

Kia ora/Greetings



A warm welcome back- and special greetings to new families that have joined the Knighton Normal School community this term.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me back to Knighton. It's an absolute privilege leading this wonderful school and I am very grateful for this opportunity. I will endeavour to be out and about the school and spend lots of time in classrooms as I immerse myself back into the life of our kura. I look forward to connecting and reconnecting with many of you over the next few weeks.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Georgia Clanseley who will be teaching New Entrants through to the end of the year and Amy Rodgers who is a new Learning Assistant.

We're all looking forward to a full and exciting Term Three including two productions and a complete interior refurbishment of B Block.

Speech Finalists!



At the end of last term we held the Senior speech finals and what a superb job everyone did!

	Year5	Year6
1st	Milly Paenga	Te Ara Wetere
2nd	Tangaroa Holman-Lee	Jovel Mathew
3rd	Venkatesh Puppala	Kion Hara Liu
Overall winner - Nina Brassington		

Red Nose and Wheels Day on Friday!



This Friday is Red Nose Day. We are supporting Cure Kids' biggest annual fundraising appeal to help fund big research for little lives. Every donation supports New Zealand-based research into a wide range of health conditions to improve, extend and save the lives of children in Aotearoa.

At Knighton we are asking children to be active and to bring a donation for this fundraiser. As part of the day we will have a wheels day at lunchtime.

Juniors will have their time from 12.45 - 1.05 and the middle and senior school will follow from 1.05 -1.25pm.

Work over the holidays

The refurbishment of B Block started in the holidays. This project will take all of Term 3 with two classes at a time moving out to learn in rooms 23 and 23a while work is carried out in their rooms.

The Junior Outdoor Learning Space was completed just before the holidays and we had a blessing for it on Monday morning. The Junior Team are really looking forward to using the space as part of their Learning Through Play programme.

Sports Cancellations

Decisions are made by 2pm each day and a message will be put on our answer phone: 8565393 after 2pm.

Sometimes, if we have had a lot of rain, our school grounds are closed even if the weather is fine. Coaches also cancel practices from time to time and these messages will also be on the answer phone if coaches advise us before 2pm.If you have our app and have chosen the correct sports group for your child/ren, then you will receive an alert regarding cancellations.

The office staff appreciate you checking the right channels before calling our main line.

Play @ Knighton

This Wednesday 1.45pm-2.45pm

This is for pre-enrolled new entrant children (and an accompanying adult) up to 10 weeks before their intended start. Phone or email the office for more details or contact Anne Hoare ahoare@kns.ac.nz



Knighton drop off

Please make sure you find a park before your child leaves the car on Knighton Road. Asking your children to jump out of a car whilst you are stopped in the middle of the road is **not safe**.

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, including sports alerts.
- View and add school events to your phone's calendar.
- Receive advice of school notices to your phone.

Absences

Please notify the school **office** not your child's teacher if your child is absent from school. Please 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 may be marked as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

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

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

All children are expected to be in class until 3pm unless there is a special reason for leaving early.

If you are taking your child away from school prior to 3pm, please sign them out at the **office** before going to your child's class.

PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE OPEN DAY

Peachgrove Intermediate School has invited **all** our **Year 6** pupils to visit their school from 9:30am – 12:30pm on **Monday 9th of August**. During this time, they will see and experience some class programmes in action. Transport is by bus (organised by Peachgrove) so there is no charge for our children. All year 6's are welcome to attend, even if your child is thinking of going to another intermediate school next year.



Tirotahi, Kia marama ki te manaoaki

Berkley open evening

Berkley are also holding an Information evening on Wednesday 11th August 6pm - 7.30pm. All families are invited to this event which aims to provide parents and students with information about teaching and learning at Berkley.

Inline Hockey

Inline hockey starts in week3 for those who have registered to play this term. Draws will be sent home before the first game on Wednesday 11th August.

Ruakura road closure

Just a heads up for our families who might use Ruakura road to get to and from school. For information on how this may affect your route, please visit www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/city-development/ruakura



Call for old magazines!

Magazines and blue fabric are needed for our middle school production. If you have either of these laying around, we would gratefully appreciate the donation. Please bring these to room 4.

Andrew Campbell

Principal