

Newsletter 20

12th December 2023

This is our last newsletter for the year. I would like to thank everyone in our Knighton community for your support and goodwill this year. We have a strong and encouraging school community of which we are grateful for. I hope you all enjoy the upcoming festive season and holiday.

I would also like to thank our amazing staff for their dedication and hard work this year. I feel very privileged to be leading such a team of professionals.

Next year our new Hauora Hub will be open. This will be based in the old Whaihanga Building that was given to us this year from the Ministry of Education. Chrissy Cottingham and her team of support staff will be working with children in both a responsive and proactive way, helping them build up life skills that will enable them to thrive in a classroom environment. We are very excited about this new initiative. We would like to acknowledge the support that we have received from the inaugural group of parents/whānau who set up the Whānau Preschool in the building that is now the Hauora Hub and, in particular, Katie Te Maro for her gift of a waiata.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Chad Adams and Camilla Carty-Melis for their services towards our Board of Trustees and the school. Both Chad and Camilla are moving onto new adventures in their life and for their family next year and will be stepping down from the Board at the end of this year. Chad has been our Presiding Member for the last 5 years. His calm approach to matters and his passion for children's learning put our school in a good place, particularly as we navigated our way through Covid. Likewise, Camilla has been a great supporter of our kura and has often been seen helping out around the school.

Lastly, it has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children this year. While teaching does come with its challenges, it's extremely fulfilling and rewarding watching our tamariki grow in the Knighton Way values throughout the year. Our Knighton children are wonderful and a real credit to you all.



[Year 6 Leavers Assembly](#)

The final assembly for the senior tamariki is this **Thursday 14 December at 11:40am**. This assembly honours our Year 6 leavers, who will be presented with their graduation certificate. All whānau are asked to [wait outside the hall](#) until they are welcomed in by the senior school tamariki. We hope to see you there.



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.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 13 December lost property will be closed for the year so please come and check for missing items



Note your calendar

14 Dec: 10.00am - Middle School End of Year Assembly
11.40am - Senior School End of Year Assembly

15 Dec: 10.30-10.50am New Entrants Meet 2024 Teacher

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

1 February 2024 - 9.00am TERM 1 BEGINS

Important Returns

- **All library books must be returned this week. The replacement cost for lost/unreturned books will be charged.**
- **Please return Knighton uniforms unless your child is in a cricket team.**

Senior Awards Assembly 2023

Sport

The Dell Cup (hockey) - Player of the Year:
Yuto Hughes

Inline Hockey Certificate:
**Haruto Feehily
Hezekiah Shayo**

Netball Cup - Whānau Contribution to Netball:
Timaima Iowane & Whānau

Touch Rugby Trophy - Most Valuable Touch Rugby
Player:
Jovaan Tai-Rakena

Rugby Cup - Most Valuable Rugby Player:
Braxton Motu

Jeff Freeman Senior Cricket Trophy - Senior Player
of the Year:
Tej Patel

Basketball Cup- Player of the Year: **Yuto Hughes**

Culture

Kaitātaki Kōtiro:
**Rylee Collins &
Matangireia Manukau-Melbourne**

Kaitātaki Tama: **Te Hari Whitiora**

Te Hihiritanga:
**Atairangi Kipa &
Maliyka-Jhae Herbert -Keo**

Te Tohu Ihumanea: **Izuba Byamana**

Te Ngākau Hūmarie - Matua Ray's Memorial Trophy:
Matangireia Manukau-Melbourne

Music Contribution Trophy - Contribution to Music:
Sione Pongi & Tirakahurangi Watene-Johnson

Stewart Cup - Contribution to Performing Arts:
Benjamin Kopeke & Paige Adams

Commitment & Leadership in the Arts: **Delta Lamb**

Dance Award: **Anuja Ashokananda**

Contribution and Commitment to Pasifika Certificate:
Dasha Poynton & Daniella Poynton

2023 Pasifika Leadership Trophies: **Mwea David
Sione Pongi**

Pasifika Tautau Trophy - For Service & Integrity:
Halafihi Havea



KASP Holiday Programme

KASP will be open the following dates:

18 - 22 December

8 - 31 January

Lots of trips and activities are planned. WINZ subsidy available and weekly fee is \$280 for children booked in full time.

Open 7:30-5:30 daily

For further information email: supervisor@kasp.co.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

Youthtown Holiday Programmes

Summer school holidays are quickly approaching! Youthtown will be running two holiday programmes, Football Connect and Hooked on Hockey just before Christmas. Hooked on Hockey will also be running in the New Year.

Link to register for Football Connect -

<https://www.youthtown.org.nz/newsarticle/134356?newsfeedId=1800829>

Link to register for Hooked on Hockey -

<https://www.youthtown.org.nz/newsarticle/121796?newsfeedId=1800829>

For more info contact: acacia.kelsen@youthtown.org.nz

Free Multi-Sport Holiday Programme | January 2024

The University of Waikato, in partnership with Sport Waikato, are running a FREE multi-sport holiday programme in January 2024. Taking place at the University of Waikato on the 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th, and 22nd, 23rd, 24th of January 2024 from 9am-12pm, the programme is open to 30 tamariki between 9-12 years of age. Run by student-coaches from the University of Waikato, the programme focuses on providing fun and inclusive sporting opportunities that meet the needs of young people and is part of a wider research project that aims to develop quality coaches in the Waikato.

If you'd like to know more and/or to register your interest in your child taking part, please get in contact with Jet Lim via email: limjet2000@gmail.com The programme is strictly limited to 30 participants for the 8 free days of sport, so get in quick as it's first in, first served!

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal