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Welcome to Term 4 e te whaanau,

Term 4 is another busy term with various exciting activities taking place.

This term provides an opportunity for our year 5 and 6 students to learn, understand and practise important skills and behaviours that will set them up for success as they become year 6 leaders or graduate to intermediate next year.

## The Knighton Way

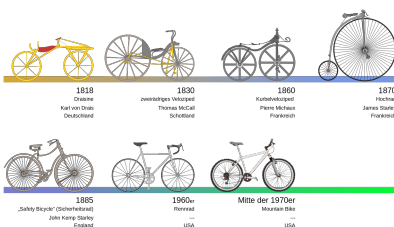
Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Maiatanga/Confident'.

Being confident means...

- I am enough as I am.
- I know who I am and where I come from.
- I honour my family history and where I come from.
- I know that being different is okay.
- I know my strengths and weaknesses.
- I learn from my mistakes.
- I do what is 'right' not what is popular.
- I think for myself - I am my own leader.
- I own my actions.
- I try to make things right when I mess up.



## Classroom Programme



### Kids on Bikes programme - 16 - 20 Whiringa-aa-nuku (16 - 20 October)

This programme teaches bike skills to help our students gain confidence in riding their bikes safely. Our class sessions are on Monday and Friday of this week.

This will 'kick-start' our learning in technology, where we will look at the designs and mechanisms that make bikes work.



## Te Reo Maaori me ngaa tikanga (Maaori language and customs)

We continue to learn important customs, phrases and kupu (words) that will allow us to extend our daily use and normalisation of Maaori language and customs.

### Literacy, Reading and Maths

We continue our daily practice of reading, writing and mathematical thinking. Students will continue to work towards their personal goals in each curriculum area as well as working together as a class to explore more complex learning.

### Year 6 Transitions and Year 5 Team-building

As part of a new initiative the year 6 students will have several workshops this term to support their transition to intermediate next year. In these workshops, students will learn specific resilience strategies, create a profile sheet about themselves to share with their new kaiako/teacher and get the opportunity to have questions answered by other students from Peachgrove and Berkley in focus groups.

This time will give year 5 students the chance to work together in different settings, focusing on the Knighton Way (values and dispositions) and what makes a good team member and leader.

### Swimming/Beach Education

Term 4 sees the return of weekly swimming on Wednesday and Friday mornings. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day that we swim, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, seesaw or send a note to school. As we will be swimming in the mornings, students may need some warm clothes to change into.

There will be a focus on beach education towards the end of the term with a visit to the beach in week 10. This will be an exciting day to put into practice what we have learned and to enjoy the day together at the beach. Parent helpers will be vital to the success and enjoyment of this day, so please join us if you can.

## Important Dates

- Road Patrol Volunteers Waterworld - 24 Whiringa-aa-rangi / November
- Year 6 Disco - 7 Hakihea / December
- Beach Visit - 12 Hakihea / December
- Last day of term - 15 Hakihea / December

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