



# KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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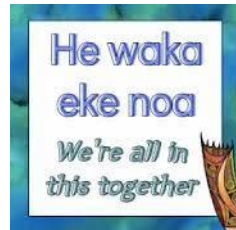
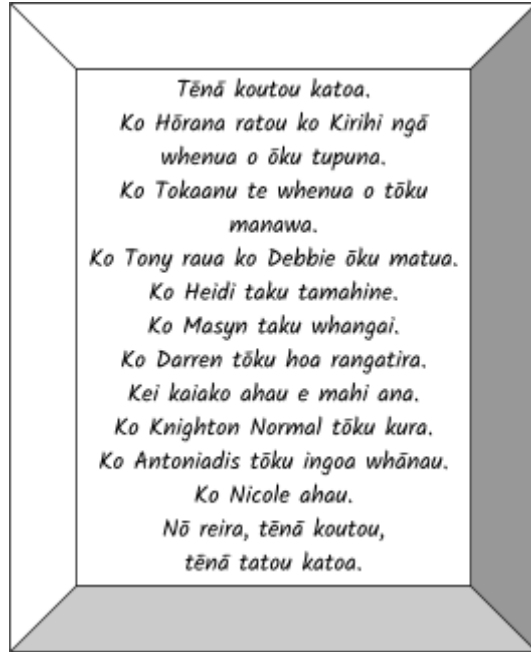
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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te Akomanga Rima!



I am so excited to embark on 2022 with this awesome bunch of Akomanga Rima learners. We have had a wonderful start and all the children are settling into their space quickly, and beautifully. For those I do not already know I look forward to meeting you soon, and for those I already know I am excited to be working alongside you again.



We will be spending time in term 1 getting to know each other, learning about managing ourselves and our emotions, and unpacking the Knighton Way and Knighton values. We'll use the imagery of a whareniui and mahau to visualise, understand and unpack our whakaaro (thoughts and ideas) about Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

A huge part of my programme will incorporate Mantle of the Expert and Drama for Learning. We will be looking further into the Critical Histories of New Zealand as a continuation of our teaching and learning in 2021 and using drama as a vehicle to unpack all the awesome thinking we will be doing.

I am currently on a haerenga (journey) with te reo Māori and will be doing a course in term 1 following on from my previous professional development over the last 2 years. This development will flow into the classroom where we will begin our days immersing ourselves in te reo Māori in various ways.

Reading and writing will be taught daily, often being incorporated into our other learning. Children will work with me, with each other and on their own to develop their literacy skills. Sometimes we use devices to support this learning, only if this is targeted at the literacy needs of the child.

Due to the red level setting we are unable to cross-group for maths in term 1, which means I will be teaching maths to all of Akomanga Rima. We will be looking at basic facts, number knowledge and working with whole numbers and fractions for the term.

We use Chromebooks and iPads a lot to support our learning. Each child in the senior school has their own log in to Google within the school network. They can share the things they are doing in the Drive by logging in at home too.

I will be using Seesaw this year to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages or announcements. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw, please email me [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you do not want your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or flick me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have. It is very important that you are connected to this, as we try to share information with you in a timely manner, sometimes Seesaw will be the best and quickest way to get the information to you.

Team building, swimming, fitness, ball skills, game play, confidence and even bike safety will form part of our Phys Ed programme. We will be outside and developing our skills on a regular basis (but avoiding the strongest heat of the day too!!). We will be having a Kids on Bikes day as a class soon. Cam from HCC will be coming to teach the children about bike safety at school, and we will go for a ride at the velodrome around the corner in Hillcrest. It is a fantastic opportunity, more information will come home about it soon.

## EXTRA NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website.
- Our **swimming** days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**, please ensure your children bring their togs on these days. Swimming is not optional as it is a part of our New Zealand Curriculum, and it is important for our 'kiwi kids' to be water wise when living so close to it. Please provide a note or email if your child is unable to swim on any particular day.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late** please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)

I actively check my emails throughout the day so please email me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing: [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) However, if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message.

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2022.

Nga mihi nui,

Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

