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Akomanga Rua Tekau mā Iwa - Room 29

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Rūma 29! Welcome back to term 3.

I hope you all enjoyed a great break.



The Knighton Way Focus for Term 3: Whaikaha / Persistence



This term at Knighton, our focus is on whaikaha. We are looking at how we deal with challenges in the classroom, with our peers and at home.

- ★ Kia Kaha
- ★ Trying our best
- ★ Knowing what to do when things are hard
- ★ Problem Solving

An excellent way for you to help your child is to check in with them each day about what challenges they faced or that they saw others face and how they overcame them.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Literacy

Our literacy programme continues to be adjusted to suit the different needs and abilities of A29 tamariki. We are focusing on a range of literacy skills that help us develop as authors. This includes looking at how sentences are structured and noticing how different types of punctuation help the reader understand what they are reading. We will also look at how we infer when we read by taking notice of the clues the writer has given us. This can then be carried over to our writing, where we will look at how we can leave our readers with clues to do some inferring of their own.



Mathematics

Cross-grouping continues this term. While all maths classes use Prime as a key resource, the focus in each class is different, so do take the time to ask your child about their learning. A great thing to do at home to help is encouraging your child to learn their times tables off by heart.

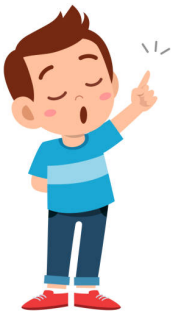


Te Reo Māori

As we continue to start each day with te reo Māori, we will be working through the following phrases and their responses:

- He aha tēnei? - What is this?
- He aha tō hiahia? - What would you like?
- He kuini tāu? - Have you got a queen?

If you would like a summary of our te reo Māori learning so far this year, please let me know, and I will send you a copy. This can be a great way to help your child. I can also point you in the direction of good support if you would like some help with pronunciation.



Oral Language

We have a new approach to our senior speech competition, with students able to choose between using a piece of their own writing or something written by someone else, such as a poem or extract from a book. Our focus will be on speaking to an audience with confidence, and we will do this in a way that ensures each child gets to experience success.

Dramatic Inquiry

This term, we will use dramatic inquiry in various situations, including picture books and our work around the histories of Aotearoa. Keep an eye out for more about as our learning starts to unfold from week 4.

Keeping Safe

During weeks 6 - 8, we will focus on Keeping Safe. This is a great programme designed to help our tamariki learn and apply a range of skills that help them safely and confidently interact with others. If you are interested in learning more about what this programme covers, don't forget we are having a parent meeting in Room 9 tomorrow (Tuesday 9 August) at 5:30 pm.

Library Day

Library - Tuesday

My Duty:

Wednesday: 2:50 pm - 3:20 pm



Did you know there is a range of great lunchtime activities available at different times for students to enjoy? These are some of the things on offer.

Art club

Chess

Indian cultural group

Lacrosse

Drama club

Lit Quiz

Kiwigym

Balancing gear

Choir

Writing Club

Indian cultural group

Reminders

- All toys are to remain at home. The school is not responsible for any personal items that are brought to school and do not come home.
- We are a water-only kura. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school, and we also have a drinking fountain in class.
- If your child rides to school, they must walk their wheels into and out of the school ground (e.g. bikes, scooters, skateboards etc.).
- **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. If children bring a cellphone to school, it must be handed into the office until the end of the day.

Online Kindo shop

- To avoid office queues and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you 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. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need assistance setting this up.

Remember I am always available via email or Seesaw, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi i tō āwhina

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