

13th June 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Hillcrest Kahui Ako which is made up of local schools including Silverdale Normal School, Hillcrest Normal School, Tamahere Model Country School, Matangi School, Newstead Model Country School, Tauwhare School, Berkley Normal Middle School, Peachgrove Intermediate, and Hillcrest High School. Every year the schools combine to have a Teacher Only Day where we can share in similar professional development. This year our Kahui Ako **Teacher Only Day is this Friday June 16th**. Our keynote speakers will be Ngahihi Bidios, Sir Ian Taylor, and Ngāti Haua's own Adam Whauwhau. We are looking forward to the day. A reminder that all Kahui Ako schools will be closed for instruction on this day.

Over the last few weeks I have been writing about our Knighton Way. Our second pou is Whakarite / Being Organised. This includes children learning how to plan their time, set goals for themselves, learn how to motivate themselves, develop a 'can do' attitude, and set high standards for themselves. Developing these skills, attitudes, and dispositions in Whakarite / Being Organised will help our tamariki see themselves as learners and develop that all important positive self talk.



Free ear clinic service for children at Knighton School on 27th June

All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, otherwise a consent form must be completed. Forms are available at the school office. Visit the ear nurse for advice 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. Please note clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on the clinic door.

For enquiries regarding this service please contact 07 838 3565.



On Friday the 2nd June 40 brave Middle School children armed with only their trowels and enviro warrior thoughts, boarded a bus for Waiwhakareke. Accompanied by 5 amazing whanau, our Middle School troopers dug holes, planted trees and found many worms along the way!

This 3 day annual community event saw thousands of Hamiltonians turn up to help plant over 18,000 plants.

Waiwhakareke is well worth a visit, if you are ever over by the zoo, to explore the forest and lake there. This whole area used to be farmland and is now a lush forest supporting many wild birds, insects and lizards. All trees have been planted by volunteers including every year, a Middle School group from Knighton School.

Thanks to our whanau who came along to support us and a big thanks to our kaitiaki of the environment, yes our tamariki, for a truly great day out.



Parent/Teacher Conversations

These will be held during the last week of this term on 26, 27, 28 June with class teachers and the Literacy Centre teacher.

If your child is in Akomanga 6 with Karen Walshe, your conversations will be held on 19, 20, 21 June. Bookings are available on [School Interview bookings by School appNZ](#) until the 21st June or you can book at the school office.

*Due to the **Teachers Only Day** on Friday 16th June, Knighton Normal School will be **CLOSED**.*

Staff will be attending the Hillcrest Kahui Ako Professional Learning Day



Note your calendar

- * Wednesday 21 June - Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
For year 5 & 6 students who have paid to take part.
There are a few spaces still available if you are quick.
- * Senior Speech Finals - School Hall - 29 June
 - Year 5 - 9.15am
 - Year 6 - 11.40am
- * End of Term 2 - 30th June, 3:00pm SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- * Term 3 begins Monday 17th July
- * **Correction - School Photos are being taken on Friday 28th July (Term 3), not this week.**



School Safety

If a school gate is closed when you enter or leave the site please leave it as it was.

Knighton Art Work

Here at Knighton we have some very talented artists of all ages. If you ever have a few minutes to spare when dropping off or picking up children you can always pop into the office to see what is on display.

Below is an example from Akomanga 9 of Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers.



We still have cases of **Streptococcal Infection** 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.



Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly.

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.

School Holiday Activity Options

- **Melville United AFC Holiday Programme** - 3,4,5 July. Boys & Girls all the ages from 6-12 focusing on the different types of fun football games. More information at: <https://www.melvilleunited.co.nz/community/fun-holiday-programmes>
- **Kelly Sports and Kelly Club Waikato School Holiday Programme**
07 8399017, 021 2733131
waikato@kellysports.co.nz
- **Hamilton City Netball Centre Holiday Programme**
Year 3-4 (1 day camp \$50) Tuesday 4th July
Year 5-6 (1 day camps \$50 per day) Monday 3rd July or Wednesday 5th July.
Aoife Fyall, Junior Co-ordinator
07 847 4007 junior@netballhamilton.org.nz
- **Speak 4 Success** - empowers children to become confident, successful speakers. Weekly classes or school holiday programmes.
Phone: 027 248 2888
Email: roz@speak4success.co.nz
- **Edventure Young Explorers Camp**
10th - 13th July (2nd week of the holidays)
Activities include bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, tenting (optional), orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities.
Based at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati
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Ngā mihi nui

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