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Akomanga 27

Kia ora e te whānau,

Bula, talofa, hei, kia orana, konnichiwa, assalamu-'alaikum, namaste, āyubōvan, tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei akomanga rua tekau mā whitu! Welcome to those of you who are new to our whānau (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.

My name is Whaea Carol Morris. I have the pleasure of working with your tamariki this term. I have been relieving at KNS over the past two years and have had the pleasure of spending time with your child over this time as a reliever. I look forward to getting to know your tamariki more and supporting them on their learning journey.

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 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 year. We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.
- **Reminders:**
 - ◆ Our school has a No Sweets and No Nuts policy. Please refrain from including these items in your child's lunches.
 - ◆ We are a Water Only school. Please encourage your child to bring a drink bottle filled with water and to drink regularly during the day.



We will use the seesaw platform to share your child’s learning and let you know what is happening in class. A letter went home Week Two with instructions for how your whānau (family) can connect to your child’s journal and our class. I have sent an email invitation to any whānau who are not yet connected. Thank you to those who have connected already. Feel free to get in touch if you need any help with this (cmorris@kns.ac.nz)

**Getting Along
Mahi Tahī**

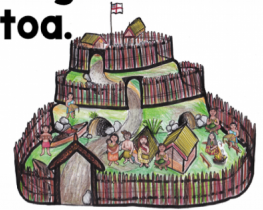
Our Knighton Way focus is: Mahi tahi - Getting Along. We will spend time exploring what this means for us as a whānau. If you would like to find out more about the Knighton Way and our values, please visit our school website www.kns.ac.nz



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

**Me mahi tahi tātou
mō te oranga o te
katoa.**

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone



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Knighton Values



Manawaroa
Resilience



Tuurangawa
ewae
Belonging



Auahatanga
Creativity



Hauora
Well-Being



Whakaute
Respect



Angituu
Success

Opportunities in the senior school

Encourage your child to take the chance to step up and out of their comfort zone to consider what opportunities they might participate in. They could think about 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 or taking music lessons.

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 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.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Taku Wairua

We've had our introduction to the Taku Wairua programme with a visit from Wiri Nikora. Our class sessions will be on Tuesdays each week during Term One. Information was sent home on Monday about this exciting programme that we are fortunate to be part of. Go to this link if you would like to know more: <https://www.takuwairua.co.nz/>



Pāngarau / Mathematics

We cross group for maths each afternoon, which began last week. Children 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.

Te Reo Māori me ngā tikanga

In Akomanga 27 learning te reo Māori me ngā 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.

Reo Matatini / Literacy

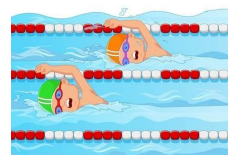
Developing a love of books is our main goal this term. Learning to read to ourselves without interruption, understand and enjoy the message, ask questions and find books that we love to read, talk about and share. Finding books we love to read will help us find stories we want to tell. Learning to write about our thoughts and experiences, without judgement, and share our ideas on paper is our focus in term one.

Library

Our day for visiting the library will be Fridays. Any unreturned books from last year will need to be returned before your child will be able to issue new books.

Class swimming

We swim on **Rahina/Monday** 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.



Upcoming events

Meet kaiako - whānau picnic (Whānau meet the teacher)

Week 4 Tuesday 21 February 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Cricket Weeks 4, 5, & 6



Senior Athletics Rotation will take place during Weeks 6-8

Cultural celebration – parade, festival and class activities

Week 10 Wednesday 5 April



Easter and School holidays Week 10

Good Friday is 7 April. School holidays 7 April to Tuesday 26 April.

If you would like to contact me for any reason about your child or our programme, please call the school on 07 856 5399 or email me at cmorris@kns.ac.nz

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.

Hei konā mai rā, nā

Carol Morris

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