

15 October 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

**Term Four**

**Monday 12 October-Tuesday 15 December**



### **Welcome and a sad farewell**

This term we are excited to welcome three members to our staff, with two changing their existing roles.

Welcome to James Smith as a new teacher to the new entrant team. James has been working with us in a range of roles this year. Chanel Doyle is moving from a learning assistant role to the front office! Also a warm welcome to Debbie Porter and Reema Thakur who started as Learning Assistants yesterday. Reema has been volunteering in the ELL department this year and Debbie comes to us from Koromatua School, where she has been working as a Learning Assistant.

At the end of this term we are sadly saying goodbye to Whitney Williams. Whaea Whitney has been an integral part to the Te Hihiri whanau and the wider staff of KNS with connections beginning in 2008. We will miss her amazing knowledge, her passion and care for her tamariki and the contributions she is making in and out of the classroom to provide children with opportunities to chase their passions. Though will be sad to say goodbye we know that Whitney will be able to spend far more quality time with her whanau in Te Kauwhata.

### **New Classrooms**

Our new senior classrooms are now completed! Rooms 29 and 30 are fantastic spaces that mean that we have some space to enable refurbishment of other class areas. The refurbishment of Te Hihiri and B Block classes has been planned and we hope for this work to begin as soon as possible.

### **Sun Safety**

During terms one and four we focus on sun safety. We enforce a 'no school hat, play in the shade' approach to break times and ask our teachers to use their common sense in regard to being outside during class time. You can play your part by ensuring that your children have had sunscreen applied before school.

### **Swimming Season!**

Swimming season has begun. Please support this very important part of our learning by making sure that your child(ren) pack their togs and a towel. We have an amazing team of swimming coaches and we want all our children to be confident around water before the Christmas holidays!

### **Health and PE Survey**

Thank you so much to the large number of families that completed the recent Health and PE Survey. The results will be compiled and considered by our BOT and staff as we review our curriculum and learning opportunities for the children. I will share the results of this survey via the newsletter.

### **Education Review Office Visit**

On the week of the 11th of November Knighton Normal is being visited by the Education Review Office. We think this is a great opportunity to share our learning and growth over the last three years and to learn from their knowledge and experience.

### **Te Ahu o te Reo course**

Congratulations to our staff members that completed this qualification last term focussed on learning more about Māori culture, language and Tainui customs and protocol.

This term a second group of staff are attending this amazing course.

### **Immunisation Update**

Thank you for the 55 replies from last week's newsletter. We now have **150** students for which we have no documented evidence of their immunisation status. If you are one of these families your child will have already brought home a letter requesting this information. We need certified confirmation that your child has been fully immunised or at a minimum, that they have had two measles vaccines. These immunisation certificates are required to be presented to school urgently. If you have chosen not to immunise your child please also let us know.

Please be aware that should we have a confirmed case of measles, then the Medical Officer of Health will advise us on excluding students that haven't had two measles vaccines. This could potentially mean a prolonged period of absence from school. For further information on measles, how it is spread, and the signs and symptoms of measles go to <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

## The Knighton Way and Values

The Knighton Way focus this term is **MAIATANGA (CONFIDENCE)**. We believe confidence is an outcome from displaying the other Knighton Way pou of Maia Tahī (Getting Along), Whakarite (Being Organised), Whaikaha (Being Persistent). Confidence also comes from children knowing what they are good at, what they need to work on and who can help them, as well as finding passions, interests and strengths in and out of the classroom.

The heart of 'how we do things' at Knighton Normal School is reflected in our schools values. During this week's assembly I reflected on the key value of **whakaute / respect**.

### Some examples of respect in action are:

#### Respect for self

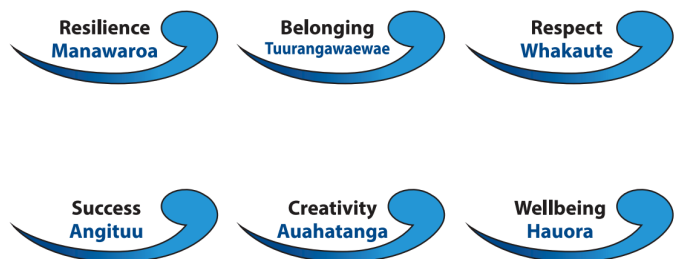
- Remembering to put sunscreen on in the morning!
- Making good choices with the food you eat.
- Looking after your belongings.

#### Respect for others

- Being kind to others.
- Being a good friend.
- Listening and following teacher directions.

#### Respect for property

- Being responsible for your own rubbish.
- Caring for class / school equipment.



## FUN RUN

Tomorrow, Wednesday 16 October, we will be running the annual Fun Run at Clyde Park from 1:40pm. Each area of the school will complete the course separately: Senior - 1:40pm Middle - 2:00pm Junior - 2:20pm (times are approximate).

Parents - you are invited to join in with the run and the fun! Wear clothes suitable for running, jumping and crawling.



This also means NO Play session this week for our Pre-Enrolled children who would usually be attending from 1.45pm - 2.45pm.

## Library Books

All Library books are now due back at school please. A box will be available at the smiley window for these returns.

## Cricket

Cricket forms have been sent home and need to be returned with payment by **Friday 18th October**. These can be paid online via Kindo shop <http://bit.ly/2dr3eZ6>. A copy of the draw can be accessed on the Hamilton Junior Cricket website: [www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz](http://www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz) but students will be informed of opposition and venue each week. Uniform will be provided once fees have been paid.

## 2020 Out of Zone applications

If you or someone you know is out of zone and is thinking of enrolling for term 1 next year, then today is the last day to do so. A form for this can be found on our Knighton website.

## Community Notices

- Want to pick up those sewing projects you started or join a beginners drawing class for landscape and city scenes? Waikato Society of Arts might have something for you.

Creative Sewing - Wednesday 9.30am -12pm  
Beginners drawing skills - Thursday 9.30 - 11.30am

Contact: Waikato Society of Arts  
120 Victoria St, Hamilton or  
[artschool@wsa.org.nz](mailto:artschool@wsa.org.nz) or phone  
WSA office 07-8394481.

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



## Ngā mihi nui

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