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Akomanga 30

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is lovely to be back at kura, feeling well and looking forward to a more consistent term.

We said goodbye to Whaea Regan, who has left our kura to work as a resource teacher for tamariki with hearing loss / impairment. Whaea Carol will now take over teaching on Thursdays in our room. Whaea Carol is an experienced kaiako, who has taught at a range of kura for many years. She is passionate about learning, enthusiastic and always willing to try new things. Whaea Carol and I are very different people but we do share a love of teaching and high expectations from the tamariki in Akomanga 30. Her email address is cmorris@kns.ac.nz should you need to contact her.



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Last term presented some challenges with my absence through illness causing major interruptions to our programme. With those interruptions, came challenging behaviours from some members of our class. We have begun this term with a reminder about who we are and how we conduct ourselves at kura.

Our class treaty reminds us to:

- have respect, honour & integrity
- have courage to be ourselves
- always try our best

Being tired is not an excuse to act badly.
Being upset is not an excuse to act out.

We are responsible for ourselves.
We are responsible for our words.
We are responsible for our actions.

No one else can change our behaviour.
It is our responsibility and ours alone.



Our Knighton Way focus is: **Whaikaha - Persistence.**

If you would like to find out more about the Knighton Way, our values or dispositions, please visit our school website www.kns.ac.nz

Knowing what to do when you are stuck is an important life skill

- kia Kaha
- trying our best
- know what to do when things are hard
- problem solve

Taku Wairua

Information was sent home on Monday about this exciting programme that we are fortunate to be part of. Go to this link if you would like to know more: <https://www.takuwairua.co.nz/>

The four main pillars:

Belonging	Self Discovery	Goal Setting	Citizenship
Tāku Mātaoneone	Ko Wai Au	Tautuhinga Whaingā	Mahi a Tāngata

Keeping Safe

This programme focuses on 5 main themes:

1. A Positive Learning environment / Te whakarite i tētahi ao ako huapai
2. Who am I? / Ko wai au?
3. Relationships / Ngā whanaungatanga
4. Growing and changing / Te tipu me te huri o te tangata
5. Staying safe / Te noho haumarū

There is a community meeting on 9 August at 5:30pm for all whānau who are interested in learning more about the programme. Further details will come home in the school newsletter.

Speeches

Our senior area speech competition looks a little different this year. Our focus is on the oral language skills required to present and deliver a text effectively.

Students are able to select any text (eg: poem, story, memoir) that they believe will appeal to their audience and will allow them to practise and show their great oral language skills.

We will work on this together in class and all tamariki will participate in developing the oral language skills needed for the effective recital of a text **BUT** participation in the finals is optional. We are allowed to send one year 5 and one year 6 student from our class to the senior area finals.



The senior school finals will be held on Rāapa 21 Māhuru (Wednesday 21 September)

Pāngarau / Mathematics

We continue to cross group for maths in the senior school. Most of Akomanga 30 are either with Miss Lynch (blynch@kns.ac.nz), Ms A (nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz), Mr Hannah (dhannah@kns.ac.nz) or myself. If you would like to talk about what your child is doing in maths, please don't hesitate to contact their maths teacher.

Upcoming events

Peachgrove Open Day for Year 6 students only

Rāhina 15 Here-turi-kōkā (Monday 15th August)

All year six students are allowed to attend the Peachgrove open day. Peachgrove provides buses and morning tea. The tamariki will get a chance to participate in an arts/technology class and see what life at Peachgrove is like. A notice & permission slip about this will come home shortly.



Cross country

Rāpare 25 Here-turi-kōkā
(Thursday 25 August)

We will develop our stamina and strength to participate in the cross country. There are options for everyone that include setting goals to run as fast as you can to try to win the race, walking with friends and not stopping, kicking a ball around the course, skipping, or playing tag and chasing a friend until you cross the finish line to name but a few. Everyone participates, including the kaiako and we all have fun moving our bodies together.



We use Seesaw as our main communication tool.

Please ensure that you are linked to your child's account.

Feel free to get in touch if you need any help with this (wtauranga@kns.ac.nz)

Important to Note...

- **Change of clothes:** Please make sure you have a change of clothes in your bag if you like to get wet and muddy playing on the field in the break times.
- **Medication:** 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 www.kns.ac.nz or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.

Contact details: wtauranga@kns.ac.nz or cmorris@kns.ac.nz

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.

Hei konā mai rā, nā

Whakarongo Tauranga

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