

**2022 School year will start on
Thursday 3rd February.**

Kia ora/Greetings

This week is Te Wiki o te reo Māori week. Some of you may be using this week as an opportunity to set some goals around your own journey with learning te reo. I'm very grateful to a number of staff and students at Knighton who are helping me on my journey. There's a whakatauki that says, 'Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa - Let us keep close together, not wide apart.' For me, learning te reo has opened the door and window into Māori culture which has enriched me.

It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of all the children who came back to school during level 2 last week. We enjoyed watching the students reconnecting with their friends, laughing and playing together. While Covid is obviously a time of challenge and stress for many, it has also highlighted to us how important it is for children to engage with each other and how schools help facilitate this.

We hope to see most of our children back at school this week. Schools are safe places for them at Level 2 and we are all keeping up with our hygiene and safe distancing practices.

During Level 2 we are unable to let children into school before 8.30am. We would encourage you to send your children to school between 8.30 - 8.55am. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We're looking forward to lots of fun and important learning over the next three weeks as we head into our October holidays.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Ewan Lorney and the team from Four Square Hillcrest who kindly donated a number of Food Vouchers for some of our families during lockdown. Much appreciated!

Level Two- Covid

Please continue to reinforce messages about hygiene practices with your children. Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow
- put used tissues in the bin.

Encourage students to stay home if unwell.

There is no reason to keep your child home if they are well!

We will keep you up to date - keep an eye on Class Dojo, and our school Facebook Page and App.

Unfortunately a range of opportunities are again being cancelled or postponed, impacting on our children who were looking forward to these events.

Covid App

Are you coming into the school grounds at level two? Make this easier for yourself and our staff by downloading the Ministry's Covid App.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.govt.health.covidtracer> or

<https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/id1511667597>

You then simply have to scan the QR code rather than having to record your details.



Cancellations & Postponements

Miniball – Cancelled during Alert Level 2

Inline Hockey – Cancelled during Alert Level 2

Play at Knighton – Term 3 starters are still welcome on Wednesdays 1.45 – 2.45.
Please make sure you sign in at the office.

Please check the school app or website for further updates on cancellations.

Sports uniform return

Please can we have the following sports uniforms returned:

- Miniball
- Netball
- Inline
- Football

There are also MANY uniforms that have not been returned yet, so please have a look at home and get your child/ren to bring them to the smiley face window.

Peachgrove Intermediate

Enrolments open for 2022!
Enrol Online before 17th October.

www.peachgrove.school.nz

To book a time for a personal tour, please call Peachgrove office on (07) 855 7596 or email enrol@peachgrove.school.nz



Berkley Normal Middle School

Due to the Lockdown, Berkley Normal Middle School have extended their enrolment timeline.

All 2022 enrolments are now due by 4.00pm on Wednesday 15 September – this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 15 September to be eligible for the enrolment ballot. Our ballot for out-of-zone places will now be held on Thursday 23 September.



World Car Free Day Wednesday 22nd September.



Hamilton City Council wants to support our school to go car free !
World Car Free Day is celebrated **globally** on the 22nd September.

It's a day where everyone is encouraged to leave the car at home (if they can) and jump on public transport or travel using active transport to get to and from work/school.

The benefits for us here at Knighton include - less congestion around the school, active students, creating a sense of community working towards a common goal and bettering the environment.

Community

Kelly Sports holiday programme – 4th – 15th October

Take the kids along to have a fun filled time with the awesome staff at Kelly Sports. Loads of fantastic activities are planned.

*Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara, and Leamington Schools
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Banking

First Credit Union banking has been put on hold for this term.

ASB will continue online.

Andrew Campbell

Principal