



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Well here we are in our final term of 2022. We will be sadly farewelling our Year 6's in a few weeks time. We have had an amazing year together.

We have a student teacher arriving in our classroom in Week 4 - Lisandre Anderson. She is coming with a group from Edith Cowan University in Australia and will be with us for 4 weeks. She would like the tamariki to call her Whaea L.

We will be continuing our Mantle of the Expert, using drama and a business in the imagined world to learn about the history of street names in Aotearoa. We will focus, in particular, on learning about the streets named after people from history and discussing why some of them are changing.

We will also be spending time each week with our teina to plant little gardens, seeds and decorate pots to bring our plants home in. Alongside this our bees nest from term 2 will be laid in the school gardens.

We have swimming this term - on Mondays and Thursdays. Please message me if your child is unable to swim on a particular day. It is expected that all children will swim each day as it is a part of the curriculum in Aotearoa.

We will also continue working with Taku Wairua learning about identity and goal setting and giving back to our community. In week 7 we will be heading off to Raglan for the day to learn about being safe at the beach. A notice came home last week. Thank you in advance for those parents who are able to come along and help for the day.

There are some other fun EOTC activities coming up at the end of the year, some of which we will need parent support for, so please keep an out for these too.



EXTRA NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families 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.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play!
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late** please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz
- We use Chromebooks and iPads a lot to support our learning. Each child in the senior school has their own log in to Google within the school network. They can share the things they are doing in the Drive by logging in at home too. It is very important that you are connected to Seesaw as I use it regularly and often to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw, please email me nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you do not want your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or flick me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have. It is very important that you are connected to this, as we try to share information with you in a timely manner, sometimes Seesaw will be the best and quickest way to get the information to you.

I actively check my emails throughout the day so please email me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing: nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz However, if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message.



Ngā mihi nui e te whānau,
Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)