



**KNIGHTON  
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Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope everyone enjoyed the sun-filled break. Term four is shaping up to be a very busy term with athletics, a middle school trip to Maungatautari, swimming. I am very proud of our Zones of Regulation work in Rm 20. This has been focused around self-regulating and managing our emotions. We will be continuing this throughout the term alongside our Knighton Way focus of confidence/maiatanga 😊

## The Knighton Way: Confidence / Maiatanga

'Being Confident' is our Room 20 focus for the term, we will be incorporating this into the classroom across all areas of our learning.

*"We want our children to know their strengths, talents and weaknesses.*

*They are unique":*



*-Accepting ourselves*

*-Being independent*

*-Taking Risks*

*-Sense of Belonging*

*-Identity*

### Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Class Dojo. I will continue to upload photos during term four. Remember that if you have any queries or questions, this is the best place to ask them.

### Swimming/Hats

In term four hats are mandatory, they are available for purchase at the office for \$10. If your child doesn't have a hat they will have to play in the shaded play pod area. Please name your hats so we can have them returned to their rightful owner if lost 😊 Room 20 began swimming during week 1. We will be looking at water safety, confidence in the water and the ability to hold our breath. Please make sure your child has a named towel and their togs in a named swimming bag. Our swimming days are Tuesday and Friday.

## Learning in Room 20

### Literacy:

This term in Room 20 we are going to work on our recount and descriptive writing skills. Our learning will focus around using adjectives and verbs to add detail to our stories. We will be using our trips and outside class activities as our writing focus. This will allow us to use first hand, personal experiences in our stories.

### Maths:

We are looking at developing our fractional knowledge and understanding of time alongside learning and practicing our basic facts, including multiplication.

### Topic:

Our topic this term will be based around our trip to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. We will be learning about the need for Maungatautari, as well as the flora and fauna within the Sanctuary. Art and our writing skills are going to be used to present information we have researched in small groups. Before our trip, we are going to be thinking about questions we would like answered from the experts who will help us at Maungatautari. **for our trip, permission slips and parent helper requests will come home in week 4, (2 - 6 November).** There is **no cost** to families for this trip.

### P.E.

Term four P.E. will involve team sports such as; cricket, swimming relays, Māori warm up games and adventure-based learning with a focus on confidence and creating a positive environment.

## Important events for Term 3

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October (week 3) – Labour Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (week 4) – Hearing and vision testing

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (week 5) – Middle School Athletics

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (week 7) – Rm 20 Maungatautari Trip Day

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (week 10) – Final assembly **10:00am**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (week 10) – Last Day

Kind regards

Josef Holm

