



KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Whānau

Kia ora koutou katoa, nau mai hoki mai. Welcome back to another exciting and busy term in Akomanga 9.

Learning:

- This term our Knighton Way focus will be around Whaikaha - Persistence. We will be encouraging the students to keep trying, to do their best work and to finish tasks.
- Our topic focus this term will include Maths Week, Keeping Safe and our Cultural Parade.
- We will continue our Structured Reading & Writing professional development with Carol Leishman RTLB and explore our new Maths Aotearoa programme.

Welcome:

- Miss Caitlin will continue working with us for 11 days this term before she heads off on her final placement next term. The children have loved having Caitlin in our class and it has been a pleasure to see her develop in her teaching and learning this year.
- Miss Kate Bird (Whaea Kate) will be joining us for the term. As a third year teacher trainee this is her final practicum placement before she begins her teaching career.

Reading:

- Each week the children will be bringing home information about the decodable text they are reading at school.
- If you are able to spend a few minutes each night helping them say the letter and the letter sound, read/write some of the decodable words and read the tricky or words they just need to know that would be awesome.
- Sometimes a PM reader may come home, this will have been read independently by your child at school, but not always with a teacher.
- Attached to this newsletter are suggestions on how you can help your child at home with their reading.

Administration

- There will be a parent meeting for our Keeping Safe programme on Tuesday the 9th August 2022 at 5.30pm in our classroom. This important programme covers: A Positive Learning Environment, Who Am I?, Relationships, Growing and Changing and Staying Safe.
- On Friday the 2nd September 2022 there is a Teacher Only Day so school will be closed.
- Our Cultural Parade & Arts Extravaganza is on Wednesday 28th September 2022 - we hope that you can join us:)

Ngā mihi,

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