

**Thank you and happy holidays!**

It is safe to say that I have never experienced a year like this one.... I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your patience, partnership, kindness and care during 2020.

I am very proud of our staff. The way that they have focused on providing quality learning in the classroom and an increasing number of pathways out of the class, sometimes during difficult times, is a testament to their care, talent and professionalism.

2021 is set to be a great year! Two new classes are in the midst of being delivered - they will be on site next week and we are hopeful that they will be ready for the beginning of 2021.

I hope you are able to take some time with your families during the break. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that 2021 is a positive and fun filled year for you all.

**School closes at 1:00pm next Tuesday
15 December**

2021 Classes

Notices advising your child's class for 2021 will be sent home this Friday.

At 10:10am, on the last day of school this year, 15 December, students will be visiting their new 2021 classes so they know where to go on the first day of term one - 4 February.

Staff for 2021

In 2021 we welcome Renee Downey, Stephen Shirley and Marnie Heng to our teaching staff. They made a real impression during our recent appointment process and we are excited to have them join the team in 2021.

This week we farewell Sarah King after a year at KNS, and longstanding learning assistant Lukas Green, who is moving to full time study in 2021 (but still working at KASPI!). James Smith who has been teaching part time with us this year will be back next year as a day relief teacher.

Jacqui Paea and Katie McLean have the excitement of completing additional study next year after being awarded study leave. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2022- Katie will still be a part of our teaching staff completing some teacher release during 2021.

Other than Lukas, all our hardworking support staff are returning for 2021.

Teaching Staff 2021**Year 5/6**

Room 1 Deb Wilson
Room 2 James Penman
Room 3 Nicole Antoniadis
Room 27 Stephen Shirley
Room 28 David Hannah
Room 29 Deb Forrester
Room 30 Whakarongo Tauranga
Room 31 Renee Downey
Room 32 Briar Lynch

Year 3/4

Room 4 Chrissy Cottingham
Room 5 Lorna Kennedy
Room 10 Josef Holm
Room 11 Grant Miller
Room 12 Danielle Brydon
Room 13 Jackie Simpson
Room 26 Pauline Gardener Ward

Year Two

Room 6 Karen Walshe
Room 7 Marnie Heng
Room 8 Jo Lelieveld
Room 9 Vicki Bigham

New Entrant / Year One

Room 14 Anne Hoare
Room 15 Keirryn Hintz
Room 16 Carmen Johnstone
Room 17 Kim Sargent
Room 18 Chiara Kurnaz and Tere Chesham (Year One)
Room 19 John Brooker (Year One)
Room 20 Stephanie Wilkinson

Te Hihiri

Room 21 Natasha Searancke
Room 22 Mihi Waaka
Room 24 Waitaarere Sa

Special Programmes

Diane Cooper - ESOL
Jocelyn Broom- Reading Recovery, ORS and Literacy Centre
Clare Delany – Reading Recovery, ORS and Literacy Centre
Megan Bevan- Reading Recovery, ORS
Lyndal Roche- Special programmes; teacher release

Other Teacher Release

Catherine Daniels
Regan Watson
Katie Mclean
Terry Cameron

Term Dates 2020

10th Dec Awards Assembly: 11.10am
Year 6 Disco: 6-8pm

11th Dec 2021 Classes announced
Poroporoaki Te Hihiri
School Patrol Party
Reports go Home



14th Dec Final Assemblies:

- Junior 9.15am
- Middle 10am
- Senior 11.10am

15th Dec Students meet their 2021 classes
at 10.10am.

Performances



On Saturday 5 December 10 students and 3 staff from our Knighton Pasifika group performed with Talent of the Pacific Academy (TOPA) at the FMG Stadium Waikato before The Maori All Blacks and Moana Pasifika rugby game. This was a celebration of cultures, connection, and entertainment where The Maori All Blacks and Moana Pasifika teams came together for a special rugby match, dedicated to rejoicing the Pacific connections of all New Zealanders.

More Knighton children performed for the mayor and special guests at the Hamilton Citizenship Celebration. Well done everybody!

These were wonderful experiences and our children were amazing.

Thank you to Jodie, Jacki, and Diane who helped to make these events happen at short notice.



Senior School Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Our EOTC week was a blast! During the first three days, our tamariki had the opportunity to go rock climbing, learn to play futsal, badminton and inline skate as well as learn about traditional Māori games, make harakeke putiputi, poi or create carvings out of soap, practise waiata and learn about the pōwhiri process for the Tainui rohe. Thursday saw the arrival of our senior fun day where the tamariki got the chance to rotate through a number of very cool activities, which included shooting a bow and arrow, learning parkour leaps, practising martial arts moves, and soaking each other and their teachers in a water fight. We followed this epic day with a beautiful whānau picnic under the trees in the late afternoon sunshine. Plenty of sausages and ice blocks were had by all. Friday morning was the dawn of another beautiful day and we were blessed to participate in a pōwhiri where our Te Hihiri whānau were the tangata whenua as our senior school were welcomed onto Te Kohinga Mārama marae at the University of Waikato. We were all so proud of our tamariki at this moment. Matua Whetu talked to us about the history of the wharenuī and the carvings within it and then we all went to the university pool for a wonderfully relaxed afternoon of swimming and games on the field. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped us including the Board of Trustees - we couldn't have done it without the support from all of you!

KASP Holiday Programme

Reminder that bookings are now open for the holidays from the 4th to the 29th of January.

Full Day -Onsite 7:30am-5:30pm. \$45.00

Full Day -Excursion 7:30am-5:30pm. \$60.00

Half Day Morning 7:30am-12:30pm. \$30.00

Half Day Afternoon 12:30pm-5:30pm \$30.00

Longer Half Day 9:00am-3:00pm. \$35.00

Longer Half Day - Excursion 9:00 am-03:00 pm
\$50.00

For more info, call 021 819 111 or email
supervisorhp@kasp.co.nz

Book now at kasp.aimyplus.com

Christmas @ the Hillcrest Chapel - a community Christmas celebration!

Join them for fun and entertainment on Tuesday 22 December, 6pm-7:30pm at Hillcrest Chapel. Dress up in Christmas theme and you could win a prize!

Ngā mihi nui
Stuart Armistead
Principal