

Kia ora/Greetings

Teacher Only Days Next Term

The Ministry of Education has allocated a number of Teacher Only Days to schools in New Zealand to use on curriculum development.

Next term we intend to hold two Teacher Only Days:

-Friday the 4th of June.

-Monday the 21st of June.

We apologise for the potential inconvenience this may cause, but know that these days will be very valuable for our staff.

Ruben the Road Safety Bear

The Year 1 classes have been learning how to be safe around roads and traffic. Last Thursday we had a visit from Ruben the Road Safety Bear to teach the children about road safety. You can visit his fun, interactive website <http://ruben.govt.nz/> to learn all about the road safety skills he teaches.



You can help our children stay safe by considering your actions around our school gate on drop off and pick up.

Reading Together

We had a great turnout for our recent Reading Together workshop session. We were so fortunate that Gameedah from the Hamilton City Library came to talk to our parents about the amazing public libraries we have in the area.



Before 8.30am at School

Children are welcome at school from 8.30am. Classroom teachers are preparing their day before then and classrooms are *not* open. We ask that if you need to drop children off before then, to use KASP. If children are at school before 8.30am, they need to wait quietly outside Koka Materoa's office.



Cultural Celebration Day Wednesday 24th March

Our cultural parade is on Wednesday morning next week!

Come and join us from 9.15am as our amazing children parade in their cultural clothing. There will then be a range of performances from our amazing tamariki. At the conclusion of the event join us for morning tea in the hall and take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. With the cancellation of our Meet the Teacher Picnic this is another chance to meet your child's teacher.



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.



New Entrant Open Morning

Once a term we have an open morning and it is happening @ 9.30am this Thursday 18th March. Anne Hoare (junior school Associate Principal) and I outline the school's philosophy and policies and give parents a chance to ask questions about life at school. This is also an opportunity for parents and caregivers of preschool children to see the new entrant classes in action.

Touch Rugby Exchange

Our senior touch teams had an amazing Friday afternoon at Hamilton West school. Our two teams played closely fought games with Hamilton West and Knighton sharing the wins. It was great to see high levels of competition, fun and teamwork in an old style school sports exchange.



We Need Your Help

Do you have time to volunteer?

The Kick Start breakfast club is on week mornings between 8.30-8.55am. Children receive a free breakfast of Weet-bix and milk to ensure the best start to their day possible. We currently need some amazing adult volunteers to support this initiative.

Please contact the office if you are able to help one or more mornings per week between 8:20-9:00am.

knighton@kns.ac.nz

Community Notices:

Knighon Football Club -

The Knighon football club still has a few spaces available for Yr 1 , 2 & 4 players. Please contact Stephen Hine on 0274726141 for more information.

Term 2 Gymnastic Academy-

The Gymnastic Academy offers a recreational gymnastics and tumbling program at lunchtime *in* school for beginner and advanced level students of all school ages. These programs improve your child's gym skills, flexibility, core function, balance, posture, speed & agility. Please contact Marie 0211705426 to register or visit

www.thegymnasticacademy.com

St John Youth -

To be part of a Youth Programme that promotes opportunities to develop confidence, leadership, first aid skills, friendship and a sense of belonging and achievement.

Visit St John Youth Facebook page or Email central.youth@stjohn.org.nz to find out more.

"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one Human Race."

Kofi Annan

Stuart Armistead
Principal