

Kia ora/Greetings

It was lovely having most of our tamariki back at school last Wednesday as we moved back to Alert Level 2. Just like last term, it reminded us of the importance of children getting together with one another, playing and learning. I was talking with an elderly relative of mine last week. They talked about the resilience they built up during World War 2 and the Polio epidemic, and how that has carried them through to this day. It will be interesting to see the impact this epidemic will have on children's (and adults) resilience over time.

As you will be aware, New Zealand will be moving into the new Covid 19 Protection Framework or Traffic Light System from 11.59pm Thursday 2nd December. I will be receiving information over the next few weeks from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health around what impact this will have on schools.

Again, I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful community for your ongoing support and cooperation this year. It is very much appreciated.

Intentions for next year

If there are any families that are not intending on returning next year, can you please notify the office as soon as possible. 2022 class placements are currently being finalised.
knighton@kns.ac.nz or phone 856 5399

Out Of Zone Ballot

If Knighton is where you intend on enrolling your child next year and you are out of zone, please get your application in before 2nd December 2021.

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 your elbow

Encourage students to stay home if unwell.

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

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.



Uniforms

All sports uniforms must be returned to the smiley face office as soon as possible please! Some of these have been outstanding since Term 1.



Lost Property

There is lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office. Please come and claim 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, shoes, togs and towels!

Library Books and Readers

All books are now due back at school. Please have a good look at home for any overdue books and return them to the Library or classroom teacher.



Learn to Play

A 'Learn to Play' programme is starting **Thursday 25th November** and will run each Thursday evening from 5:30pm until 6:30pm for 3 weeks at East Link Skate Rink. This is a great opportunity for some of the newer players to develop their skating and stick skills but is open to anyone wanting to have a go. Bookings will not be required, people can turn up on the weeks that suit them and pay \$10 for the session at the kitchen.

If you have any questions, please email lroche@kns.ac.nz

Cricket

Middle and Senior cricket has been cancelled for term 4. There will be a notice going home this week for refund options. However Hamilton Cricket are looking at hosting a Cricket Fun Day here at KNS for the middle and senior students. More info to come next week.

Banking

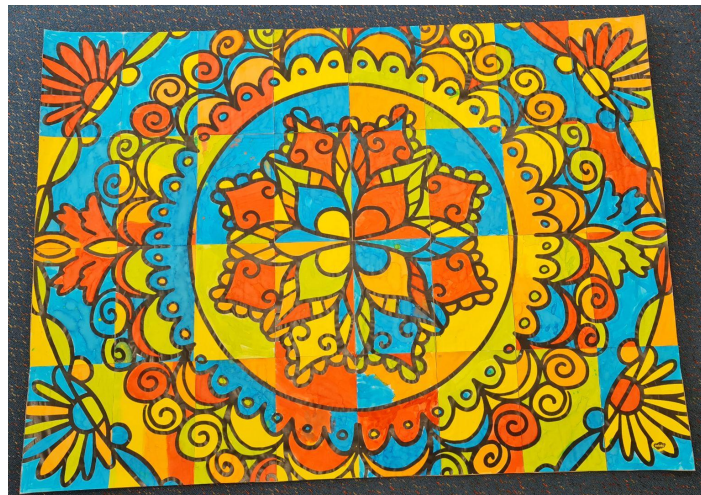
First Credit Union in school banking will resume in 2022 but online banking will continue as normal.



Term Dates 2022

Term 1	3 Feb - 14 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 30 September
Term 4	17 Oct - 16 December

Rangoli Art by Bubble 4



Over Level 3, Bubble 4 celebrated Diwali by working on patterns and coming together to make this beautiful piece of Rangoli Art.

Hats

Knighton School Hats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1.

These can be purchased online through

[my kindo](#) and are **now \$10**.

You may also come into the office to purchase them by eftpos or cash.

Your child will be sent to sit under some shade if they don't have a hat while outside.

Andrew Campbell

Principal