

Newsletter 25

20 August 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

Term Dates for 2020

Term One

Monday 3 February-Thursday 9 April

Term Two

Tuesday 28 April-Friday 3 July

Term Three

Monday 20 July-Friday 25 September

Term Four

Monday 12 October-Tuesday 15 December

Please be aware that all schools have been given the opportunity to hold eight Teacher-Only Days over the next three years. We intend to add two teacher only dates for 2020 and will give you plenty of warning of this.

Middle School Production *The Woven Flax Kete*

Our middle school staff and children have been working hard learning their lyrics, lines and dance moves. They can't wait to share this with their audience. If you are bringing children who are part of the show please make sure you have them safely to their designated meeting place at the correct time to ensure they don't end up missing out - we intend to start promptly. The performances are **this week**, starting today:

Tuesday- 7:00pm

Wednesday-11.45am and 7:00pm

Thursday - 7:00pm

We know that you will enjoy the show!
Tickets have sold out – no door sales.

New Classrooms for Knighton

Last week we received notification from the Ministry of Education that Knighton Normal School had been given funding for two additional classrooms due to anticipated roll growth.

The Ministry of Education will work with schools to outline what the new building will provide.

We are committed to keeping Knighton's existing field space and will work hard to ensure that future planning is focused on providing the best outcome for our children.



Funding Review

If you haven't returned this survey please do so as soon as you can. The more surveys we have handed in, the more accurately the Ministry of Education can fund Knighton Normal so that our children get the best deal! it is important for **all** our families to participate. Remember if you need any support please speak to the ladies in the office, or your child's teacher.

Electricity!

We love it when our community pop in to share their knowledge, passions and expertise. A huge thank you to Nigel who ran a session on electricity. As you can see the children loved it!



Fundraising - Cancer Society

Last week I was approached by a very thoughtful and committed senior student, Hannah, who is determined to make a positive difference. Next week she is going to be selling scrunchies (hair bands) to support the Cancer Society. The scrunchies will be \$3. Hannah will be selling these next Monday 26 August from 8:30-9:00am and Friday 30 August 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:15pm outside Mr Armistead's office.



Root to Tip

Later this week two of our Year 6 girls, Zera and Ava, will be representing our school and region in the National 'Root to Tip' cooking competition in Wellington. You will remember from a couple of weeks ago these girls were runners-up in the local sector. All the best to you girls!

Thursday 29 August - School Cross Country

Thursday 29 August will see our Cross Country (Opt in event) and Fun Run (Everyone has a go) event taking place. This is for our Year 3 - 6 students.

The day will see our middle school students starting the day with a Year 3 Cross Country race followed by the Year 4 Cross Country race.

These events are followed by a fun run for both year groups, where students get to run, skip, hop, keep on moving through the course with a few different challenges - balancing, skipping, cargo nets etc.

Once the Year 3/4's have completed their events, the Year 5/6 races will take place, followed by their fun run event.

Families are welcome to come down and watch the competitive events and take part in the fun run - the more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you here.

Lost Property

Lost Property is displayed outside Barb Cowie's office on a daily basis. Please remember to check it regularly, even if you don't think your child has lost anything.



Spare Clothing

With the rainy weather now upon us and as we have very limited spare clothing available for children, we suggest you keep a change of clothes in your child's school bag in a waterproof plastic bag. If your child comes home with clothes borrowed from school please wash and return them as soon as possible.



Absences

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. This is important for your child's safety.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

- Send a message via our school App. This is our preferred method for receiving messages about a child's absence. *This App is a free to download. Search Knighton Normal School at App Store or Play Store.*
- Text a message to 027 352 2089
- Leave a voicemail message on 07 856 5393

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 and we will issue them with a late slip for their teacher.

Leaving School Early

If you are taking your child away from school prior to 3pm, please sign them out on the VisTab tablet located in the office reception area. A slip will print out that you will need to take to the teacher so they can be sure your child is signed out correctly.

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead
Principal

GROW SNACKS

Milk and milk products give children calcium to help build strong bones and teeth. They also help adults maintain strong, healthy bones. Some great choices are:

Milk for Schools - if not already, get your school on board!

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