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Akomanga 32

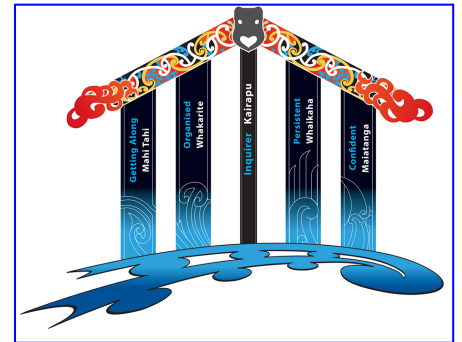
Bula, kia orana, t ā lofa lava, konnichiwa, namaste, ayubowan, hej, t ē n ā koutou e te wh ā nau, nau mai, haere mai ki t ē nei akomanga toru tekau ma rua! Welcome to those of you who are new to our wh ā nau (family) and welcome back to those we already know. It is a privilege to welcome your children into the classroom and to a year filled with collaboration, connection and lots of learning.

Our Learning in Term 1

Our Knighton Way focus is: Mahi Tahi - Getting Along. We will

spend time exploring what this means for us as a wh ā nau. If you would like to find out more about the Knighton Way, our values or dispositions, please visit our school website www.kns.ac.nz

- Socially responsible
- Playing by the rules
- Thinking first
- Accepting others
- Valuing cultures
- Co-operative



Culture and Identity- Mana Motuhake/ Hauora- Well-being

Who are we & Who am I?

- This learning will see us understand Mason Durie's whare tapa wh ā model and investigate other cultures models of health.
- We will also explore our own identity and culture, which will lead into our school wide cultural celebrations in week 10.

Taku Wairua

- This programme is delivered weekly on a Tuesday. Their vision is to make personal development and growth an achievable option for every Kiwi. Please see the p ā nui (reading) that was sent home last week for more information. Additionally there is a youtube clip Taku Wairua- About Us that has some valuable information.

Kaukau/ Swimming

Our swimming days are Tuesday/Rātu and Thursday/ Rāpare

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.



Library/Whare pukapuka

Our library day is Wednesday. Tamariki can issue books each week that they can take home to read.

Opportunities in the senior school

Encourage your child to take the chance to step up and out of their comfort zone and consider what opportunities they might participate in. They could consider how they could give back to our school community (acts of service - road patrol/traffic wardens, mediation, librarian, student council), represent our school in an area like sport, choir or participate in opportunities to grow their personal skills by joining art club, drama, cycling or taking music lessons.



School hats

School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased via Kindo or from the school office for \$10. If your child does not have a school hat, they will only be able to play in our designated shady areas during morning tea and lunch breaks. School hats are the only hats to be worn at kura (school).

Brain Break Kai/ No nut school

During the first block, we stop at around 10am for a brain break. Children are encouraged to get a healthy snack if possible i.e. fruit, vegetables, cheese etc and have a drink of water. *Please remember KNS is a water only school and a no nut school due to children having allergies.*



Tissues/Medicine

To help maintain a healthy classroom we use tissues for runny noses and sneezes. If at any time during the year you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to our class, we would be most grateful.

Medicine: 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.

Online Kindo shop

We encourage families to pay any 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. 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.



Stationery: Our stationary notice went home last week. 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 the year.

Seesaw

In Akomanga 32 we use 'Seesaw' to connect with families and share our learning adventures. If you are not familiar with 'Seesaw', you will find this is an excellent app you can download to your phone. You can see and comment encouragingly on your child's learning journey. It is great to see lots of you have already seen our recent learning around 'Getting Along- Mahi Tahi'. This week I will be sending home instructions to connect if you have not yet been able to access this platform.



Ng ā mihi nui e te wh ā nau,

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