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Akomanga Tekau Mā Whitu - Room 27

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kaupeka tuarua nei. Welcome back to the second term. A warm welcome to the many whānau who have joined this kura (school) last term, we have quite a number of new students in our room. We are very happy to have you as part of the Knighton whānau.

What's new this term?

If there is one thing we are becoming more familiar with as a result of covid, it is change. Term 2 began under a new traffic light colour and with new break times. There are many positives to this change however, and they are that we are able to engage with the wider school and many group activities, sports and clubs have begun operating again. The students have more choices this term - yay! Many of your students have already become involved in such activities as winter sports, literature quiz, Pasifika group (TOPA), Showquest and giving service to the school as librarians, wet day monitors and class councillors.

Class Councillors

Congratulations to Beatrice, Sumaya and Kahu who are representing our class as councillors at various times this year. We know they will represent our voice on the council with pride and enthusiasm.

Mathematics

We have begun cross grouping maths again, now that we are able to mix with other classes. Your child has been put into a class with other students working at the same or similar maths level. They have been issued with their Prime workbooks. Maths is held every day after lunch. Ask your child about their class.

Parent Conversations

We will have an opportunity to meet later this term (week 10) to discuss your child's progress. Keep a look out for notices regarding details for booking your chat time. I look forward to meeting with you kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) to share in your child's successes.

School closure days

A reminder that school is closed on the following days this term:

- ❖ Monday 6th June: Queen's Birthday public holiday
- ❖ Friday 17th June: Teacher Only Day
- ❖ Friday 24th June: Matariki public holiday.

Library

Our library time has changed to Fridays this term.

Important to note...

- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **Cell phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.
- **School Payments:** 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 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. You do not need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.
It's going to be a great year!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kind regards,

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