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Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to term 2 in Rūma 29

What a great start we had to 2021! We began working with the great team at Taku Wairua, focusing on the first two pillars - Belonging and Self Discovery. We had our annual Cultural Festival, which allowed us to know each other even better and we stepped out of our comfort zones with some great fun in the pool, on the athletics field and on our bikes.

Our Knighton Way focus this term is **being organised**. This means being organised for learning, being on time for meetings and being where they need to be when it comes to extra responsibilities like road patrol and library duty. It would be great to have your support in helping your child to develop this valuable skill. You can help do this by giving them responsibilities to manage at home. This could include things like getting school notices to you, preparing their own lunch, making their bed each morning and clearing the table at night.

What's on when for term 2?

Taku Wairua - We are lucky to be continuing this. Later this term we will be having a day trip that will give us the opportunity to give back to our community. More information will come out closer to the time once we have dates and details confirmed.

Library - Our library day is *Thursday*. Please remind them to be organised with their library books, so they always have something at home to read, with the expectation that they will **read at home each day for a minimum of 20 minutes**.



Food for Thought - We are lucky to have Andy, a nutritionist, coming in to talk to us about food in Week 7 and 8. On the morning of *Friday 25th June* we will be visiting the supermarket as part of our learning. **We will require adult helpers**. We will also be looking at some of the science behind the food we eat, with a few fun and informative experiments.



CLASS PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

School photos - *Thursday 24th June*

Matariki - Our celebrations for Matariki are in week 9 (*Monday 28th June - Friday 2nd July*). We will be spending time participating in learning activities in another junior and middle school class over this week.

Winter sports Tournament - This tournament on *Wednesday 30th June* is for any senior students who want to have a go at one of the following sports: rugby, netball, football, hockey and miniball (basketball). It's a fun and free day at Waikato University and is a great chance for kids to participate in a team sport.

Speeches - Term 2 is speech time! We will be writing and practising our speeches in class. The finals are on *Thursday 8th July*.

Teacher Only Days - **Friday 4th June** and **Monday 21st June** are teacher only days. *Monday 7th June* is a public holiday (Queen's birthday).

IMPORTANT

Parent conversations - These will be held Monday - Wednesday of week 10 (*5th July - 7th July*). Reports will also go home this week. Keep an eye out on the school website and in notices so you can get in early to book a time that suits. If you find the offered times don't suit please email me at dforrester@kns.ac.nz so we can come up with an alternative.

Student Teachers - Miss Sarah and Miss Megan will be with us full-time from week 6 until week 10. We are lucky to have them working with us as they work towards completing their teacher training.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Reminders:

Payments - Kindo shop is the easiest way to make school payments. If you don't yet have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need any assistance setting this up.

A change of clothes - Please remind your child to bring a change of clothes in their bag. With it being a winter term, there's a high chance of getting muddy/wet on the playground.

Medication - A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.

Absence - if your child will be away from school, for whatever reason, please let the office know by ringing them, texting them, or using the school app. Please make sure your child is on time to school every day.