

21st March 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

Firstly, thank you for your understanding and messages of support for last week's 'Principals and Teachers Strike'. Negotiations over pay and conditions resume this week so we are hopeful progress will be made.

We are looking forward to a couple of community events coming up over the next few weeks as we near the end of our first term. You will have received a notice about the upcoming visit by [Te Ahi Ora](#) and we also look forward to our Cultural Parade on Wednesday 5th April. One of our goals this year was to offer opportunities to reconnect with our school community after the last three years.

Last week we were fortunate to have a group of Japanese Students from Makuhari visit our school for a few hours. The students were welcomed onto our school with a powhiri then spent time with some of our senior class's games. The teachers from Japan found our students to be very, very friendly and welcoming.

The Ministry of Education have asked that all schools have a Teacher Only Day, within the first two weeks of Term 2, to work on the new curriculum refresh that will be rolled out by 2026. We have chosen to have our **Teacher Only Day on Monday 24th April which is the first Monday of Term 2**. We chose this day as the following day, Tuesday 25th April, is a public holiday to commemorate ANZAC Day. A reminder will go out about this near the end of term 1.

A friendly reminder that the [school car park is for staff only](#). If you need to use the disability car park in our staff car park, please see the office staff about getting a permission ticket to place in your car. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Japanese Visitors

As mentioned, 4 senior classes were lucky to have been visited by students from Makuhari School in Japan. They brought with them games and activities from Japan, which the tamariki in the senior classes were able to participate in. Our tamariki and kaiako then taught kemu (games) or shared waiata in return. A particular highlight was having the students in the playground with us for our lunch play break. Lots of fun, laughter and serious game play!

Brain Break

At 10am daily the children have a brain break in the classroom. Appropriate low sugar, healthy snack foods could be, a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurt, or a small sandwich.

***Remember - no nuts in school**

Safe Walking

Our New Entrant / Year 1 classes have been learning all about safe walking.

Some of the things we learn about are how to spot sneaky driveways and check carefully before crossing them, to follow the instructions of our road patrollers who are there to keep us safe, and that red means stop and green means check.

We should always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and LINK (hold hands with our parent or other adult).

A big thank you to Koka Materoa and our road patrollers who took time out of their busy days to help us.



Cultural Festival

During term 1 we have been learning about language, culture and identity in our hugely diverse school community. Knighton is one of the most ethnically diverse primary schools in New Zealand and we love to celebrate this.

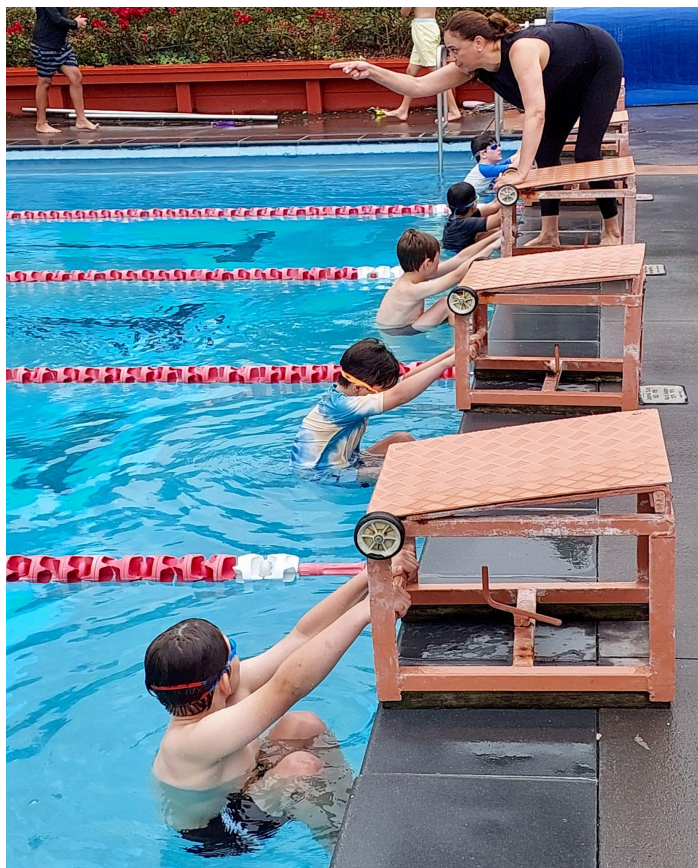
Week 10 will be Culture Celebration Week when we will have our annual Parade and Cultural Festival on Wednesday 5th of April 2023. Your children can dress in their National costume if they wish and whanau are welcome to come and join the celebration.

If your child would like to perform at the Cultural Festival registration forms can be collected from the office or email knighton@kns.ac.nz. More information about the festival will be sent home later in the week.

Reading Together Workshop

The last of our three 'Reading Together' workshops will be held in our School Library tomorrow night, 22nd of March, from 5:30-6:30pm.

SWIMMING



As the year 5's and 6's prepared to go to Boys' High School, Mr Hannah told us which car and teacher/parent we were going with. People were with Mr Hannah, Miss Hintz, Mr Campbell and Miss T. We walked out of school with our bags on our backs. We asked Miss Hintz where we were going to sit - we started on the benches but then sat under the shelter as it started to rain.

We waited for the rain to slow down so we could do a warmup with Miss T.

For the racing - we began with freestyle, then backstroke and then breaststroke. But in the breaststroke, Ava and Caiden were tired, so Mr Hannah told them to redo it. The rest of us hopped in the little pool to watch. Many people were screaming at the top of their lungs. "GOOO AVAA, WOOO!!" or "GOOO CAIDEEENN!"

Ava swam and swam until she touched the wall. She wasn't happy to see Caiden already there but she didn't complain because Caiden was good at swimming. We had an awesome time and got to celebrate the winners, which you can see below.

Ava Chen and Harper Coffin (Room 28)

Swimming Results

Year 5 Girls results

Timaima - A5 1st Freestyle (25m)
1st Backstroke (25m)

Year 5 Boys results

Caleb - A32 1st Thompson Cup (25m)
1st Freestyle (25m)
1st Backstroke (25m)
1st Breaststroke (25m)

Evan - A29 2nd Thompson Cup (25m)
2nd Backstroke (25m)
Theo - A5 3rd Thompson Cup (25m)
2nd Freestyle (25m)
3rd Backstroke (25m)
Brayden - A30 3rd Freestyle (25m)

Year 6 Girls Results

Tkeelar - A30 1st Ostler (50m)
2nd Freestyle (25m)
3rd Breaststroke (25m)
Dorinda- A32 2nd Ostler Cup (50m)
Ava - A28 3rd Ostler Cup (50m)
3rd Freestyle (25m)
3rd Backstroke (25m)
2nd Breaststroke (25m)
Caiden - A30 1st Freestyle (25m)
1st Backstroke (25m)
1st Breaststroke (25m)

Year 6 Boys Results

Ezrah A30 1st Freestyle (25m)
1st Backstroke (25m)
2nd Breaststroke (25m)
Rome A29 2nd Freestyle (25m)
2nd Backstroke (25m)
Kade A30 3rd Backstroke (25m)
1st Breaststroke (25m)
King A28 3rd Freestyle (25m)

HOCKEY - if your child is interested in playing Saturday hockey in a school team information is available on [our website](#) or at the school office, or email dhannah@kns.ac.nz

RUGBY



The Chiefs called in last week to meet some lucky children before their winning game at Waikato Stadium on Saturday.

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal