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Room 2

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you got to spend some quality time with your family during the holidays and are refreshed for the next 10 weeks. For those parents that were able to watch the senior school production 'A Whole New World' I hope you enjoyed the show as much as the students did performing for you. Many of the children will look back fondly at the production and count it as one of their primary school highlights. It was pleasing to see many of our tamariki grow in confidence throughout the shows, this will help them achieve Knighton's Term 4 school goal - confidence / Maiatanga.

## The Knighton Way: Confidence / Maiatanga



***We want our children to know their strengths, talents and weaknesses.  
They are unique.***

- Accepting ourselves
- Being independent
- Taking Risks
- Sense of Belonging
- Identity

### Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to Room 2's Topic study of water safety. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term 3. As a class we will also revisit learning intentions that multiple students have had difficulty with throughout the year.

Individual spelling words will continue to be sent home each week in students spelling books. They will contain words that have been spelt incorrectly in their writing book or words of an appropriate level. Please assist me by making sure your child knows the meaning of these words as they are not meant to pick ones they are unfamiliar with. Students will be tested on

these words on Friday of every week. Students can also use the website [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) as it has a number of activities that they will find useful.

School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child. If you are able to do this regularly, it makes a huge difference to their learning.

## **Maths**

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenges their thinking, extends their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourages them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

## **Topic**

During Term 4 we will be focusing on beach safety as we organise ourselves for Room 2's class trip to Raglan. Sadly, New Zealand has one of the highest rates of drowning in the world. The beach unit has been created with the help of Surf Life Saving New Zealand in an effort to curb these statistics. Throughout these studies students will learn to identify a Surf Lifeguard, describe the Surf Lifeguards role in rescuing people, recognise a rip and understand how to keep themselves safe when visiting a beach. I will be asking for parent helpers to assist with our Raglan Beach trip closer to the time.

## **Hats**

A reminder that students are required to wear their Knighton hats when outside in Term 4. Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$5 or online using the Kindo Shop.

## **Swimming**

Room 2's swimming days are Monday and Wednesday (week 2). Knighton Normal School is again lucky enough to have swimming instructors coaching our students during Term 4. This will be at no cost to parents. Please remind your child to bring their togs on these days.



## Room 2's Japan Crew



Cast members of Knighton's 'A Whole New World'

## Important Dates

### **Knighton's Fun Run**

Week 1 - Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> (Please run, walk, skip, jump with us - it'll be fun!)

### **Room 2's Assembly**

Week 5 - Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Raglan Beach Trip**

Week 7 - Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Service Assembly**

Week 9 - Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Senior Fun Day**

Week 9 - Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Final Assembly**

Week 10 - Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

Ngaa mihi

James Penman