

30th May 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

As you will be aware, there seems to be some positive momentum with the teachers and principal negotiations with the Government over resourcing, pay equity, needs support and conditions of work. The Ministry of Education has agreed to our union, NZEI, holding Paid Union Meetings tomorrow afternoon 31st May so teachers can discuss the latest government offer and vote on it. I will update the community on how this is progressing.

As I mentioned earlier in the term, we are focusing on our Knighton Way and what it means to our tamariki. The term 'The Knighton Way' was created around 2009. It was often noticed by the community, and people who came to visit the school, that Knighton children were very respectful and friendly, and when we were asked why that was, our response was it's just the Knighton Way.

The Knighton Way has five Pou that represent dispositions that we believe will set our children up for success. The first disposition is **Mahi Tahī/Getting Along**. We feel it's important for children to learn to relate to lots of people in a variety of contexts. The multicultural nature of our school enables children to do that. Mahi Tahī/Getting Along includes being socially responsible, playing by the rules, thinking first, accepting others, valuing cultures, and learning to be cooperative and collaborative.

Over the last two weeks, we've had children representing Knighton Normal School at the South East Hamilton Primary Schools Winter Sports Day, the Morrinsville Netball and Rugby Fun Day, Rippa Rugby, and Kī o Rahi. As Principal, it's been lovely to receive feedback from parents and the wider community about how respectful and friendly our Knighton kids were at these events.



Sade Kaipara-Morrison is a Tania Dalton Foundation scholarship recipient and as a way of paying it forward into her community, she chose to donate these balls to Knighton School.

Due to the **Teachers Paid Union Meeting** on Wednesday 31st May, Knighton Normal School will be closed for the afternoon from 12:30pm

URGENT: Please let your child/ren's classroom teacher/s know on Class Dojo, Seesaw, email or return the green form to school if;

* You will keep your child home for the day on Wednesday 31st May

OR

* You have made arrangements for your child to leave Knighton at 12.30 p.m. Wed 31st May

OR

* Your child will be attending KASP from 12:30 to 3:00pm (and this has already been booked with KASP). This is only available for children already enrolled at KASP.

If you have misplaced the form you can download it from www.kns.ac.nz

Hillcrest Kahui Ako Attendance Initiative

Kahui Ako = Community of Learning. Schools and kura in the Hillcrest Kahui Ako are those within the Hillcrest, Tamahere, Tauwhare, Matangi, Newstead, Knighton and Peachgrove communities

As part of a new Ministry of Education initiative, the government has provided our Kahui Ako funding to partner with **Bluelight** to support attendance in our school. Bluelight works in partnership with the police to support our tamariki (children) to attend school.

In line with the Government's focus on attendance, we now inform the **NZ Police Bluelight Truancy Services** of any student who's absence is greater than 30% of the year to date.

Let's work together as a community to recognise the significance of regular attendance at school. Together, we can empower our children, strengthen our communities, and build a future filled with endless possibilities.

A few cases of Streptococcal Infection have been diagnosed in children from Knighton School. If your child has a sore throat, headache or high temperature please take them to the doctor, Please contact the school if your child is diagnosed with Strep throat.



Note your calendar

* The **Tough Guy and Gal Challenge** for year 5 and 6 students is happening on Wednesday 21st of June

Permission and payment information for the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will be sent home Wednesday, the 7th of June. Registration & payment open on Thursday, the 8th of June. Please do not try to register and pay before this date as we are not accepting payment until Thursday 8th June. Thank you for your understanding.

* **Parent/Teacher Conversations** will be held during the last week of this term on 26, 27, 28 June. Bookings will be available on [School appNZ](#) from 6th to 21st June. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

* **Vision Hearing Technicians** will be visiting our school on Tuesday 30th May. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects. If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

The technicians will check children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their Before School Check, and children absent from previous visits or require retests or follow up. All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

* The **Free Ear Clinic** service will be at Knighton on Tuesday 27th June.

The ear nurse can advise on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears. This is a drop in service, no appointments required. For enquiries regarding this service please phone 07 838 3565

What's been happening this past fortnight

* On the 16th May most of our student councillors went to **Young Leaders Day**. We listened to lots of inspiring people like Brad Smeele, Georgia Lines and Wolfgang. Everyone who spoke inspired us with different meanings and messages.

Viminyae, Hafsa, Leah, Diana

* Our Year One classes recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the zoo. George Turner's zoo story: "I liked the lizard at the zoo because its tongue was going so fast when it was shooting in and out."



* Our **Pink Shirt Day** fundraiser collected **\$156** which will go to support the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying.

* The Middle School are excited to have started their Wednesday afternoon electives programme where they participate in an activity they have selected to be involved in. These activities include jewellery making, sport, cooking, string art and more.

Community Notices

- Lugton Park Squash Club is offering the opportunity for 5 - 10 year olds to try Squash for free on Tuesdays for the four weeks in June from 5 – 6pm. Equipment provided. Email coach@squashwaikato.co.nz
- A reminder from Stats NZ to return your census forms by the end of June if they have not yet done so.
- We have information available at the school office about an opportunity for children with asthma to become involved in a year long study

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal

**Please check
LOST
PROPERTY**

*All unclaimed items
will be donated*

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. Tomorrow, if fine, it will be displayed on the courts.

Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost by children is unnamed.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed by the end of the day will go to a second hand shop.