

Newsletter 26

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Kia ora/Greetings



School Cross Country

A reminder - This 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.

Proposed Timetable for the day -

- 9.20 - Year 3 / 4 briefing
- 9.30 - Year 3 Cross Country (1 lap)
- 9.40 - Year 4 Cross Country (2 laps)
- 9.55 - Year 5 Cross Country (2 Laps)
- 10.10 - Year 6 Cross Country (2 laps)
- 10.25 - Fun run: Sent off in groups (Whanau, then Year 3/4, then Year 5/6.

Families are welcome to come down and watch the competitive events and take part in the fun run - the more the merrier! The children always enjoy parents/whanau coming along to cheer them on. We look forward to seeing you here.



A separate event will be held at a later date for students in the Junior School.

Middle School Production

Words can't describe how proud I was of the middle school children last week..... What a talented group! I would also like to acknowledge our middle school staff who worked tirelessly to bring together an amazing show in five weeks!

The amazing sound and lighting equipment was provided by Freedom Church, with Ray Moxon controlling things behind the scenes - what amazing support.

Finally thank you to you all for organising your families around our performances and coming along to support!

Health and PE Survey

Attached to this newsletter is our bi-annual survey asking for feedback on our health and physical education curriculum. Please fill in and ask your child to return to the frog box at the smiley window.

Funding Review Survey

It is not too late to return your pink survey form sent home a few weeks ago. We really need as many as possible returned please.

Japanese Guests

Last Thursday, our Te Hihiri tamariki were fortunate to host a group of high school students from Japan. Our manuwhiri (visitors) were welcomed with a traditional pōwhiri. After lunch the students participated in lessons where they learnt waiata, haka, tītītorea and Māori greetings. At the end of the day the Japanese students were farewelled and as they departed the school grounds, Te Hihiri tamariki sang a classic Waikato anthem, 'He aha kei tāku uma.' The high school students enjoyed the warm welcome they received and especially loved the cultural experience. Their kaiako (teachers) acknowledged the kind and friendly hospitality they received at Knighton Normal School.



Hearing and Vision testing

The testers will be in our school next week on Wednesday 4 September to test children new to Knighton. Please phone the school to let us know if you do not want your child to be tested, or your child is already under specialist care.

What tests are carried out?

Ears - hearing test (and a middle ear function test only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination.

NB All these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

New Entrant - Invitation to Visit

We invite interested parents and caregivers of prospective New Entrant children to visit our school next week on Thursday 5 September from 9.30 – 10.30am. If you have neighbours or friends with children who are about to turn five we would appreciate you passing this invitation on. There is no need to book, just come to the school office at 9.30am on the day. We start with an informative chat about our school, then after a short look around the school we visit the New Entrant classes where the children can join in and the parents can talk to the teachers.

Communication

There are many ways to keep in touch with what your child is doing at Knighton! Obviously nothing beats face-to-face catch-ups with their teachers. Next steps can be:

- The school website- www.kns.ac.nz
- The school Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/knightonnormal/>
- The school newsletter
- The school app (this is only for essential communication).

Knighton Normal School Free App

On an iPhone or Android device, go 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 phones calendar.
- Access to school notices via your phone.

Absences

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school, for any reason, prior to 9.00am. 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 may be recorded as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

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

Lateness

Children arriving at school late (even by a few minutes) must be signed-in at the smiley window. Children will be signed in electronically by the office staff. All children's names are preloaded into our system. 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 located in the office reception area.

Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2020 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are due in by **this Wednesday 28 August** - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 28 August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

We are still selling the Entertainment Book. The books sell for \$65 each and the school receives a portion of the money for each book sold. The book is full of great local, national and international offers, which are great gifts for family and friends and can be used up until 1st June 2020. There is a copy available at the office to look over, along with order forms. Orders should be brought to the Smiley Window with payment, or you can order a copy online. Orders of hard copy books will be sent home weekly on a Friday.

Colgate Green Caps Recycling Initiative

Colgate and TerraCycle are cycling used toothbrushes, dental floss containers, empty toothpaste tubes, caps and packaging into cool and useful products. Knighton has signed up as a participant for an opportunity to earn charitable gifts or donations based on the weight of our returns. To assist our efforts please bring your clean, discarded dental products to the school office, to enable us to send them on.

Fundraising - Cancer Society

Reminder - Hannah will again be selling scrunchies (hair bands) to support the Cancer Society, 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:15pm outside Mr Armistead's office. The scrunchies will be \$3 each.

Of course, if you don't have a need for a scrunchie, you could opt to donate money to the Cancer Society through Hannah. Great job Hannah!



Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead
Principal

GROW SNACKS

Meat and meat alternatives provide protein which is important for muscle growth. A great choice of snack for home, work or school are:

SNACKS

NUTS **TUNA ON CRACKERS** **EGG SANDWICH** **CHICKEN** **HUMMUS AND VEGES**

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