

## Kia ora/Greetings

I am sure we are all thankful to be moving back to Alert Level 1 so quickly, although as a school community we need to continue to play it safe and avoid complacency. It is great to have parents and visitors back on site. Please continue to scan the QR codes displayed at each gate and at the front office. Remember if you come in during the school day you need to 'sign in' at the school office.

Here is the Government's simple summary of Level 1 for Education:

- Practise good hygiene
- Stay home if you're sick
- Get tested if you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen.

### Stationery for our learning

We are into our fourth week of learning. It is so important that children have their books and equipment for this.

If you need support in paying this stationery off please speak to one of the ladies in the office and we can organise this.

### Middle School Team Building Morning

Due to a postponement last week, the Middle School classes will be having their fun morning of team building activities tomorrow, Wednesday 24th February. 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.



### School Hats

Our school hat is our one piece of school uniform that we ask you to purchase. Recently I have seen a number of children's hats with writing on them and looking very uncared for. Please take this time to remind your child about caring for, and having respect for their school uniform.

### KNS Way

Our focus for this term 'mahi tahi - getting along' is at the heart of what makes Knighton Normal School special.

Every day we want everybody coming to school to focus on making other people's days better!

As Robin Williams once said:

*'Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind always.'*

Our challenge to the children is to make sure that they think before they speak and act.

### Weetbix TRYathlon

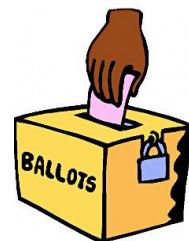
As you may have heard, the Weetbix TRYathlon was cancelled due to an inability to run the event without their Auckland based expert volunteers. Luckily for you, Knighton Normal School has come to the rescue. We are running our own DIY TRY today, 23rd February, after school for those that had signed up for the Weetbix TRYathlon Knighton team.

Tuesday, 23rd February, 3.30 - 4.30

Knighton School Pool and Clyde Park fields

### Out of Zone Enrolments

The Board of Trustees is looking to accommodate siblings of existing students who are out of zone. If you have a child in this situation please go to our website, download and fill in the form, or come to the office to complete the application.



The next ballot will be held on **1st April 2021**. Applications must be received by 31st March.



### Cultural Celebration Day Wednesday 24th March

All Knighton children are involved in our exciting annual parade and cultural celebrations.

Please see Diane Cooper at the ELL Centre if you would like to organise a children's cultural group to perform after the parade, or if you are interested in sharing something of your culture - food, a game, clothing, a dance etc - with groups of Knighton children throughout the day.

## Road Safety

With University starting back, the roads around our school are very busy again. Please discuss some of these key rules with your children:



### *When out walking on the footpath...*

Look out for sneaky driveways. At sneaky driveways when you cannot see if any vehicles are coming, remember to **Stop, Look, Listen** and **Link** as though you are crossing the road.

### *Before crossing the road ...*

**Stop** back from the curb. Look for vehicles and bikes, **Listen** for vehicles and bikes, **Link** hands with a safe person and walk quickly across the road, still looking as you go.

### *On your bike...*

Ask a big person to help you be safe by checking your helmet is buckled up and does not wobble loosely on your head.

### *When out and about ...*

Wear bright clothing when walking so that other road users can easily see you. Wearing gear with reflective strips is even better, especially on bicycles. If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember it must have lights.

### *In the car ...*

Children, you are safest sitting in the back seat of the car. Children, if you are less than 148cm tall you must use an approved child restraint (car seat or booster seat) on every trip.

## Absences

The Ministry of Education is closely monitoring children's absences from school. **Absence has a huge impact on your child's learning.**

Please notify the school prior to 9.00am if your child is absent from school for any reason. You need to 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 recorded as truant. There are several options for an absentee notification:

- **School App:** This is our preferred method for receiving messages about a child's absence. This App is **free** to download. Simply download 'SchoolappsNZ' from the Google Play or App Store and search Knighton Normal School once installed.
- **Phone** (07) 856 5393 (voicemail)
- **Text** 027 352 2089

## First Credit Union

School banking is back this week.

A reminder that they have our school banking competition running this term. Each deposit that a child makes through the school banking programme puts them into the draw to WIN 1 of 3 bikes!

## Community Notices

### Learn to Play Inline Hockey

There are still lots of spots available at the Hamilton Inline Hockey Club *Learn to Play* program which runs from Tuesday 9th March - Tuesday 13th April 2021

Cost: \$60 per person. Receive a \$10 discount for each additional family member registered! Skates, sticks and helmets provided. Register now at <https://forms.gle/C1Dh9LzqhAG3KRA67>

### 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.

### Varsity Taiohi Junior Rugby Registration and

weigh-in for children ages 5 – 11, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12pm at The Don clubrooms (next to the Uni tennis courts on Silverdale Road). New players require a copy of a birth certificate or passport.

Online registration

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/105305> (still required to attend weigh-in). Contact - Billy Cribb on 027 8583111 / [bill@clb.co.nz](mailto:bill@clb.co.nz) / fb Varsity Taiohi Junior Rugby



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