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Akomanga Tahī Newsletter

Welcome to 2022

Welcome to term 1 in Akomanga Tahī! I hope everyone has had a fun filled holiday break and managed to enjoy some family time. It is a privilege to welcome your children into the classroom this term. I very much look forward to working with your whānau throughout the coming year.

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations please do not hesitate to contact me via seesaw, the details below, your child's homework book or pop into our classroom before school.

Ngā Mihi,
Steph Wilkinson :)
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Our Learning in Term 1

Alongside our core curriculum areas such as reading, writing and maths we will explore the following topics through quality discussion, questioning and hands on learning.

The Knighton Way, Getting Along- we will learn about being kind and what it take to be a good friend.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi, What is an agreement? Who was there? How does it affect us as kiwi's today? What is our job going forward?

Cultural Celebration, we will celebrate the diversity of our classroom as we learn about the cultures represented in Akomanga Tāhi .

Important Dates

Tuesday and Thursday
Swimming Days

Thursday
Library Day

April 14th
Last Day of Term

Don't
Forget

Nut Free



Classroom

Nut Free Classroom

Akomanga Tahī is a nut free classroom. We have a child in our classroom that has a very serious nut allergy. This includes all nut butters including nutella, peanut butter and muesli bars containing nuts. Thank you so much for understanding and helping to keep our children safe.

Kindo - 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 or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.

School stationery packs will be issued after payment is received.



Sunhats - All children are required to wear their Knighton School sunhat this term when outside. They will be kept at school. Please give your child a separate hat for KASP - it doesn't have to be the Knighton one. Knighton School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00. These must be worn in terms 1 and 4.

Important notes to remember:

- Please remember to bring a **water** bottle to school each day so that we can keep it in the classroom and have access to a drink when they need it. Please make sure these are clearly named.
- All students need to bring their **book bags** and home learning books to school every day and they are responsible for putting their books away in the morning before the bell rings.
- **Seesaw**- It would be wonderful to have all families connected to our classes Seesaw - it is the main platform for sharing messages or photos from our day. This is only available to the parents within our class and we would like to be able to share group photos, videos and messages with you.
- **Home learning**-Reading books come home most nights. Poem books and library books on Friday. There are letter, word and number charts for learning and sharing. Remember to check Seesaw for photos to talk about.
- Please could children come to school with **sunscreen** applied. We do have sunscreen in the classroom for them to re-apply during the day.

Swimming - We will swim every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** until the end of the term. We expect all children to participate unless they are sick and they bring a note. Please ensure they wear suitable clothing for easy undressing and bring a waterproof bag for wet togs and towel.



Library: Our Library day is **Thursday**. Please make sure you return your previous week's library book so we can issue a new one.

