



**KNIGHTON
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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, haere mai ki te term 2 in Akomanga Rima!

I am excited to continue our learning journey, jumping off from the great start we had in term 1.

KAUPAPA (INQUIRY)

To kick off the term we will be re-establishing our culture of kindness, mindfulness and respect. This will lead into the continuation of our learning about the history of Aotearoa, looking closely at where we are from, how we got here and how much the world has changed right up until today. Our learning journey is collated on our akomanga wall, feel free to come and see what we are up to and what we know now. We will also be completing a science kit later in the term called Who-dunnit where we will look at forensic science.



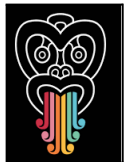
TE REO MATATINI (LITERACY) - Pānuī me Tuhituhi (Reading and Writing)



We will be looking closely at different reading strategies throughout term 2, these include unpacking vocabulary, predicting, inference, reacting, synthesising and summarising. We will access this learning through shared books, read alouds, journals, and group novels. We will also be doing Catch Up Your Code as a class as we develop our spelling through looking closely at phonics and sounds. Daily writing, which falls out of our reading and inquiring, will continue to develop our independence to fluently draft, craft, edit and act on feedback.

HAUORA (WELLBEING)

With a focus on self-regulation we will be practising mindful breathing and movement, along with our daily 'Move to Learn'. We will also be working on our fitness with skipping and running games.

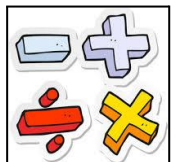


TE REO MĀORI AND NZSL

We will be learning more about our pepeha, the akomanga, describing people and weather. This will continue alongside our learning of NZSL.

PANGARAU (MATHS)

Cross-grouping continues. Your child will remain with their kaiako from term 1 for pangarau. Each class is working on different aspects of pangarau.



REMINDERS

Our lovely Whaea Vicki (CSW Learning Assistant) will be with us again this term. Whaea Te Rina (our graduate teaching student from UoW) will be in every Wednesday until Week 6 when she will be back every day for 5 weeks - so you will undoubtedly hear lots about them!

We use Chromebooks and iPads to support our learning. Each child in the senior school has their own log in to Google within the school network. They can share the things they are doing in the Drive by logging in at home too.

I am quite active using Seesaw to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom. I also use it to share messages or announcements. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw or have any questions about it, please email me nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz. It is very important that you are connected to this, as we try to share information with you in a timely manner, sometimes Seesaw will be the best and quickest way to get the information to you.



EXTRA SCHOOLWIDE NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families 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.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- 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.
- We would prefer if your children kept their cell phones at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is late please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is absent please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road. The school opens for children at 8.30am.
- We would love a collection of tissues for the classroom, if you are able to donate a box to our collection it would be highly appreciated - especially when we get closer to winter!.
- The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home every second Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz

I try to check my emails and Seesaw throughout the day so please email me with any questions, concerns, or to share great things your children are doing: nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz **However, if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message.**

My door is always open.



Nga mihi nui,
Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or
Whaea Nicole)

