



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Room 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great start to the year! What an awesome group of kids! I have really enjoyed getting to know your child. The year ahead is packed full of quality learning opportunities so be ready!

Stationery

A very big thanks to all the families who have already paid for their stationery. School costs can be paid online through our Kindo shop. You can go to www.mykindo.co.nz and set up an account. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Alternatively, you can pop forms and money into the frog box in the office.

I will issue all stationery by the beginning of next week. Starting in new books is always an exciting time of the year!

Library

Our library day will be Thursdays. Children can issue two books each week. Books can be kept in tote trays or taken home.

Sunhats

It is important for children to be wearing the school sunhat to protect their faces and heads from our hot sun and UV rays. If you don't already have a hat then you can buy one from the school office for \$10 via the Kindo shop.. Hats are compulsory when playing outside.

Swimming

Our swimming days are every Monday and Wednesday

We are so lucky at Knighton to have a swimming pool where the water is warmed slightly which means the swimming season lasts all of Term 1 and Term 4.. Swimming is a very important part of our learning programme.

Team Building Day

On **Friday the 24 February (Week 4)** the Middle School will be holding a team building morning starting at 10.50 am and finishing at 1 pm. Your child will be involved in a range of fun activities. You are welcome to come along and join in. Some of these activities involve the pool and water, so please ensure togs are sent to school that day!!

Term One Topics

Reading, writing and maths programmes are very important. You can be assured I want your child to not only enjoy these subjects but to really succeed in these areas as well.

Our science unit this term will be **Frogs**. In health we will be learning about **how to get along with others**. In social sciences we will be learning about the **Treaty of Waitangi** and its significance. Leading up to our school wide **cultural festival and parade** which will be held on **Thursday 11 April**, (Week 9) we will focus on family cultural treasures as a way to talk and learn about the many cultures within our class. In **Te Reo Māori** we will begin learning words for classroom objects and then learning how to use these words in basic sentences. In PE our focus will be **swimming**.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

Tuesday 21 February from 5 - 6.30pm (Week 4) we will have a school picnic. This is a chance for us to meet and also for you to get to know other families in our school community.

Class Pets: Winky

We have a class pet. Winky is a golden bell frog who enjoys eating flies and small live insects. If you are able to catch any live insects and bring them to school for him that would be fantastic! Winky has proved very popular, showing off his acrobatic skills.

Other Notes...

- **Breakfast club is available daily from 8.30am for any child.**
- We use a lot of tissues in our class that are not supplied by the school. If you are able to donate a box of tissues for us to use as a class that would help keep us healthy and would be very much appreciated.

Nuts and Fish

Just a reminder that we do have someone in our class this year who can have an anaphylactic reaction if they come into contact with nuts or fish. Please keep this in mind when selecting food to send to school with your child for lunch.

Sweets

Knighton promotes healthy eating and drinking, children are asked not to bring any sweets to school. We also strongly encourage children to bring just water in their drink bottle. Thanks so much for your understanding on this!

Your Child

It has been great to meet so many of you during our first couple of weeks. My email is pgardener@kns.ac.nz should you want to discuss any issues. I am also available through 'Class Dojo' or pop in before or after school.

I am super excited about our year together and all of the things already planned and yet to be imagined that should make it a truly memorable year!

Pauline Gardener Ward