

# Newsletter 17

30th October 2023

Next year we will be restructuring the way our Year Group Teams are set up. As from the beginning of 2024, we will have the following setup:

- Year 1 - A14,A15,A16,A17,A18,A25 plus Roll Growth Classes. (Team leader is Renee Downey)
- Year 2/3 - A6,A7,A8,A9,A10,A11,A12,A13 (Team leader is Jo Lelieveld)
- Year 4 - A1, A2, A3, A4 (Team leader is Jackie Simpson)
- Yr 5/6 - A5,A27,A28,A29,A30,A31,A32. (Team leader is Whakarongo Tauranga)
- Te Hihiri will remain the same.

The restructure will line up with the new Te Mātaiaho /Curriculum Refresh progression model. In the new curriculum, phases replace curriculum levels. Each phase has its unique set of learning progressions and learning focuses.

The Year 1 and 2/3 teams will be in Phase One. The kaupapa of Phase One is, Te tupu pāhautea i te taiiao ako e haumako ana i te reo matatini me te pāngarau / Thriving in environments rich in literacy and numeracy.

The Year 4 and 5/6 teams will be in Phase Two. The kaupapa of Phase Two is, Te whakawhānau i ngā pae o te mātauranga me te mahi tahi / Expanding horizons of knowledge and collaborating.

We will put out a full 2024 staffing and class newsletter early December.



## Focus on Attendance

Good attendance helps your child:

- Reach their full potential
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and good habits of being on time
- Feel like they're a valued part of our school community

## Lateness is a Type of Absence

Just as a day off from school can become pattern-forming and impact negatively on learning, so too can lateness. Some of the most important learning happens at the beginning of the day and if children arrive late they miss the teachers instructions. While 10 minutes is not long, it's important to consider the impact on your child.

**Lateness adds up** - if a child is late by only 10 minutes a day they would miss 5 whole days of learning a year!



## KNIGHTON SCHOOL HATS

During term 4 and term 1 Knighton hats must be worn when students are outdoors. You can be purchase at the office or via MyKindo <https://kindo.co.nz/> for \$10.00

## SPORT

Weetbix Kids TRYathlon, Sunday 10th December - early bird pricing finishes on 12 November. Registration fully closes 8th December. Participation is optional and children who take part must be entered by their parent/guardian.

To enter your child online, follow the steps below:

1. Got to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> and Click on "Register"
2. Select "Hamilton"
3. Click "Register as an individual" then click "Yes, Join my school" and search for 'KNS'.

This event takes place at the University of Waikato Fields.

**Returning sports/event uniforms:** Please return Knighton uniforms from Term 1, 2 & 3 if your child is no longer taking part in an activity this term.

*\*If you still have a Knighton football uniform please return to the office with the child's name attached.*

## Wacky Wheels Thursday

On Thursday 2nd November we are holding a Wacky Wheels Thursday. The student council is going to hold Wacky Wheels sessions during the breaks. The first break will be for the juniors and the second break will be for the middle and senior school. Tamariki must remember their **helmet**. They can bring scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades but **NO** bikes because the court is too small for bikes.

**The Student Council**



## 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. Please remember to name swimming togs and towels too. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated to a second hand shop.

## Consultation for 2024 Class Placements

Most parents rely on the professional judgement of the staff to place their child in the appropriate class for the following school year. However, for those who would like to have input please return the completed consultation form by **Friday 3rd November**

<https://www.kns.ac.nz/newsletters/791-2024-class-consultation-forms>

As in previous years, it is **not** possible for parents to request specific teachers, the final decision for your child's placement rests with senior management.

Kirikiroa Marae Whānau Ora services provide full wrap-around support for whānau who are needing support navigating their way through education, employment, justice, health, housing or whatever their aspirational goals are no matter how big or small. We work with the whole whānau for them to have their own individual plans and smash whatever goals they have set.

- Do you want to improve your participation in Te Ao Māori?
- Would you like to improve your knowledge around Government processes and language? (MSD, Courts, etc)
- Do you know where and how to access resources and support as a whānau?
- Do you want to improve your financial situation to meet your basic needs?

If you want to know more please contact:

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## **Vision and Hearing Checks in School**

Vision & Hearing Technicians will be visiting our school on **Monday 13 November**. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

**The technicians will check children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their Before School Check, and children absent from previous visits or who require retests or follow up.**

All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.



*Mr Campbell, Mrs Cooper, Delta, Rylee & Viminaye*

It isn't Anzac yet but Hamilton City Council have started preparing a special video gift for Hamilton's Friendship City of Ypres in Belgium. These future leaders of Knighton Normal School, Peter Bos of the Last Post Association (and former councillor) and Todd of the Hamilton Brass band are piecing together a story of thanks for the way Ieper looks after the bodies and memory of our fallen Anzacs. It was moving for Paula Southgate, Mayor of Hamilton to hear the stories and feelings of our tamariki.

## **A & P Show**

Last week 40 students from our English Language Learning Centre had a wonderful time visiting the A & P Show at Claudelands. They saw lots of baby animals, a first for many of them.



*Mrs Kurnaz making friends with the baby goats*



## **Note your calendar**

**17 November - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**15 December - 1.00pm - END OF TERM 4**

**1 February 2024 - 9.00am TERM 1 BEGINS**

Ngā mihi nui

*Andrew Campbell*

Principal