

Kia ora/Greetings



Term Two Dates

3rd May - 9th July

Monday 7th June - Queen's birthday

T.O.D (Teacher Only Days)

4th of June- All staff are going to Rangiriri. Critical Histories of Aotearoa.

21st of June- Whole staff professional development with Dr Viv Aitken.

Please find attached to the newsletter the full list of term events.

Indian cultural group this term



We are excited to share that beginning this term, Shailaja Sridharan, is going to be taking lessons based on Indian culture including song and dance.

These sessions will be held on a Friday 9.30-10.30. Your child may bring a permission slip home if they have shown interest in doing this.

Sports Practices/Cancellations

Term two is traditionally a very busy time for all our sports teams. Most teams practice after school and you will have been advised by team coaches as to times and days. From time to time we have to close the school grounds because of wet weather. We make this decision by 2pm each day and send an alert on our free app (see over for details) and leave a message on our answer phone which you can access on Ph 8565393 after 2pm, along with any practise or game cancellations that coaches may have made.

So please call here for sport queries first.

Thank you.

Yesterday's assembly!

It was great to start the term with a whole school assembly. During the brief assembly I focused on the following messages:

Knighton Way focus

'Whakarite ~ Organised' is our KNS focus for the term.

Being organised assists children to 'take charge' of their learning. This could look like:

- Planning their time wisely
- Setting goals for their life in and out of the classroom.
- Being self motivated and having a 'Can Do' Attitude.
- Making plans, and setting high standards for themselves.

We also talked about **PETS**. This is the basis of being caring and respectful at school.

- Please
- Excuse Me
- Thank you
- Sorry

It would be great for you to reinforce these messages at home!

Native Bush Sign Repainted



A big thanks to one of our parents, Sonia Carter-Amani, who came in during the holidays and repainted our Native Bush sign. We think it looks fantastic!

Beginning of term reminders:



We have children at school that are at risk of a life threatening anaphylactic reaction to severe nut allergies.

They can have a reaction if they eat, or simply have skin contact with, nuts or any products with traces of nuts in them.

It would be helpful to keep this in mind when preparing your child's snacks and lunches as even traces can be deadly.

Parking and Traffic Concerns

We are concerned about the congestion at the Knighton Road entrance to our school.

Of particular concern is the number of people stopping on the yellow lines or across the path and driveway.

Our road patrollers find it difficult to see past these vehicles.

In the past some parents have found that parking at the church on the corner of Knighton Road and Clyde Street has been a great solution for picking up and dropping off your children safely.



Play Time at Knighton

The 'Knighton Kids Play Time' sessions for enrolled preschoolers, has resumed.

Playtime @ Knighton is on

Wednesday afternoons from 1.45 to 2.45pm.

Remember to sign in at the office.

If your child is starting next term and you would like to organise a preschool visit, please contact

ahoare@kns.ac.nz.

Lost Property

Lost Property is displayed outside Room 26 on a daily basis. Please remember to check it even if you don't think your child has lost anything.



Our playground can get very muddy and slippery at this time of year.

It is helpful for your child to have a spare set of clothes in a bag kept in their school bag so if accidents happen they can easily get changed. Thank you.



Knighton Normal School Free App



Please download our free App on an iPhone or Android device by going to: <http://onelink.to/mnfdrg> or search Knighton Normal School at the App Store or Play Store.

App Features:

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

There are several options for an absentee notification:

- School App: <http://onelink.to/mnfdrg>
- Phone (07) 856 5393 (voicemail)
- Text 027 352 2089

Absences

For your child's safety please notify the school, prior to **9:00am**, if your child is absent from school for any reason. You must 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 will be recorded as truant.

Lateness

Children arriving at school late (even by a few minutes) must come to the Smiley Window to be signed-in electronically by the office staff.

Children will be asked why they are late and their reasons will be entered into this system.

Leaving School Early

If you are taking your child away from school prior to 3pm, please sign them out on the VisTab ipad located in the office reception area.

Stuart Armistead
Principal