



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Room 2

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Talofa lava, mālō e lelei, tirike svāgatam, chào mừng trở lại, nau mai haere mai, welcome back to Term 3! We have so much to look forward to and be grateful for this term... production, wiki o te reo Maori, Maths week, cross country fun run with whaanau, Peachgrove Intermediate visits for Y6's and a whole lot of learning.

The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha



Many of life's failures
are people who did not realise how close
they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas A Edison.

F.E.A.R has two meanings
Forget Everything And Run or
Face Everything And Rise;
it's your choice.

Being persistent means...

- We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- We gain strength from our whaanau and friends when we need help.
- We know that being persistent doesn't mean we are alone.

Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to other curricular activities. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term two and discussed during parent conversations.



Individual spelling words will continue to be sent home each week in students' spelling books. They will contain words that have been spelt incorrectly in their writing book or words of an appropriate level. Please assist me by making sure your child knows the meaning of these words as they are not meant to pick ones they are unfamiliar with. Students will be tested on these words on Friday of every week. Students can also use the website www.spellingcity.com as it has a number of activities that they will find useful.

School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child. If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.

Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Library

Our library day will continue to be Friday during term three. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunchtimes.

Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Classdojo. I will continue to upload a photo every couple of weeks during term 3. If you haven't received a Class Dojo login please let me know and I will arrange one for you.



Noenoe Barkley-Kerr talked to us about traditional Maori navigation.

Senior Production: A Night-in the Museum

Auditions were held last term for main speaking and acting parts. Congratulations to Zaiya who auditioned and won a part. This term our production rehearsals for the senior classes will be on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All children will be involved in the production in some way. The majority will be involved in a group performance of their choice. Each teacher, with the help of the children, will put together a performance that adds to the story told by the main cast members. There are so many options that there is definitely something for everyone. A small number of children will form the backstage crew. These children will design and make programmes, the sets, props and welcome people to the shows as part of the front of house crew. This is the last primary school show that your children have the opportunity to be involved with. Please encourage them to step up and out of their comfort zone, take a chance and give it a go - you never know it could be the beginning of a whole new passion.



Waka Hourua created by Room 2 students during our navigational studies.

Important Dates

Peachgrove Open Morning - Year 6's only

Week 3 - Monday August 9th (Ms Tauranga supervising)

Maths Week

Week 3 - Monday 9th August - Friday 13th August

School Cross Country and Whaanau Fun Run.

Week 5 - Friday August 27th (Please run, walk, skip, jump with us - it'll be fun!)

Wiki o te reo Maori

Week 8 - Monday 13th September to Friday 17th

Senior school production (night shows)

Week 10 - Monday September 27th - Thursday September 30th

Ngaa mihi

James Penman