

**Kia ora/Greetings**

**Cultural Celebration Day Tomorrow**

Our cultural parade is tomorrow morning!

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.

If it is raining the event will be canceled. The message will be on the school app, facebook page and the school website. [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)



This Saturday from 9-11am we are holding a working bee to help clear the

weeds and grass from our native bush. We are preparing the bush for planting. If you are able to come along and help it would be MOST appreciated. If we can gather a good size group of helpers then we should be able to clear a significant area. Bring a spade, trowel, and/or gardening gloves. Weather permitting. Thank you!

**Days off school during Easter**

School is closed:  
 2nd April - *Good Friday*  
 5th April - *Easter Monday*  
 6th April - *Easter Tuesday*

**Teacher training in New Zealand**

As a Normal school one of our major responsibilities is to provide the 'in school' piece to teacher training. We work with a range of providers such as Universities and The Wananga O Aotearoa. This week I have been asked to speak at two events as President of the Normal and Model Schools Association. The first event was a staffing review in Auckland where I spoke about the need to increase staffing for schools with diverse learners. On Friday I will be speaking at the New Zealand Principal Associations conference about teacher training. Whilst these roles take me away from school it is so important that we advocate for more support in these areas.

**Room 25 ½ Tamariki**

Here are Delta Lamb and Haruto Feehily's mixed media underwater snorkel portraits from Room 25 1/2. We used pastel, dye and Indian ink.



**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. It is important to complete this process if you live out of zone and have a child turning 5 years old this year.

### Digital Technologies at Knighton

At Knighton Normal School learners use digital technologies to develop the skills needed in today's digital society.



Tools such as Blue bots, Sphero bots, M-bots, OSMO coding apps, computers, and Ipads are used at Knighton to support learning and assessment across the curriculum areas. Students working together with these tools are also developing their Knighton Way skills.

### Scooter and Bike Safety

Please remind your children that scooters and bikes are walked in the school grounds. We are a busy school and biking or scootering around is very dangerous.



We will be carefully monitoring this over the coming weeks.

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## Senior Swimming Sports

Last Friday our senior team walked down to Hamilton Boys High for their annual swimming sports. This special event celebrates achievement and encourages participation and fun.



The day began with our competitive events, including the Thompson and Ostler Cups - the fastest Year 5 and 6 swimmers respectively.

#### Thompson Cup:

- 1st place: Grace Craig-Dyer Rm30
- 2nd place: Ayla Ratsey Rm30
- 3rd place: Knightyn Wikitera-Clay Rm29

#### Ostler Cup:

- 1st Place: Mateo Rm27
- 2nd place: Hozaye Ormsby Rm27
- 3rd place: Blake Rasmussen Rm27

This was followed by a range of other events including our "Give it a go," where everyone took part at their level. For many students, this was their first time in a pool of this depth. It was fantastic to see the number of children who achieved success for themselves, achieving more than they ever thought they could. There was a lot of laughter and smiles. The day concluded with the student / teacher relay. This year the students won due to a combination of skill and a good dollop of help from Koka Materoa! Well done Knighton Seniors!

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**Principal**