

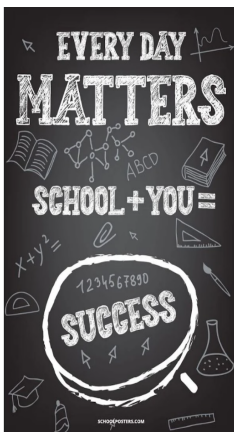
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28th November 2023

We are in the last three weeks of our academic year. I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. It doesn't seem that long ago I was at the front gate welcoming the children to the start of the new year. A staffing and classes for 2024 newsletter will go out to the community early next week and our final newsletter will go out in the final week of term.

At the end of this year, we will be farewelling Chad Adams and Camilla Carty-Melis from our Board of Trustees. Chad has been a Board Member and Presiding Member (ChairPerson) since mid 2019. He has done so much for our school, community and Board over this time and we are very grateful for this. In my time working with Chad, he has always had the kids' interests front and centre, and I've appreciated his calm and logical approach to matters and particularly his support and guidance when we were navigating our way through Covid. Chad and his family are moving down to the South Island to live and work.

Like Chad, Camilla joined the Board in 2019 and has played an active role in the governance of our kura. She is often seen around the school helping with initiatives including our Breakfast Club and Garden to Table. Camilla and her family will be moving on to new and exciting adventures in 2024.



best possible education for your tamariki/child/ren. Regular attendance plays a key role in achieving this goal, and we appreciate your efforts in making it happen.

Focus on Attendance

It's the law for all parents and caregivers to make sure their child attends school regularly. Tamariki/children must get a proper full-time education. Parents are responsible for making sure their tamariki come to school ready to learn. At Knighton Normal School, we believe in working together with families to ensure the



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.

Updated Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date details in our system for your tamariki/children. This is both to ensure we have reliable contacts in case of an emergency, and also for sending out important information from school. We need to have:

- Current address
- Caregiver/s phone number/s
- Caregiver/s email/s
- Emergency contact phone number/s

You can check at the office to make sure we have your most up to date details, or email - knighton@kns.ac.nz

Browse school websites free via Zero Data portal

To encourage everyone to access school/kura websites on their mobile devices without being charged for data, the multi-agency Zero Data initiative has added over 2,000 kura and school websites to the updated Zero Data portal. You can access important updates from school, regardless of whether you have data credit or not.

To learn more information about this initiative, visit:

[Zero Data Portal – New Zealand Government](#)

For more information, contact support@zero.govt.nz

Important Returns

- All library books must be returned by **THIS Friday 1st December**.
- Please return Knighton uniforms if your child is no longer taking part in an activity this term.

KASP Holiday Programme

The plan is to be open 18-22nd of December 7:30-5:30 daily. A full time booking is \$280 per child. For further information email: supervisor@kasp.co.nz

FIRST CREDIT UNION

Wednesday 29th November - tomorrow
Final collection for 2023

**Fe'unukoula - Academy of Tongan Arts,
Dance & Culture**



Rosalynn from A13 represented her maternal family as Miss Ha'ano during a competition in Auckland earlier this month. She competed in three categories Puletaha/Puletasi, Island creation and traditional Tongan dance and came 3rd in the overall result. It was her first time participating in this kind of competition in front of a large crowd. Her family would like to thank Knighton Normal School for all the support given to Rosalynn to enable her to gain the confidence to compete in this event. What a star!

Hip Hop Champion



We need to give a big shout out to congratulate Atairangi Kipa in Te Hihiri, Akomanga 22. The hip hop team she performs with, "4element" won The Battle in the Bays over in Hastings. She has been performing at a local and national level with the hip hop "Street Squad Mini Squad" for four years, practising in the evenings and at weekends. We have some amazing talent here at Knighton.

Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration - TPC 2023

Malo e lelei, Talofa, Bula, Mauri, Fakalofa lahi atu, Nod'ia, Kia orana, Taloha ni, Kia ora and warm Pacific greetings to you all.

On a rainy Saturday 18 November our 38 strong Pasifika Performance group took to the stage at the Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration - TPC 2023 Hamilton Primary and Intermediate Schools Cultural Competition held at St Paul's Collegiate School, in front of a 'standing room only' crowd who filled the huge sports centre.

Girls dressed in Knighton blue with white lei and flowers combined with our boys in black and blue wowed the audience with their energy and enthusiasm, dancing and singing songs from across the Pacific.

A huge thank you goes out to our proud Knighton children who were fantastic ambassadors for our kura. Thanks also to Mrs Cooper, Whaea Jodie, Whaea Landy, Ms A, Mrs GW, and our beautiful Knighton families who came along to support our children.



Note your calendar

- 5 December - Board of Trustees Hui
- 7 December:
 - * 9am - 12.30pm Middle School athletics morning
 - * 1.00 - 2.30pm Year 6 disco
 - * 9.30 - 10.30am Senior Service assembly
- 8 December - 5.30pm Poroporoaki
- 11 December - 11.40am Senior Awards Assembly
- 15 December - **1.00pm** - END OF TERM 4
- 1 February 2024 - 9.00am TERM 1 BEGINS

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal