

## Newsletter 5

3rd April 2024

Last week we celebrated diversity at our annual Cultural Parade. This was the culmination of our week long Cultural Festival where the students had the opportunity to do a variety of activities that acknowledged the multicultural nature of our school. We feel very fortunate to have such a range of ethnicities and world views in our school. This makes us rich in many ways. I would like to thank Diane Cooper, our English Language Learning (ELL) team, and all the helpers who spent hours of their time making this such an enjoyable week and event.

This Friday we are looking forward to celebrating the 25th birthday of our bilingual unit 'Te Hihiri'. We have a variety of events planned for the day and evening and it will be great to reconnect with people who have been associated with Te Hihiri over the years.

A huge thank you to the organising committee for setting up this special day.



### Focus on attendance

One of the things we regularly highlight in our newsletter is the importance of attendance. We want to focus on all of our tamariki attending all of the time (with a few exceptions). This is so that they can get the most out of their school experience and be the best that they can be.

It's important to make sure your tamariki are showing up to school **every day**. Good attendance is the key to success and a brighter future. It's everyone's responsibility to encourage positive attendance.

A big **THANK YOU** to Captain Compost Landscape Supplies in Frankton who have donated compost and pea straw for the new raised garden beds in the Garden to Table area.

[www.captaincompost.com](http://www.captaincompost.com) 07 847 8367



### School Photos

Class and individual photos will be taken on **Monday 6th May** - you will receive a PhotoLife flyer this week.

All students have their photo taken and a Photo Keycode will be emailed to you by PhotoLife after the photos are taken. You will then be able to see the photo/s of your child that were taken and decide if you wish to purchase a pack. Payment is made directly to Photolife.

**\* Check we have your correct email address**

**You only need to return the signed flyer to school if you want a sibling/whanau photo taken - one form per family. This must be returned by Friday 3rd May.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - Only children who are currently attending Knighton can have their photos taken.**



### 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.



### Spare Clothing

We have very limited spare clothing available for children. We ask that you keep a change of clothes in your child's school bag in a waterproof plastic bag at all times.

If your child comes home with clothes borrowed from school please wash and return them as soon as possible.

**\*If you have spare clothes in good condition to donate, particularly shorts and leggings in all sizes, we would be very grateful to receive them.**

## Cultural Festival



It was Thursday the 28th March. I felt excited when I got up in the morning because it was the Cultural Festival day and I was doing a speech about my country. I got dressed in my traditional clothes and put on my Indian jewellery and when I got to school my teacher helped me put my makeup on.

Then it was time for the parade, I walked with a group from India and I felt proud. After that there were two speeches and some cultural dance performances in the hall.

When I was doing my speech about the Indian flag I felt a little bit shy and nervous but really excited. I am very proud of myself because I stood in front of a crowd and presented a speech.

This is my last week at Knighton and I will always remember the Cultural Festival.

By Keerthi - Akomanga/Room 2



## KASP April School Holiday Programme

The holiday programme from 15th - 26th April offers fun activities for children aged 5 - 13 years old. There are activities held on site as well as exciting day trips. The cost for a full week booking is \$280. For more information or bookings contact KASP directly on 022 642 0726 or [supervisor@kasp.co.nz](mailto:supervisor@kasp.co.nz)

### Scooter and Bike Storage

If your child comes to school on their scooter or bicycle there are designated areas for storage during the school day.

- Beside Room 9 - opposite the middle school playground - scooters
- Opposite the swimming pool - bikes
- Between rooms 28 and 29 for senior students



### ASB St John in Schools

This programme of interactive first aid and wellbeing activities from St John Community Education is back for the April school holidays. Young people aged 3 - 7 or 8+ will develop the skills and knowledge to respond in an emergency and keep themselves and others safe.

Monday 15 April - Hamilton Central Library  
Tuesday 16 April - Hillcrest Library  
Thursday 18 April - Glenview Library



### Note your calendar

5 April - Te Hihiri 25 Year Celebration

12 April - End of Term 1 - 3:00pm

29 April - Term 2 begins - 9:00am

3 June - King's Birthday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

4 June - MOE Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

28 June - Matariki - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Andrew Campbell**  
Principal