



# KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Haere mai ki te Kaupeka Tuatoru in Akomanga Rima, and what a term we have planned.

Our main focus for the term will be our Senior School Production - A Night in (Knighton) the Museum. All children will be involved in our production either on stage or behind the scenes. You will hear more about this as the term progresses, especially in regards to costuming and ticket sales! If your child is in the



cast, they have already been rehearsing with me regularly and are doing an AMAZING job! We cannot wait for the production to come to fruition.

We will continue our journey into the Critical Histories of New Zealand using dramatic inquiry as a vehicle to unpack all the awesome thinking we will be doing. We will be tapping into more and more of our local history.



Our haerenga (journey) with te reo Māori continues and we will continue to begin our days immersing ourselves in te reo Māori in various ways. Also with continuing support from our Learning Assistant Whaea Vicki the children will also continue to grow their NZSL kete. Our NZSL Tutor Hayley comes in every Friday morning to work with us too.



We attend TOPA every Friday and are having heaps of fun learning about the cultures of the Pacific Islands from our tutors: Landy, Jake and Jordan. What an invaluable experience we get to have with them each week.

Tuhituhi (writing) and pānui (reading) form a part of our daily programme in many ways. We will be using the SRA programme this term to build our independence with decoding text and comprehension in reading. We will also be looking closely at the surface features of our writing - spelling, punctuation and paragraphing

We will continue our cross-grouping for maths. As a class in week 4 we will have an opportunity to dig a little deeper into financial literacy when ASB visits our kura to have two sessions with us completing the Get Wi\$e programme with us.

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 use Seesaw to share many of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and beyond, I also share messages or announcements. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw, please email me [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you do not want your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or flick me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have. **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.**

Fitness will form the key part of our Phys Ed programme this term. We will be looking forward to the cross country mid-term and building our fitness skills in anticipation of it.



## 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](http://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.**
- From 9:15am 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.
- 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](http://www.kns.ac.nz)



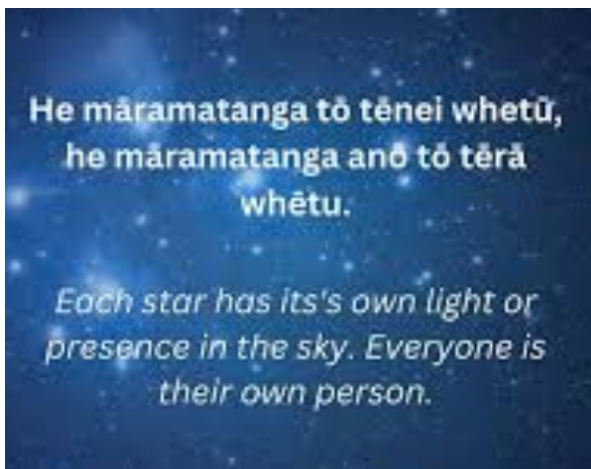
It was wonderful to meet many of you at Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of last term. If you were unable to come please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a catch up.

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

It's a big and busy term. My door is always open and I look forward to seeing you.

Nga mihi nui,

Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)



*Sprinkle Kindness like confetti*