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Kia ora and Welcome to Room 9 for 2021.

I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I am looking forward to getting to know you all, and having a happy and productive school year.



Some useful information about Room 9.

Learning: We will be working on developing a positive classroom culture by participating in activities that encourage us to get along, share, take turns and communicate nicely with one another. This fits well with our term one Knighton Way focus – **Mahi Tahi / Getting Along.**

In Room 9 the students will experience a mixture of traditional learning lessons alongside the Learn Through Play programme, which linked to the Knighton Way and NZ Curriculum, offers an opportunity to develop the following key competencies as a foundation for learning: Thinking, Relating to others, Managing self, and Participating and Contributing.

Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Wednesday the 17th February from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. There will be an opportunity to meet and listen to the principal, Mr Armistead.

Cultural Parade: Look out for more information about our schools Cultural Parade on the 24th March. If you would like to come into class and share something from your culture, please send me an email or pop in to see me in class. We will be learning about the cultures in our class as well as looking at the history of New Zealand.

Insects/Ngārara: During the term we will be investigating, asking and answering questions about New Zealand Minibeasts.

Library day is **Friday**. Please help your child remember to bring their library book back on this day.

Swimming days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child brings labelled swimwear and a towel in a separate bag on these days.

Drink bottles: In this hot weather, I encourage every student to bring a drink bottle with water. These will be put on the back bench to encourage students to drink throughout the day.

K.A.S.P: If your child attends Knighton After School Care can you please let me know the days they attend so I can assist them with remembering their schedule. My email is below.

Once again, welcome to Room 9. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in, or email me at vbigham@kns.ac.nz



Whaea Vicki
Room 9 Class Teacher



Some useful information for the start of the 2021 year!

School Website and App: please check them out for all newsletters, term dates and up-coming events. You can also use the KNS app on your phone to report absences.

Absences: If your child is sick or is not coming to school please let the office know - text or phone 027 352 2089 to leave your message, or use the phone app. The school will follow up all unexplained absences. If you are late (after 9.00am) you must check in at the 'Smiley Face' window first.

Medication: If your child requires medication to be taken at school, please take this directly to the office where you will need to fill out a consent form. Teachers do not administer medicines.

Sunsafe: We actively promote the school's Sunsafe Policy. Children will wear their school hat every day in terms 1 and 4. The hats stay at school all term. They can be bought at the office. If your child goes to KASP after school can you consider buying them a separate hat to remain with them.

Swimming: We swim in Terms 1 and 4. We expect all children to participate unless they are sick and they bring a note. Wear suitable clothing for easy undressing and bring a waterproof bag for wet togs and towel.

Stationery: We will send home a stationery notice - exercise books and other stationery will be issued following payment. 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.

Junior Assembly: Friday at 9.10 am. You are most welcome to join us, in the school hall.

Bookbags: Your child's bookbag and a reading book will be sent home each night. Please return these the next day.

Internet Safety: If I do not have an Internet Safety form for your child I will send one home with them. Can you please return it to the 'Smiley Face' window. The information about your child's photo, name and work on the Internet is particularly important and means their photo and work can be used on Seesaw and at school assemblies.

Faculty of Education Placements: During the term we will have student teachers in our class, on a weekly basis, as part of the Graduate Teacher Education course. They will have teaching tasks from the University to complete as well as taking part in our own class teaching programme. We may also have the Bachelor of Teaching students working in classes for up to eight weeks at a time for their teaching practicums.

Classroom Release Time (CRT): Teachers are released from classroom teaching for two days every term. This time is used for testing and working with individual children, resource and planning preparation, as well as Professional Development. We usually try to have the same reliever each time to ensure continuity of the class programme.

Drop Off and Pick Up: Please try to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am - this allows time for unpacking school bags. There will be no teachers on duty before 8.30am as it is the teachers' preparation and meeting time. We welcome parents into the class to see children's work before and after school but please wait outside in the morning until 8.30am. Thank you.