



**KNIGHTON**  
**NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Akomanga 30

Xin chào, ayubowan, muraho bite, nǐ hǎo, bula, halo olaketa, mālō e lelei, talofa, namaste, tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei akomanga toru tekau! Welcome to Akomanga 30 ❤️

Welcome to those of you who are new to our whānau akomanga (classroom family) and welcome back to those we already know. 2023 promises to be a year full of fun, learning and exciting new experiences for our tamariki.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Pirongia me Taranaki ōku maunga.

Ko Waikato me Waitotoroa ōku awa.

Ko Kurahaupo, me Tainui ngā waka.

Ko Waikato Tainui me Taranaki ōku iwi.

Ko Kōtiana rātou ko Ingarangi ngā whenua tōku whānau whaea.

Kei Kirikiriroa ahau e noho ana.

Ko Tira rāua Ko Whakarongo ōku tupuna matua

Ko James rāua ko Jane ōku tupuna whaea

Ko Whanawhana Totorewa Tairawhiti Tauranga-ika tōku matua.

Ko Margaret tōku whaea.

Ko Whakarongo ahau.

Ko Jamie tāku tāne.

Ko Grace rāua Ko Jordan āku tamariki.

Ko Arty tāku ngeru.

Ko Storm raua ko Noah āku kuri.



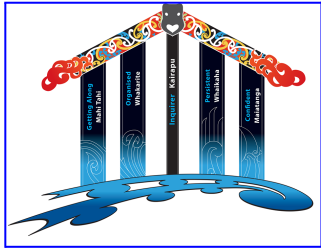
*Greetings. Pirongia and Taranaki are my mountains. Waikato and Waitotoroa are my rivers. Kurahaupo and Tainui are my waka. Waikato-Tainui and Taranaki are my iwi. My mother's family comes from Scotland and England. I live in Kirikiriroa. Tira and Whakarongo are my grandparents on my father's side. James and Jane are my grandparents on my mother's side. My father is Whanawhana Totorewa Tairawhiti Tauranga-ika (Rana for short). My mother is Margaret. I am Whakarongo. My husband is Jamie. Grace and Jordan are my children. My cat is Arty. Storm and Noah are our dogs.*



**“Breath is the bridge which connects life to consciousness, which unites your body to your thoughts. Whenever your mind becomes scattered, use your breath as the means to take hold of your mind again.”**

– THICH NHAT HANH

Our Knighton Way focus in term one is: Mahi tahī - Getting Along. We will spend time exploring what this means for us as a whānau. If you would like to find out more about the Knighton Way and our values, please visit our school website [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)



- I am a role model at KNS
- I use my WITS & PETS
- I speak and act respectfully
- I work with anyone no matter what our differences might be
- I value friends and actions that 'lift' others up, not put people down

**Knighton Values**



**Manawaroa**  
Resilience



**Tuurangawaewae**  
Belonging



**Auahatanga**  
Creativity



**Hauora**  
Well-Being



**Whakaute**  
Respect



**Angituu**  
Success



**PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

**Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga**

In akomanga 30 learning te reo Māori me ōna tikanga (Māori language and customs) is an important part of our daily routine. We are all learning together - he waka eke noa. Our goal is to 'normalise' the use of te reo within our kura (school) and community. You can join us on our journey by asking pātai/questions about what we are doing in class and practising using the kupu (words) that you know in your everyday life and with your tamariki/children.

Learning to know ourselves, be proud of who we are and incorporate the concept of [Whanaungatanga](#), working together like a family, is our shared goal.

### **Dramatic Inquiry and mahi toi (the arts)**

We combine inquiry, drama and the arts with our imagination while learning about real and meaningful concepts and ideas. We take on different roles, learn to trust our judgement, problem solve, make decisions and share power and responsibility for our learning. We learn to walk in both the real and the imagined worlds at the same time. Exploring Aotearoa's critical histories from multiple perspectives using dramatic Inquiry and the arts, will form a significant part of our curriculum, with our initial focus being Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

### **Reo Matatini / Literacy**

We learn and practise skills in reo matatini (literacy) everyday. Our initial focus is developing a love of books and learning to write / speak to communicate our ideas in interesting and effective ways.

### **Pāngarau / Mathematics**

We cross group for maths each afternoon starting in Week 3. Tamariki are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of maths concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

## **ADMINISTRATION**



We use the seesaw platform to share your child's learning and let you know what is happening in class. A letter came home today with instructions for how your whānau (family) can connect to your child's journal and our class. After this week, I will send an email invitation to any whānau who are not yet connected. Feel free to get in touch if you need any help with this ([wtauranga@kns.ac.nz](mailto:wtauranga@kns.ac.nz))

### **Online Kindo shop**

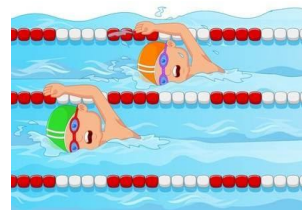
To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need any assistance setting this up.

## Library

Our library day is Thursday. Tamariki can issue two books each week that they can take home to read. Please remind your child to return their pukapuka (books) each week.

## Class swimming

We swim every **Rāapa/Wednesday** and **Rāmere/Friday**. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, seesaw or send a note to school.



Information about senior swimming sports will come home later in the term.

### **Important to Note...**

- **Medication:** 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.
- **Stationery:** Our stationery notice went home today. If you would like to organise a payment plan please don't hesitate to contact the office to work something out - they are more than happy to do this as we understand this can be a very expensive time of year. We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.
- **Tissues:** If you're happy to provide a box of tissues for our class to use during the year, we would be most grateful.



## **AP release day**

Lyndsay Peers teaches in Akomanga 30 each Rāpare / Thursday. She is an experienced kaiako who loves teaching and learning. She is a warm and caring person who I know your tamariki will love. Much of Lyndsay's programme will have a creative literacy focus that includes the arts.

If you'd like to contact myself or Lyndsay, you can message us using the seesaw app or via email at the following addresses: Whakarongo - [wtauranga@kns.ac.nz](mailto:wtauranga@kns.ac.nz) Lyndsay - [lpeers@kns.ac.nz](mailto:lpeers@kns.ac.nz)

Whānau are always welcome in class as tamariki love to share their learning with you. Both Lyndsay and I look forward to meeting you and building strong relationships in order to support and nurture our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui

*Whakarongo Tauranga* and *Lyndsay Peers*