

Kia ora/Greetings**School CLOSED the following days:**

Teacher only day - **This Friday 4th June**
 Queen's birthday - **Monday 7th June**
 Teacher Only Day - **Monday 21st of June**

Normal and Model School Conference

Last week Waikato principals hosted the Normal and Model school principals conference. This annual event gives the opportunity for leaders from Auckland, Waikato, Palmerston North, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch to meet and discuss important issues in teacher training.

The keynotes at the conference sum up the quality of the dialogue- Professors Mere Berryman and Martin Thrupp, Dr Viv Aitken, Jenny Ferrier Kerr and an interesting session with Olympian Alison Shanks.

Highlights for me were having the Te Hihiri whānau involved in the pōwhiri and listening to Whakarongo Tauranga, one of our AP's, share in some of the amazing work and learning being completed at KNS using dramatic inquiry.

Pōwhiri for Mr Campbell

This Thursday at 2pm we are holding a pōwhiri to welcome our new Principal Mr Campbell (beginning in term three).

The pōwhiri will be held on the courts (weather permitting).

After this Mr Campbell will be able to start his transition to Knighton School.

Room 3

Akomanga Toru is currently on the Wonder Project completing the Rocket Challenge. We will be learning about the science behind rocket flight and design bottle rockets which we will be launching in a few weeks time. We completed our test flights on Monday with our ambassador from Fonterra, Rebekah. We then did some writing about the moment one launched by alluding to the sense, personifying, using complex sentences and heaps more.

Here are a couple of samples:

As air comes in the pressure waits patiently. Suddenly, bang! Bursting with kinetic energy the rocket blasts off. Water wrestles with air, trying to get out first. The pressure was on! As it rushed to the top, it struggled with gravity until gravity grabbed, pulling as hard as it could. The rocket was pulled into a nose dive. When it hit the ground there was no large thump, no huge bang, just the soft sound of plastic hitting the grass. Research complete. Time to go back to class.

By Torben

The rocket bursts, flying towards the clouds, slicing whatever air was in its path. I could see the water flying out of the rocket until it was pushed down, face in the grass. All I could hear were the cheers of happiness as the rocket flung into the skys. I could smell the fresh air as I breathed in and out. My fingers froze, as a cold as ice, as I poured water into an empty bottle, ready to be launched.

By Ava

Anticipation bursts through, creeping upon us. Racing outside I smell fresh cut grass. As my legs waddle towards the field, adrenaline dances towards me. Excitement winks at me. 3, 2, 1 Blast Off! The rocket breaks the sound barrier as it zooms off to touch the clouds. We cheer for it! As it soars, it changes direction. Gravity grasps it with it's mighty hands forcing it to come down. The safety officers, Chief Scientists (me), Chief Engineers give a big 'woo' as it crashes back down.

Hooray!

By Jovel



Rugby / Netball Fun Day



Last week Knighton sent a number of rugby and netball teams to the Fun day run by Morrinsville Primary. Our children had a lot of fun competing against a range of schools and practising their skills and team work!



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. Please make sure ALL your children's clothing is named so it can be returned to them if they misplace it. If your child comes home with clothes borrowed from school please wash and return them as soon as possible.

Out of Zone Enrolments



The Board of Trustees is looking to accommodate siblings of existing students who are living out of our enrollment 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 July 2021**. Applications must be received by 30th June for any children due to start in term 3.

Lost Property



There is **a lot** of lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office. Please come and claim it! Tomorrow if fine, the lost property will be displayed on the courts. Please check this for your children's clothing. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost is unnamed.

Please name your child's clothing!



Save the date: Book Fair
28th June - 1st July
In the school Library

Stuart Armistead
Principal