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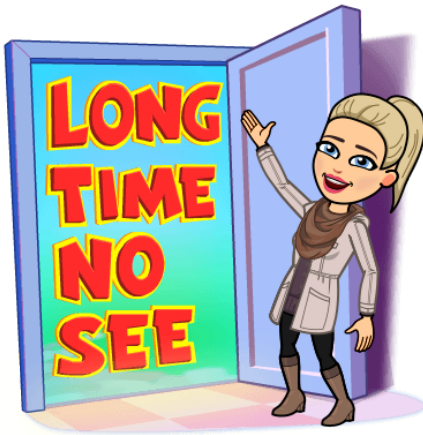
Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an amazing break and is ready to get back in the full swing of kura, I certainly am! Term 4 is going to be very busy but is guaranteed to be filled with lots of fun learning experiences.

Our Knighton Way focus this term is Confidence. Tamariki (children) will have a variety of opportunities to demonstrate this both in and out of the classroom. A key focus is ensuring they believe in themselves and try their B.E.S.T (Better every single time) at everything.

Student Teacher

Whaea Ana from the Wananga is returning in week 1, Thursday to finish off her placement with us. She will be with us for three weeks.



Concept Learning

For the first two weeks, we are finishing off our 'Little Garden League Project' with Room 8. It was incredible to watch how Room 7 learners supported and encouraged the younger students, and we look forward to watching our vegetables grow.

Our topic for the term is 'Our Whenua and our Native Species' and we have a trip planned to visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari in week 7 of this term. We will be doing lots of learning through process drama, as well as looking at conservation, predators and habitats. More details about the trip will come home in Week 4. There is **no cost** to families for this trip.



Athletics

Middle School athletic rotations are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. These are to practice the skills ready for our Athletics morning, Wednesday 11th November, week 5. Please encourage your children to wear clothing that is easy to move around in.



Our swimming days are Monday and Thursday!

Please help your child to remember their togs and towel in a named plastic bag or swimming bag. Encourage your child to wear named clothes they find easy to change in and out of. It is a good idea for girls with long hair to have their hair tied back. Swimming is an important part of our Health and P.E. curriculum.

If your child is unable to swim for any reason please email me, message me through Dojo, send a written note or pop in and let me know.

Hats

As summer approaches hats must be worn this term. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased from the school office for \$10. If your child does not have a school hat, they will only be able to play in our shady playpod area during morning tea and lunch breaks.



Key Dates

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- Week 3: Monday 27th October- Labour Day- No school!
- Week 5: Wednesday 11th November- Middle School Athletics 9.15 -12:30
- Week 7: Wednesday 25th November- Room 7 Trip to Sanctuary MountainMaungatautari.
- Week 9: Friday 11th December- 2021 classes announced.
- Week 10: Monday 14th December- Final Middle School assembly 10am in our school hall. All welcome.
- Week 10: Tuesday 15th December- Last day of school. Finish at 1:00 pm.

If you have any questions or queries at any time please do not hesitate to come in and see me. If this is not possible, you can phone our office and leave a message for me to contact you or you are most welcome to email me (this is often the easiest way) at ccottingham@kns.ac.nz

Ngā mihi,

Chrissy Cottingham