

27th June 2023

As we are nearing the end of our second term of the academic year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the whānau and community for your continued support of our school. I've personally been part of the Knighton Community for many years now and strongly believe that our collective goodwill, diversity, and basic humanity is a strength of our school and provides our tamariki with the foundation to go through life realising their potential.

Last week we celebrated Matariki Week through art, waiata, drama, reading and listening to stories. Classes from each area of the school joined as rōpu, and participated in a variety of activities. We were unable to have our Matariki Moment on Thursday, due to weather, so we will hopefully have that this Thursday. Some of our tamariki from Te Hihiri performed for the public in the Hamilton City Library on Saturday morning. They were a real hit with the public.

This week we are holding our annual Parent/Teacher Conversations. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and learn about the wonderful learning they are doing and what their next steps are for their learning.

Throughout this term, I have been highlighting The Knighton Way which outlines the learning dispositions and ways of thinking and acting that will help set our tamariki up for success and fulfilment. Our third pou is 'Persistence'. Knowing what to do when you are stuck or when something isn't going your way is a very important life skill. Persistence includes kia kaha or being strong in these times, trying your best no matter how difficult things are, and having a problem solving attitude to any issues that may arise.

I hope you all have a good break and we look forward to whatever Term 3 brings.

REMINDER

The Health & Physical Education Curriculum Community Consultation Survey is due back by the 30th June.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - FRIDAY 30 JUNE



A beautiful photo of our Knighton Lion Cubs Soccer Team which is made up of NE and Y1 pupils.

Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge

The day started with glorious sunshine. However, by the time the race began, a light drizzle was passing through. The first hill brought mud, knee-deep, lost shoes, laughter, and even a tear or two as we trudged our way up the sludge. Some of us opted to hike down the side of the hill, while others went with the quicker option - the waterslide into a pool of muddy water at the bottom (Mr Hannah just jumped a fence so he didn't have to do it!). All the while, the rain threatened to get heavier. Up the next hill, down again, and then into the forest track. Here, there was a long wait as the track got super narrow and we had to wait. Thankfully, the trees gave shelter from the drizzle. Finally, once we were out - there were more hills, more mud, and more tears before the finish line. And then the hardest part of the day came: trying to get showered, dried and changed, while the drizzle kept on coming. Less mud, more lost shoes, and fewer tears now that it was over! Thank goodness!



Mini Ball Registrations

Registrations for Term 3 Mini Ball close at 3pm this Friday 30th June. Pay on Kindo or at the office.

Intermediate School Information

Berkley Intermediate School Information Evening - Thursday 27th July. Contact Berkley directly for more information 8566537.

Peachgrove Open Day - Monday 31st July. Contact Peachgrove directly for more information 855 7596.



Lost Property

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office tomorrow, Wednesday 28th June. 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 Wednesday will be donated to a second hand shop.

Spare Clothing

While we are on the subject of clothing can you please make sure your child has a spare set of clothes in their school bag. During winter there are frequent falls into puddles or the mud by children of all ages as well as toileting accidents. If they don't have spare clothing there may be occasions when we have to contact parents to bring a change of clothes to school.

School Holiday Activity Options

Waikato Community School of Music (WCSM). Term 3 classes begin on Saturday 29 July and run for 8 sessions, ending on Saturday 16 September. phone 07 838 4611 or <https://wscsm.ac.nz/>

Waikato Badminton Holiday Camp, 10 - 12 July Eastlink Badminton Stadium. Phone 856 3049 www.waikatobadminton.co.nz

Hamilton City Libraries are running a free reading programme over the school holidays for 5 – 12 year olds. The theme is Arohatia te reo (love the language) and ties in with Matariki and free events happening at libraries during the holidays. Sign up at your local library from June 26th - 07 838 6842



Note your calendar

- * Senior Speech Finals - School Hall - **29 June**
 - Year 5 - 9.15am
 - Year 6 - 11.40am
- * Term 3 begins Monday 17th July
- * **School Photos Friday 28th July (Term 3)**

MATARIKI WEEK!

Matariki is a special part of Knighton's year that all of Akomanga 5 look forward to. It is a time of celebration, singing, dancing, arts and crafts and getting together with our tuakana-teina classes.

With our tuakana-teina this year we made stars - GLITTER! and had hot chips for lunch. Yum! We both love doing the signing, dancing and singing including: Matariki Makarena, Ngā Marama o te Tau Māori, signing the Matariki stars and much more!

By Paigey & Mila from Akomanga 5



Room 5 Matariki art by Paigey, Timaima, Sina & Mila

THE FUN MATARIKI

Matariki is fun because we got to make Matariki stars. I liked wearing. It means folding paper. We love hanging out with our friends in our tuakana-teina from A16, 9, 2 and 5.

By Heidi (A2)

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal