

Kia ora/Greetings

Covid 19 restrictions

Meet the Teacher and whānau picnic tomorrow have been postponed due to Covid restrictions under alert level 2.

We have received the following advice from Ministry of Education regarding children's attendance at school:

At Alert Level 2 schools are open and everyone should be attending. The exceptions are anyone who is either:

- Unwell.
- Self-isolating (at the request of health authorities).
- Waiting for COVID test results (but only if advised by health authorities that they can't return to school until the test result comes back).

Unless recent visitors to Auckland and Taranaki have been at [contact tracing locations of interest](#) at the times specified in the Ministry of Health website, or meet one of the above criteria, students should be attending school.

Knighton's Cultural Celebration Day **When: Wednesday 24th March**

Theme: Language, Culture, and Identity.

It is an exciting time in our school where we learn about each other and celebrate diversity at Knighton. Our Cultural Parade is Wednesday 24 March. All Knighton children are involved in the parade so please help your children to decide which country they would like to identify with and clothing to wear that represents something about that culture. Following the parade of countries, some children will be performing cultural dances. Please register your interest with Diane Copper by Friday 5th March if you would like a children's cultural group to perform at the Cultural Festival. Throughout the day there will also be opportunities for our Knighton community to run a cultural workshop in areas or in classes, show some special clothing or objects, teach a game or maybe bring some food typical of your country. Please come and see Diane Cooper in the ELL Centre to arrange a suitable time to share about your culture.

Messages for Children's Safety

Knighton Normal School Free App

If you haven't done so already, please download our **free** App to receive information, updates and alerts about what's happening at Knighton. **This is the quickest means of getting information to you.**

On an iPhone or Android device search either the App Store or Play Store for **SchoolAppsNZ**; install; search for and select Knighton Normal School.



App Features:



- Direct dial/email absences.
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups, including sports alerts.
- View and add school events to your phone's calendar.
- Receive advice of school notices to your phone.

Absences

Please notify the school **office** if your child is absent from school. Please tell us your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence. If the absence is for more than one day please also advise this in your message. If a child is absent from school without notification, they may be marked as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

- School App:
- Phone (07) 856 5393 (voicemail)
- Text 027 352 2089

Please do not notify your child's teacher directly.

Nut allergies

We have children at school who will have a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction if they eat nuts or fish.

More importantly, some children may have this reaction if they just touch nuts, or food containing nuts or traces of nuts, including nut oils left on the skin.

Please keep these allergies in mind when providing morning tea and lunch for your child. Any nut oils left on your child's skin may be transferred to others at any time

Middle School Team Building Morning

This Friday the 19th of February, from 10.40am – 12.30pm, the Middle School classes will be having a fun morning of team building activities. This is to help children get to know their new classmates and for the Middle School teachers to meet all the children in our team. The activities will take place from 10.40am – 12.30pm and include a swim in the pool. Your child will need their togs, towel, sun screen and an extra snack in their lunch box. You are welcome to join us on the senior field from 10.40am. We would love to see you here.



There is a possibility that this may need to be postponed - if this is the case we will send out a message via our school app and also through class dojo and our Knighton Facebook page.

School Banking

First Credit Union have advised that they will not be collecting banking this Wednesday. They are hopeful to resume school banking next week, dependent on Covid alert levels.

ASB school banking can still be processed online.

Sports uniforms

There are a number of sports uniforms that have not been returned from last year. These are expensive to replace so children will not be issued a sports uniform this year if our records show they have not returned last season's one. Please check at home for any that may have been mislaid.

Stationery

We know this is a very expensive time of year for families, but we should have received payment for most children's stationery by now so it can be issued and starting to be used. If you are having difficulty meeting the cost, please call at or phone the school office to make arrangements for a time payment with us, so your child can be issued their stationery. NZ Income Support may also be able to offer support in this regard.

Ministry of Education Donations Scheme

Our Board of Trustees has once again opted to join this scheme for 2021, rather than request donations or payments for activities from parents/caregivers. This means the only costs we will be asking you to meet this year are for stationery or non - curricular events such as sports registration fees and show tickets. Of course we are always happy to accept individual and business donations to help cover the cost of supplies for some students in need of support.

Community notices -

Ever wondered what creatures come out at night in Hamilton city? Book into one of the famous Bat Tours and find out! [Waikato Museum - Bat Tour](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/bat-tour-19-february-2021-tickets-130205848197), Friday 19 February, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, \$20 adult, \$10 child, \$50 family (2 adults, 2 children).
<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/bat-tour-19-february-2021-tickets-130205848197>

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club Weigh In and Registration:

Sunday 7th March 1-4pm at the Marist clubrooms, on Old Farm Road.

All players, new and old need to be weighed in. Players must be minimum 4 years old, turning 5 this year. If you are a new player please bring along a copy of your birth certificate.

Check out their Facebook page for information and updates.

Ngā mihi nui

**Stuart Armistead
Principal**