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Akomanga 29

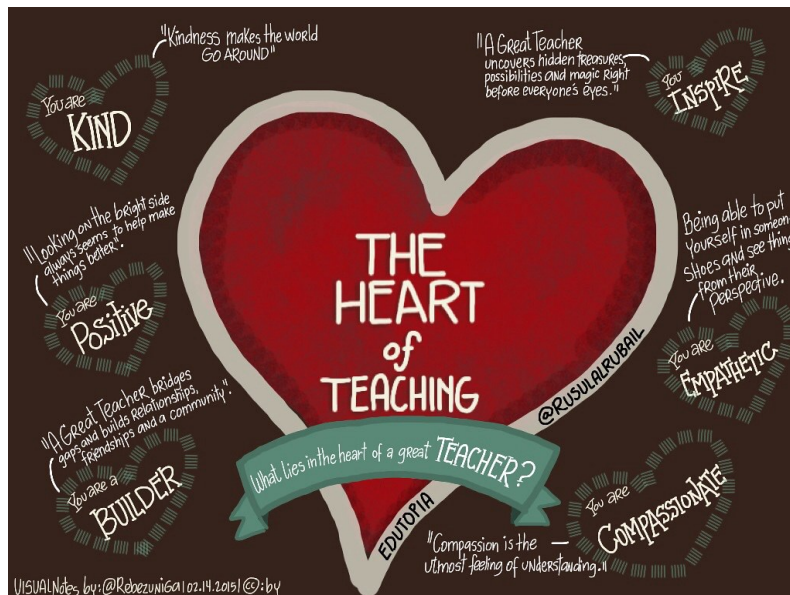
Kia ora e te whaanau,

It has been wonderful getting to know all the students during the first couple of weeks back at Knighton Normal School. Welcome new students to Akomanga 29 and welcome back to those students who were in the class last year. I look forward to an exciting year ahead, full of lots of learning opportunities for everyone.

Teena koutou katoa
Ko Whangaroa tooku awa
Ko Moetonga tooku maunga
Ko Ngaiotonga tooku marae
Ko Ngaati Tautahi tooku haapu
Ko Ngaatiwai me Ngaapuhi ooku iwi
Ko Kootirana me Ingarani ngaa whenua tooku
whanau whaea
Ko Waata raaua ko Ngaamoko ooku tuupuna matua
Ko Robert raaua ko Marian ooku tuupuna whaea
Ko Hoori Okeroa tooku matua
Ko Frances tooku whaea
Ko Nicola ahau
Ko Grant tooku hoa rangatira
Ko Caleigh raatou ko Jamie, ko Ashley aaku tamariki



Greetings everyone. Whangaroa is my river. Moetonga is my mountain. Ngaiotonga is my marae. Ngaati Tautahi is my hapu. Ngaatiwai and Ngaapuhi are my iwi. My mothers family are from Scotland and England. My fathers parents are Waata and Ngaamoko. My mothers parents are Robert and Marian. My father is George Okeroa. My mother is Frances. I am Nicola. My husband is Grant. My children are Caleigh, Jamie and Ashley.









Getting Along Mahi Tahī

Our Knighton Way focus in term one is: Mahi tahi - 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



- 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

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 29 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. On Friday a letter went home 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 nedwards@kns.ac.nz

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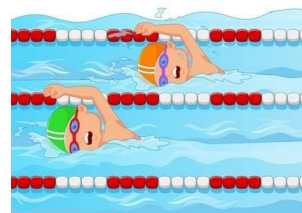
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Library

Our library day is **Raatu/Tuesday**. 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:** 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.



Weekly release day

I am released by Lyndsay Peers who will teach in Akomanga 29 each Rāmere / Friday. 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: Nicola - nedwards@kns.ac.nz Lyndsay - 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

Nicola Edwards and Lyndsay Peers