



**KNIGHTON
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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Term 3. I am looking forward to a term less affected by Covid! We have some great things planned for the term and I am excited to embark on our learning journey for the term.

Our wonderful grad student teacher Mrs Sarah Weaver will finish her time with us this term - in about week 3 or 4. She has been an amazing part of our space and we will miss her. We will have a new student teacher joining us for this whole term too - she is Miss Mary-Rose Olson or Whaea Mary-Rose and we are so pleased to be inviting her into our space.

At the end of the term we will be having our Cultural Celebration, which was postponed from term 1 and it will be awesome. If you would like to come and share anything about your culture or whakapapa we would love to have you in. Please let me know and we can find the best time later in the term. We will also be working with our teina again at this time, after the success of our Te Wiki ō Matariki last term - we are all excited to work together again with Akomanga 2, 8 and 16!



MATHS

We will continue to cross-group for maths. A larger group of Akomanga Rima are remaining with me for maths. Others are with Mr Hannah dhannah@kns.ac.nz and Ms Tauranga wtauranga@kns.ac.nz. If you have any questions about their maths, feel free to contact me directly or their maths teacher.

In week 3 we will have Maths Week with lots of maths challenges and fun events, we will also support our teina in this week too.

LITERACY

In writing we will continue to develop our skills. We will be showing not telling, learning to craft and edit our writing better and some of us will look at paragraphing too. We will also be Catching Up Our Code this term. There is a small group in our akomanga who have also been given logins to a programme called Steps, which will support their spelling and phonics learning.

We will be reading chapter books, journal stories and online texts regularly. We will be reading as groups, pairs and individuals. Our main strategy focus will continue to be inferring - this aligns nicely with show don't tell in writing. We will also be using texts to find information for research.

We have an oral language focus this term also, and will be working towards our speech competition at the end of term. This will take on a different format to previous years and the tamariki will be able to tell you all about it as we get closer to the event.



INQUIRY LEARNING

We are continuing our journey into big ideas in social science, Aotearoa histories and health with dramatic inquiry. We have got an awesome Mantle of the Expert planned for the term where we look closely at some of the key players in the history of Aotearoa after migration started, starting in our local area and spreading out. We will be learning and using more and more te reo Māori alongside this learning,

We will also be completing the Keeping Safe programme this term, which is about teaching tamariki to be and keep safe in many situations. If you would like to find out more about this programme there will be a meeting at 5.30pm on Tuesday of Week 3 for any parents and whānau to hear about the programme and ask any questions.



DIGITAL/ONLINE TOOLS

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.

It is very important that you are connected to Seesaw as I use it regularly and often to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw, please email me 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.

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 or via the link on our school website.
- 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

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 However, if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message.

Nga mihi nui e te whānau,
Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

