

Kia ora/Greetings/Kia Orana



Te Hihiri- opening of the new space

Yesterday the newly refurbished Te Hihiri classes were opened!

It was a special time to reflect on all the special moments and learning that had taken place in the past, as we move forward.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Matua Taki Turner for blessing the spaces and Te Rangi Martell and whānau for restoring the pou during the refurbishment.

Thank you to all our whānau that came to support us- Whaea Pat, Matua Hamiora, and our tuakana from Peachgrove Intermediate, it was awesome to see past and present whānau represented.

We are so excited to have the children back in the class spaces- they look amazing!

Middle School Electives



Our middle school children are loving their electives programme. There are 11 different electives on offer for the children to choose from. These include cooking, cupcake making, origami, sporty fun, science experiments, jewellery making, school beautification projects and many others. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to enjoy an area of passion or discover a new interest and the teachers are enjoying getting to know the

group of students who come to them each Thursday afternoon.

Des Hunt

"When you've finished writing your story you haven't actually finished writing. In fact, when you've finished writing, the writing has only just begun!"

-Des Hunt

This great piece of advice came from NZ author, Des Hunt and thanks to the wonderful, 'Writers in Schools' programme, our Knighton senior tamariki were lucky enough to spend a morning with him. Mr Hunt shared stories about how he became an author, what inspires him to write and how he weaves his love of science into every story he creates. He also showed us some very cool science experiments that helped us understand how to build tension and keep the reader interested in our stories.

A small group of tamariki also got to spend an hour in a writer's workshop where Mr Hunt showed them how to write a great paragraph that keeps the reader interested in the story and wanting more. Great paragraphs let the reader discover things about the story for themselves.

We were so grateful for the opportunity to spend time learning from one of Aotearoa's great storytellers.

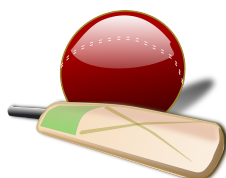


Cycling



This term we are fortunate enough to have started a cycling elective. Each week a small group of children go to the Velodrome and Pump Track. The children have been outstanding. It is so awesome to see attributes of the Knighton Way in action. The tamariki have a 'can-do attitude' and support and encourage each other, it is lovely to watch.

Covid has delayed the shipment of the 25 bikes we will be receiving at KNS, but we are hopeful these will arrive by Term 4. A massive thank you to the Hamilton City Council and especially Sean for organising and allowing us to borrow a set of bikes. We look forward to extending this opportunity for more children as soon as we can!



Cricket sessions

Our senior classes enjoyed a session that was organised by Hamilton Cricket last week.

The children enjoyed taking part in a range of fun activities related to the skills needed to play cricket and stay co-ordinated.

New Entrant children for 2021

To plan for 2021 it is very helpful to be able to predict new entrant numbers for 2021. Do you have a five year old starting at Knighton next year? Do you know of a family with a five year old starting in 2021?! If you do please fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office or email the office at:

Photo Day Wednesday 9th September

Information about photo day should have come home last week. All children will have both an individual and class photo taken *but* if you would like a siblings photo as well, then please collect a form from the office **BEFORE** photo day. (Siblings must be attending Knighton)




LOKI

- Loki is a 3 1/2 year old Husky X Huntaway
- He is training to be a companion dog
- He helps Marcus walk and to keep safe.
- Loki is very gentle but still learning, so can be excitable when people are to noisy.
- Loki's best friend is a cat.
- Theodore and Marcus can answer questions about Loki anytime you want, just ask.
- Marcus has a disability that you can't see (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome)

Loki & Marcus will be walking around the school most mornings & some afternoons

Loki helps Marcus every single day by keeping me safe. But, especially when he is feeling sore and scared of being in public places.

Please feel free to say hello to Loki, but please, as with all working dogs respect Loki's space as he needs to concentrate.

Facebook: fourfooted - Instagram: @lokiandmarcus - email: lokiandme@xtra.co.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Current Preschool: _____

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