

Monday, September 26

National Day of Mourning for the Queen.
(No School on this day)

Kia ora/Greetings

This week is Te Wiki o te reo Māori. It is extra special this year because we are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the delivery of the Māori language petition, with over 30,000 signatures, to Parliament. We will have a special assembly tomorrow at 12.00pm where we will sing waiata and celebrate this occasion. Each year, during this week, I'm reminded of the whakatauki, 'Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa - Let us keep close together, not wide apart.'

Last Friday, the whole school gathered together to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We talked about her life of service and sung our National Anthem. A reminder that there will be a Public Holiday on Monday 26th September to mark the passing of The Queen.

We will be carrying out a 'Shelter In Place' drill with the staff and students at school next Monday 19th September at 12.00pm. 'Shelter In Place' is a modified and less restrictive form of Lockdown that many schools are using for events like a stray dog coming onto the property, or a chemical spill near the school vicinity.

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government announced that Cabinet agreed to remove the COVID-19 Protection Framework as of yesterday, Monday 12 September at 11.59pm. The two key changes impacting education providers are:

- The removal of the requirement for household contacts to isolate. Instead, they will be asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.
- Masks are no longer required on public transport or school transport and in line with other mask changes, they are no longer strongly recommended in school settings.

Positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including household contacts, should stay at home and test for COVID-19.

Sports uniform return

Please can we have the following sports uniforms returned:

- Netball
- Football
- Hockey

There are also MANY uniforms that have not been returned yet, so please have a look at home and get your child/ren to bring them to the Smiley Face Window.

**Yummy Stickers**

Yummy cut out labels from bags and apples with Yummy stickers need to be returned so we can send them away to claim our free sports gear! Please collect all these up and put them into the Frog Box at the Smiley Face Window by the end of the term.

UniRec Holiday Program-

The focus is on Healthy Athletic development through education and coaching from skilled staff. Children will learn and develop in many areas, including healthy eating, mindfulness, understanding the developing body and much more. Kahurangi catering will provide children with a healthy morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, all included in the sign up price. Gate 1, Knighton Road, University of Waikato
Contact Michiel
0224310360

Kelly Sports holiday programme -

3rd - 14th October
Take the kids along to have a fun filled time with the awesome staff at Kelly Sports. Loads of fantastic activities are planned. Te Totara, Frankton, Horotiu and Hautapu Schools

SuperSmash Holiday Programme -

Available during the October holiday period. Programmes are available at University of Waikato Nets, with an indoor and outdoor space available. Available in Year 1-4 softball, and Year 5-8 Hardball groups. Girls only programme available. Registration available - <https://www.ndcricket.co.nz/programmes>

Andrew Campbell
Principal



Cultural Celebration and Te Wiki o te reo Māori

Knighton is having a cultural celebration

The 2022 focus is Community and Connection

When: Wednesday 28th September

Starting Time: 9:30am - parade

Where: Knighton School Turf

Please join us to celebrate community and connection and the wonderful cultural mix we have at Knighton Normal School.

The day is jam-packed with something for everyone

Parade of Countries, National Costumes, and Cultures

Wear something that represents your culture and walk in the parade behind a flag.

Cultural Performances

Enjoy a variety of student-led performances.

Kiwiana Morning tea

Following the parade, adults are invited to a Kiwiana morning tea in the Hall.

Cultural Hour

This year we will have an open hour following morning tea where children can participate in cultural workshops, class activities, game, and dances, and there will be opportunities for more performances.

Are you wanting to perform at the Cultural Festival ?

Registrations are now open for student-led performances

Please contact knighton@kns.ac.nz for a registration form

Important Information

- This festival is for Knighton children to perform at, however, family members can support them.
- Performances should not exceed **2 minutes**.
- Performance registrations close on Thursday 22nd of September 2022. Late registrations will not be accepted.
- Performance music must be recorded, please email an MP3 file of your music to:
knighton@kns.ac.nz by Thursday 22nd of September 2022.

