



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

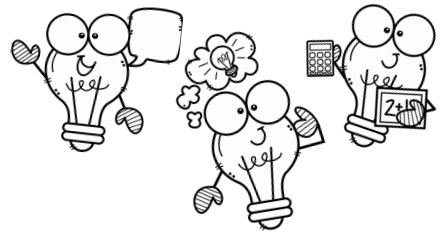
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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te Ruma Toru!

Tēnā koutou katoa.

*Ko Hōrana ratou ko Kirihi ngā whenua o ōku
tupuna.*

Ko Tokaanu te whenua o tōku manawa.

Ko Tony raua ko Debbie ōku matua.

Ko Heidi taku tamahine.

Ko Masyn taku whangai.

Ko Darren tōku hoa rangatira.

Kei kaiako ahau e mahi ana.

Ko Knighton Normal tōku kura.

Ko Antoniadis tōku ingoa whānau.

Ko Nicole ahau.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.



Welcome to 2021 in Ruma Toru. I am super excited to have the opportunity to teach your tamariki and look forward to meeting you all too.



A strong focus of daily life at Knighton is that of the Knighton way, Knighton dispositions and the Knighton values. These are things we will talk about in class and around the school a lot - so I am certain your tamariki will be coming home to talk about them with you too. If you would like to find out more about what they mean, please visit our school website www.kns.ac.nz



Manawaroa, Tūrangawaewae, Auahatanga, Hauora,

Whakaute, Angitū

Resilience, Belonging, Creativity, Well-being,

Respect, Success



Caring,



Goal-Setting,



Effort,



Problem Solving,



Persistence,




Thinking

RUMA TORU

Room 3 is a busy, energetic classroom, we always have something fun and challenging happening!

Reading and writing will be taught daily, often being incorporated into our other learning. Children will work with me, with each other and on their own to develop their literacy skills. Sometimes we use devices to support this learning, but only if this is targeted at the literacy needs of the child. We often use the Daily 5 - Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Work on Writing and Word Work to guide our daily literacy work.




 PRIME is the maths resource we use at Knighton, Our children are all cross-grouped across the senior team to ensure they are working with children at a similar level to them. We aim to start maths cross grouping in the senior school by Week 3 and your child will let you know who their teacher will be once we are up and running.

A huge part of my programme will incorporate Mantle of the Expert and Drama for Learning. We will be looking further into the Critical Histories of New Zealand as a continuation of our teaching and learning from 2020 and using drama as a vehicle to unpack all the awesome thinking we will be doing. We will also be focusing on the Zones of Regulation and helping the tamariki to build awareness of their emotions, learn to regulate and respond their emotions with grace and resilience.

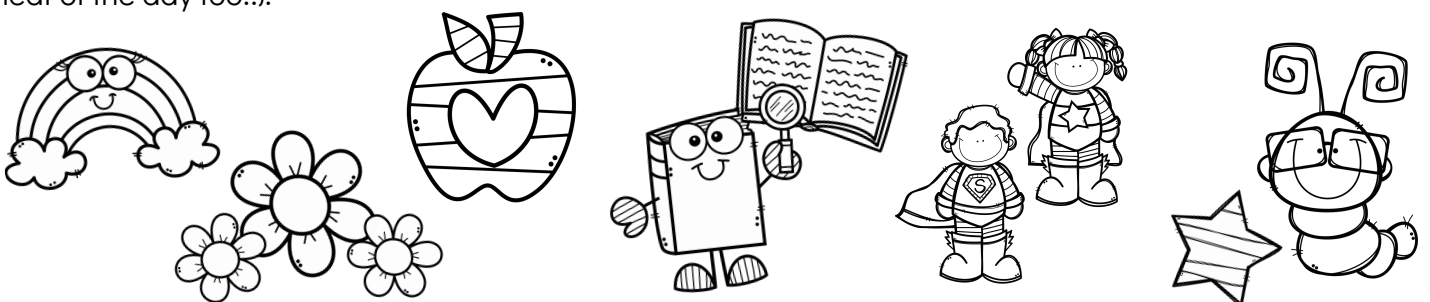


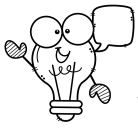
I have been working to build my competency with the use of te reo Māori as both a teacher and a person. This development will flow into the classroom where we will begin most days immersing ourselves in te reo and tikanga Māori in various ways. This year I will be continuing my studies in tikanga Māori working with a group of kaiako at Knighton and Te Wananga o Aotearoa tutors.

We use Chromebooks and iPads a lot to support our learning. Each child in the senior school has their own log in to Google within the school network. They can share the things they are doing in the Drive by logging in at home too. We will be learning how to operate these devices safely and with competence throughout the year.

 I use Class Dojo to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages. If you are not already linked to the Room 3 Class Dojo, please email me and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you are unsure about having your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or send me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have.

Team building, swimming, fitness, confidence and even bike safety will form part of our Phys Ed programme. We will be outside and developing our skills on a regular basis (but avoiding the strongest heat of the day too!!).





OPPORTUNITIES

We are super busy in the senior school with heaps of opportunities on offer for tamariki, including many sports, choir, art, drama, production, music lessons, student councillors, mediators, road patrollers, librarians and traffic wardens. We share reminders about meetings etc. every morning in class so it is important that your children listen so they do not miss out. If you have any questions at any time, please let me know. If you know your child would be interested in something specific and would like me to help them to find out more, please let me know about that too.

If music lessons are of interest to you, please visit www.musichouse.co.nz to find out more and enrol your child. These lessons are organised by a company, Music House, who have amazing tutors they send to school on different days.



EXTRA NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.
- Our **swimming** days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**, please ensure your children bring their togs on these days. Swimming is not optional as it is a part of our New Zealand Curriculum, and it is important for our 'kiwi kids' to be water wise when living so close to it. Please provide a note or email if your child is unable to swim on any particular day.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late** please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face 😊 door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell.
- If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz



I actively check my emails and Class Dojo throughout the day so please email or message me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing, on nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz However if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message to me, as sometimes I may not be able to check when I am with the tamariki.

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2021.

Nga mihi nui e te whānau.

Hei konā mai rā, nā

Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

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