

16 September 2019

Kia ora/Greetings



Visit to Naning, China

Recently, I was extremely fortunate to be invited to Naning in China to represent the Normal and Model Schools Association. This amazing trip has opened up some significant opportunities for our children including:

- opportunity for continued communication and collaboration between our children and staff with schools in Nanjing
- opportunities for staff and children visits
- leadership and teacher exchange

It was interesting to see Chinese schools in action and to compare and contrast them with schools in New Zealand. Chinese leaders were particularly interested in our teacher training methods.

Interschool Cross Country

Last Friday 36 of our Knighton students represented our school at the Inter-School Cross Country. All students represented Knighton well, showing great sportsmanship and perseverance on what was a tough, hilly course. We were also proud of Paula and Kingi who stopped during the race to help a fellow KNS student who was suffering an asthma attack.

A special mention goes to Selu who placed 9th in her race.

Congratulations to the runners that were selected to represent our school. There was some tough competition and the course was particularly wet! Our Knighton Way disposition of persistence was certainly in action!



Friday Assemblies

There will be no assembly for Senior and Junior school this week as the hall will be getting set up for Senior production next week. Middle school will proceed as normal.

New Classrooms Update

The construction of our new senior rooms has been going on smoothly, despite the rain. These rooms are planned to be open from the beginning of term four.

Thank you to our coaches and managers

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our wonderful parents who have given up their valuable time to coach or manage a winter sport over the last two terms. Without your support, we wouldn't have our teams. Our Knighton children are extremely lucky. Thank you. We would also like to say congratulations to all teams for the successes that you have had this season. You have worn our school colours with pride, shown sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, and most of all, had fun. Well done.

Normal and Model School Conference

From Wednesday to Friday this week the Normal and Model Schools of New Zealand are holding their annual conference in Wellington. As chairperson of this group I am looking forward to attending the conference. This group focuses on being a voice to promote top class teacher education. I look forward to sharing with you all the outcomes of this conference.

Notice for 2020 Out of Zone Enrolments

At Knighton we have an enrolment scheme and zone, details of which are available on the school website. For students seeking enrolment within the first term next year, the deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 15 October 2019. Siblings of existing students who live out of zone need to apply through this ballot process. Parents of students who live within the school zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during the next year should also notify the school by 15 October 2019 by completing the cut-off slip at the bottom of this newsletter and returning it to the office.

Applications for out of zone enrolments may be downloaded from our website www.kns.ac.nz, requested by email from knighton@kns.ac.nz, or requested from the school office.

FUN RUN

Week One next term on Wednesday 16 October we will be running the annual Fun Run at Clyde Park from 1:40pm. Each area of the school will complete the course separately: Senior - 1:40pm Middle - 2:00pm Junior - 2:20pm (times are approximate).

Parents – you are invited to join in with the run and the fun! Wear clothes suitable for running, jumping and crawling.



Inline Hockey

Inline hockey teams for term 4 are now being put together. Registration needs to be completed by 3pm this Friday 20 September at the latest. Games are held on Wednesdays, between 4:00 - 8:30 pm at the Eastlink Sports Centre. Cost is \$30 for the term. If your child is interested and did not receive a notice yesterday, please check the school website, ask at the office, or register and pay on the school Kindo online shop.

2020 Road Patrol and Traffic Wardens

It is that time of the year when students who will be in the senior school next year can volunteer to be a member of one of the road safety teams for 2020.

2020 Year 6 children: The road patrol team are year 6's and they cross children at either Knighton Road or Clyde Street crossings.

2020 Year 5 children: The traffic warden team are year 5's who cross children either on Dey Street or the Henry Street island.

Further information and a permission slip about these roles is available on www.kns.ac.nz or a copy is available at the school office.

Women's Suffrage - Pay Equity

Women's Suffrage Day is this Thursday 19 September. Since 2017 NZEI have been working through the process of negotiating with the Ministry of Education for pay equity for our school support staff – Learning Assistants, Office Staff and Librarians.

These staff are very underpaid for the work they do, in fact, when the minimum wage went up earlier this year the bottom four tiers of the pay rates had to be immediately adjusted so they didn't sink below the minimum wage rate. We ask for a show of support for them by wearing black and white this Thursday 19 September.



Immunisation Certification

We currently have approximately 200 students for which we have no documented evidence of their immunisation status. If you are one of these families your child will have already brought home a letter requesting this information. We need certified confirmation that your child has been fully immunised or at a minimum, that they have had two measles vaccines. These immunisation certificates are required to be presented to school urgently. If you have chosen not to immunise your child please also let us know.

Please be aware that should we have a confirmed case of measles, then the Medical Officer of Health will advise us on excluding students that haven't had two measles vaccines. This could potentially mean a prolonged period of absence from school.

For further information on measles, how it is spread, and the signs and symptoms of measles go to <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

Community Notices

- **Adventure Survivor Camp** - Aongatete, Sept 30th - Oct 4th, cost \$495, 8-13yr olds. OSCAR available. Based at Aongatete Lodge near Katikati. For more info: www.edventure.co.nz or Mob: 021 022 41576.
- **Hamilton City Gymsports Holiday Programme** runs 30 September-11 October for 5-13yr olds, 9am-3pm, \$36 per day, at 3 Mainstreet, Te Rapa. For more info Ph: 849 4546 or email: office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz or book at: www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz
- **Waikato YMCA Holiday Programme** offers 12 programmes across 10 sites Hamilton wide, including a programme in Cambridge. For more info contact the Hamilton office Ph: 8382529 or book on www.ymcahamilton.org.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead
Principal

Knighton's Preschool Register:

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Address: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Current Preschool: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____