

2nd May 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a restful Easter break. The children have had a very settled start back to school life this term which is pleasing.

Our staff had a very productive Teacher Only Day on Monday 24th April. We had a series of workshops on oral language and structured literacy, supporting positive behaviour which promotes effective learning, and continuing our staff journey on learning te reo.

This year we are placing a large focus on The Knighton Way which is a set of Learning Dispositions and Values that promote learning and good citizenship here at Knighton Normal School.

Our Learning Dispositions include;

- Mahi Tahi - Getting Along
- Whakarite - Organised
- Kairapu - Inquirer
- Whaikaha - Persistent
- Maiatanga - Confident.



Our Knighton Values represent how we treat one another and how we aspire to be. These include;

-  Turangawaewae - Belonging
-  Whakaute - Respect
-  Manawaroa - Resilience
-  Angituu - Success
-  Auahatanga - Creativity
-  Hauora - Wellbeing

I will cover each of these in more detail in subsequent newsletters.

Lastly, I would like to thank Delta Lamb and Viminaye Thomas for representing Knighton Normal School at the ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony held at Memorial Park last Tuesday. They, along with students from other schools, laid a wreath from the school by the cenotaph.



I felt very important and proud when I was chosen to represent Knighton School at the ANZAC ceremony. ANZAC day is special because it is a time to remember the soldiers who died in the Gallipoli war. Poppies grew in the battlefields where many of our soldiers were killed. So we wear the poppy to remember them. Every year there is a dawn service or ANZAC ceremony. Prayers and speeches are made by many important people such as the Mayor and the NZ army. I am so honoured to have taken part in such a special occasion.

We will remember them.

Viminaye Thomas A30

I was ecstatic and grateful to be selected to represent Knighton Normal School laying the wreath at this years ANZAC service. I was proud to honour past relatives who have served in the world wars and Vietnam. My favourite part was the Mayor's speech and the music.

Delta Lamb A5

Bikes and Scooters

- If your child brings a skateboard, bike, scooter or roller blades to school please ensure they are labelled with your child's name so they can be clearly identified.
- Bikes should be locked to the bike stand between rooms 6 and 25
- Your child's teacher can tell you the best place to leave a scooter etc
- Skateboards, scooters, bikes and roller blades are not to be ridden in the grounds or on pathways at any time.
- Scooters and bikes etc are at school at the owner's risk.

Playtime Visits

Enrolled pre-schoolers can attend Playtime sessions with their parents/caregivers. These sessions are held each Wednesday from 1:50pm to 2:45pm for up to 10 weeks prior to starting school

Visits for Wednesday 17th May are cancelled as all the new entrants and year 1 classes will be visiting the zoo.



You will also receive a flier today with all our important dates and activities this term. It's a good idea to keep a copy on your fridge so you can be reminded of upcoming events etc.

Please note that *school will be closed on Monday 5th June for the King's Birthday and on Friday 16th June will be a Teacher Only Day.*

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 19th May

The Knighton student council will be promoting Pink Shirt Day, more information will be in the next school newsletter.



Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Pink Shirt Day is funded by donations to support the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying.

Reminders

- **Change of clothes:** Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their school bag, they may get wet and muddy playing on the field in the break times.
- **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 www.kns.ac.nz or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- 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.



Many of you came to our annual **Cultural Celebrations** at the end of last term.

A very big thank you to all the parents, caregivers and staff who gave so much time and energy to help make this such a successful week of celebration.

Important Sports Notices

- **Winter Sports Day Festival** for senior school students is being held on the 18th May. If your child would like to represent Knighton in either rugby, football, netball, hockey or basketball they must **return a completed permission slip by tomorrow, Wednesday 3rd May**. Information with the permission slip is available to download [here](#), at www.kns.ac.nz or from the school office.
- If your child would like to play **Inline Hockey** for the school, registration needs to be completed and **returned to school by 3 pm, Thursday, 4th May (this week)**. No late registrations can be accepted.
- Year 5 & 6 students have also been asked if they would like to participate in the **Rippa Rugby Tournament** on May 16th, and in the annual **Morrinsville Rugby & Netball Tournament** on 23rd May. If they haven't already done so, students should let their teacher know if they're interested in playing.
- Coming up in week 9 of this term: Wednesday 21st June, is the annual **Tough Guy and Gal Challenge**. Registrations will be open soon.
- ALL cricket uniforms must be returned to the Smiley Window as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal