

Teacher Only Day

This Friday 2nd September - School closed for instruction.

Kia ora/Greetings,

As you will be aware, this Friday is our Teacher Only Day. Our staff will be engaging in a variety of Professional Development around Literacy, Numeracy, Te Reo Māori and Sign Language. A reminder that school will be closed for instruction on this day.

Both Barb Cowie and I were recently down in Christchurch at the annual Normal and Model Schools Conference. There are 29 Normal and Model Schools in Aotearoa/New Zealand. All 29 kura are aligned with Universities and play an active role in 'Initial Teacher Education'. In other words, our school has two main functions; to teach children and to train adults to become teachers. Below is an extract from the Normal and Model Schools Association website explaining where the word 'Normal' originated from.

Normal Schools have been in existence since the 16th Century when a group of schools in France became interested in preparing people for teaching. The French concept of "école normale" was to establish schools to model best teaching practices thereby setting a standard or norm for student teachers.

Reminder of Bell times and breaks

- 8.30 - Children can be on school grounds
- 8.55 - Warning bell to start to head to class
- 9am - School begins

- 10.50 - First play break
- 11.20 - First eating time

- 1.00 - Second play break
- 1.30 - Second eating time

- 3pm - End of Day

We ask that they arrive at school **before** 8.55 a.m and not be signed out **before** 3pm unless we have been notified of an appointment or early finish.



Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2023 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are due by 4.00pm on Wednesday 31 August

- this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 31 August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.

Ministry of Health Illness update

The Ministry of Health has confirmed that the guidance for returning to schools following vomiting or diarrhoea has not changed. If a child is free of those symptoms for 48 hours, they can attend school again. We have updated the winter wellness guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau to reflect the following points:

- If a child has been unwell with a **respiratory illness** other than COVID-19, they can return to school **24 hours** after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.
- Following **vomiting or diarrhoea**, a child should be symptom free for **48 hours** before they can return.
- If they still have a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend school.

Staff car park use

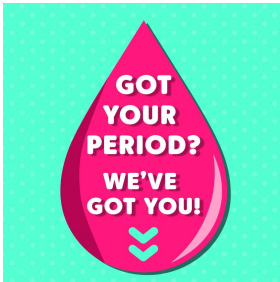


Please do not use the staff car park unless you have spoken to our office staff and have an arrangement in place. We only have one disability park and currently many families are in need of this spot. Additional cars create congestion. If you are unable to find a park at the roadside, within the council road markings, you may find it easier to park in at the nearby church at the Knighton Road/Clyde Street round-a-bout.

! SAVE THE DATE !

Cultural Parade
Wednesday 28th September
9am onwards
More information to come

Free Sanitary Products in Schools



Knighton School is part of the government's Free Period Products in Schools programme.

If you would like your Knighton student to receive free sanitary pads please contact your child's class teacher, someone at the office or a preferred staff member. Then, at the beginning of each month, we can give your Knighton child a supply of free sanitary pads.

What are head lice?



Nits - Kutis - Headlouse
Kutu bugs - Cooties



Anyone can get head lice - it doesn't matter how clean or dirty a person's hair is. Head lice spread by crawling from one person's hair to another's - usually between people who are in close contact, such as family or school classmates.

Remember:

- Check your children's hair every week for head lice.
 - If you find lice or eggs - you need to treat them.
 - Repeat the treatment 7 days later.
- We have information about a wet combing treatment method and free nit combs available at the school office.

Important app differences:



'SchoolappsNZ' - App features:

- Alerts you of any **school wide** notices, including emergencies
- Easiest way to let us know if your child will not be at school - **this is our preferred method of receiving absentee messages**
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups, including sport practice and game changes
- View and add school events to your own phone calendar
- Links you to school newsletters, class newsletters and sports notices

You can download and install 'SchoolappsNZ' **free** from the Google Play or App Store, then search Knighton Normal School.



ClassDojo or Seesaw - free

These are the main forms of communication between the **teacher and the parent/caregiver**. Your child's teacher can share individual or class:

- Messages
- Photos
- Examples of school work
- Learning resources

Do not use this platform to let the teacher know your child won't be at school, please use 'SchoolappsNZ'



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