



# KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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Room 31

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope your tamariki have enjoyed their first couple weeks back at school. We have had a busy couple of weeks with our year 5/6 leadership activities and Hamilton City Councils 'Kids on Bikes' programme.

During term 4 the senior kaiako here at Knighton have organised an Education Outside the Classroom week for our students. These opportunities, while being both educational and fun, will come at no cost to parents.



**1 ADULT: 5 CHILDREN**

**However we will need at least 6 adult helpers (18+ years) for our beach trip to Raglan as our school EOTC guidelines and SLNZ require us to have a 1:5 ratio when the students are in the water.**

This term the Knighton Way will focus on confidence / maiatanga an important virtue as students look to become school leaders (year 5's) or begin their new educational journey at intermediate (year 6's).

## The Knighton Way: Confidence / Maiatanga

***We want our children to know their strengths, talents and weaknesses. They are all unique***



- Accepting ourselves
- Being independent
- Taking Risks
- Sense of Belonging
- Identity

## Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term 3. As a class we will also revisit learning intentions that multiple students have had difficulty with throughout the year.

**School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child.** If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.

## Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

## Topic

This term Akomaunga 31 will be learning about the important role water plays on our planet, and study our local waterways. We will also be completing a range of experiments from the House of Science - Wonderful Wai kit. As part of this unit, Room 31 will be visiting the Hamilton Gardens to judge the New Zealand Rose of the Year. Followed by an afternoon trip to the Ruakura Berry Farm on Thursday 9th November. This will give our tamariki a firsthand experience of how produce is grown in our local community. A Notice asking for permission and parent helpers will be sent home later this term.



The production was a highlight of term 3.



A 31 were given pedometers for participating in the NZ Hauora Challenge.

## Hats

A reminder that students are required to wear their Knighton hats when outside in Term 4. Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10 or online using the Kindo Shop.

## Swimming

Room 31's swimming days are Tuesday and Friday. Please remind your child to bring their togs on these days as swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand curriculum.

Ngā mihi

James Penman