

25th July 2023

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful break. I know I say this at the beginning of every term but it is always a thrill to come back to school and reconnect with the children and see their smiling faces. Knighton kids are so friendly and warm.

I would like to welcome any new students and their families/whānau to our kura. I hope your children are settling in well to school.

The children have made a great start to the term and are getting back into school life. The middle and senior schools have started their preparation for their upcoming productions which is exciting. School productions offer a really good opportunity for children to develop team work (Getting Along) and Confidence which is our fourth pou in our Knighton Way. Confidence is about accepting ourselves, learning to be independent, taking risks (good risks that challenge yourself), developing a sense of belonging, and developing an identity. People who aspire to be confident in their lives tend to develop a mindset that sees any failure as an opportunity to learn and grow.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Hodgson for his work on completing our board walk through our school's Bush Area. The children will now be able to walk right through the bush area and enjoy the nature it offers.



Native Bush area located at Somme Crescent gate

### Updating Contact Details

If you have changed your email address or contact phone numbers please let the office know. It is very important we are able to contact families, especially if your child is unwell. We also need an emergency contact person for every student.

## 2024 Intermediate School Information

**Berkley Normal Middle School - Information Evening**  
Thursday 27 July: 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Please note: Out of Zone Enrolments are welcomed and must be with the school office by Friday 25 August 2023.

Contact Berkley school office: 07 856 6537  
[office@berkley.school.nz](mailto:office@berkley.school.nz) or [www.berkley.school.nz](http://www.berkley.school.nz)

### **Peachgrove Intermediate Open Evening**

Monday 31st July: 7.00pm  
There is further information at the Knighton office or contact Peachgrove school office: 07 855 7596  
[office@peachgrove.school.nz](mailto:office@peachgrove.school.nz) [www.peachgrove.school.nz](http://www.peachgrove.school.nz)



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class and individual photos will be taken **this Friday 28th July** - you should have received a PhotoLife flyer last week.

All students have their photo taken and a Photo Keycode will be emailed to you by PhotoLife in a couple of weeks. You will then be able to see the photo/s of your child that were taken and decide if you wish to purchase a pack. Payment directly to Photolife after the photos have been taken.

**You only need to return the signed flyer to school if you want a sibling/whanau photo taken - one form per family. This must be returned before this Friday 28th July.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - Only children who are currently attending Knighton can have their photos taken.**

## Middle School Production

Kapai's Kiwi Adventure is the Middle School production this year in week 5. Shows will be on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, and Thursday 17th August at 6.30pm. There will also be a matinee performance on Wednesday 16th August at 12pm.

Tickets will be available through our online My Kindo Shop and from the office from Wednesday 2nd August (week 3), more information will follow. Due to high demand tickets will be limited to **3 per family** in the beginning. If there are surplus tickets they will be sold from Monday 14th August.

## Matariki

This is the second year Knighton has celebrated Matariki as a whole kura with our tuakana-teina. It is an absolute highlight of our year. The tamariki, staff, and whānau as a whole love connecting with each other and sharing as a rōpū (tūrangawaewae), showing auahatanga (creativity), and having fun celebrating an important part of te ao Māori and tikanga.

## Te Whaingā, Te Kukune and Te Pupuke Te Hihiri Whānau

During Matariki week the three Te Hihiri classes mixed together for art, kai and kapa haka. We learned a new song and Whaea Wai put together a performance for Matariki in the City. We performed on the Saturday morning during the holidays in the Hamilton City Library and the kids were so confident. The girls in the front row wore lovely new skirts made and donated by River's whānau (Akomanga 24).



## Lost Property

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 are donated to a second hand shop.

## Spare Clothing

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.



## Note your calendar

**Board of Trustees Hui - 1st August, 6pm**

**New Entrants Open Morning - 3rd August, 9.30am**

*For prospective students and their whānau*

**Whānau Hui - 3rd August, 5.30pm**

**Hearing & Vision testing - 10th August**

## Senior School Speech Competition

First overall was Rylee Collins Akomanga/Room 22

### Year 6

1st Place - Amna Pardehi A29

2nd Place - Delta Lamb A5

3rd Place - Leah Wyatt A32

### Year 5

1st Place - Kauri Pugh A30

2nd Place - Hasa Njuguna A28

3rd Place - Bernardo Gomes Martinello A32



## Room 14 Art

Last term Room 14 was learning that C is for Cat. They drew Whaea's cat who was very naughty sometimes and once pinched her sandwich.



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Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell  
Principal