



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te Akomanga Rima!

Tēnā koutou katoa.
Ko Hōrana ratou ko Kirihi ngā
whenua o ōku tupuna.
Ko Tokaanu te whenua o tōku
manawa.
Ko Tony raua ko Debbie ōku
matua.
Ko Heidi taku tamahine.
Ko Masyn taku whangai.
Ko Darren tōku hoa rangatira.
Kei kaiako ahau e mahi ana.
Ko Knighton Normal tōku kura.
Ko Antoniadis tōku ingoa
whānau.
Ko Nicole ahau.
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā
tatou katoa.

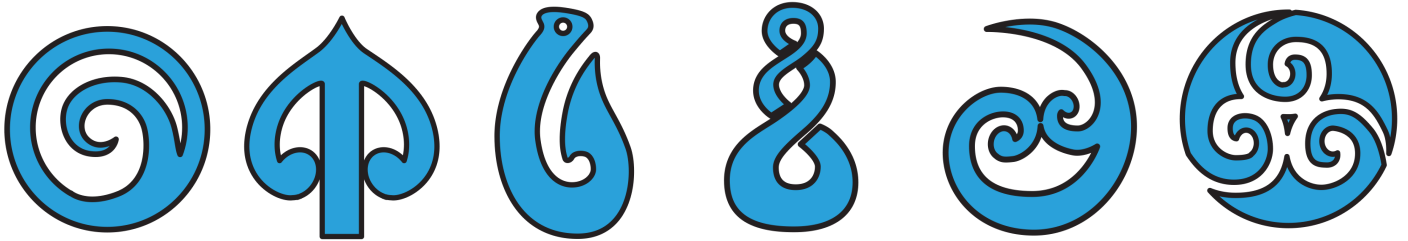


**Whiria
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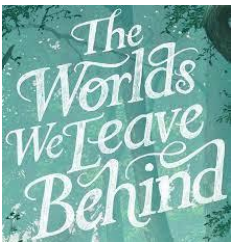
*Weave
the
people
together*



Yay, 2023! I am so looking forward to this year with your tamariki (fingers crossed without covid interruptions!). We have lots of great learning (ako) and fun planned and I can't wait to see your children grow as learners, leaders and members of our akomanga. My door is always open, feel free to pop in.



We will be spending time in term 1 getting to know each other, who we are and where we are from, under the theme



“The Worlds We Leave Behind”, inspired by a book of the same name by A. F. Harrold, which will culminate in the Cultural Festival at the end of Term 1. We will also learn about managing ourselves and our emotions through mindfulness and gratefulness, and unpacking the Knighton Way and Knighton values. We will unpack our whakaaro (thoughts and ideas) and matauranga (knowledge) of the te ao Māori creation story. We will also look at Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We work collaboratively with A2 and A16 and sometimes A9 as a tuakana-teina.

A huge part of my programme will incorporate Mantle of the Expert, Process Drama and Drama for Learning. We will be looking further into the Critical Histories of New Zealand and using drama as a vehicle to unpack all the awesome thinking we will be doing.

I am currently on a haerenga (journey) with te reo Māori having completed a lot of professional learning. This development flows into the classroom where we will begin our days immersing ourselves in te reo Māori in various ways. I am also learning New Zealand Sign Language and with support from our Learning Assistant Whaea Vicki Wallace the children will also be learning NZSL. I have put the NZSL fingerspelling alphabet at the end of this notice just in case you would like to practise some with your tamariki at home.



Reading and writing will be taught daily, often being incorporated into our other learning. Children will work with me, with each other and on their own to develop their literacy skills. Sometimes we use devices to support this learning, only if this is targeted at the literacy needs of the child. Some children will attend the Literacy Centre and others will be working in structured literacy groups in class developing their skills with spelling sounds and phonics.

We will be cross-grouping for maths. Most children will be staying with me, however there are a few who will be in other senior classes for maths too.

We use Chromebooks and iPads 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.



I will be using Seesaw this year to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages or announcements. 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.

Team building, swimming, fitness, cricket skills, game play, and confidence will form part of our Phys Ed programme. We will be outside and developing our skills on a regular basis (but avoiding the strongest heat of the day too!!). Our **swimming** days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, please ensure your children bring their togs on these days. Swimming is not optional as it is a part of our New Zealand Curriculum, and it is important for our 'kiwi kids' to be water wise when living so close to it. Please provide a note, Seesaw message or email if your child is unable to swim on any particular day. We always swim in the first block before 10am.



KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL EXTRA SCHOOLWIDE 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! This is especially important in the winter months.
- 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 opens for children at 8.30am.
- We would love a collection of tissues for the classroom, if you are able to donate a box to our collection it would be highly appreciated - especially when we get closer to winter!.
- 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 every second Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz

I try to check my emails and Seesaw 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.

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2023. I look forward to meeting with you all at the Meet the Teacher picnic in the next few weeks - details to come, or simply when you pop in before school.

Nga mihi nui,
Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

