuart Armistead
Principal**