



**KNIGHTON  
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te wā rua,

We are set for another busy wā (term) with lots of wonderful ako (learning).

I would like to introduce Miss Taylor Beamish to our class for term 2. She will be the kaiako on Thursdays this term (except one Wednesday) and is looking forward to working with our tamariki. Her enthusiasm and energy will be enjoyed in our space. Feel free to pop your head in on a Thursday and say hi. However, if you have any questions, concerns etc regarding your children it is still best to contact me directly.

We will be looking into the science of bees with our House of Science kit 'What's the Buzz' at the beginning of term. It is going to be a fascinating and fun fortnight!



We will continue with our Mantle of the Expert about Anaru's Pahikara (bike). We are digging deeper into our understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and how agreements work.

I am passionate about te reo and te ao Māori. We will continue to develop our matauranga Māori and te reo Māori - by looking at counting objects and people, likes and dislikes, practising our pepeha and much more. We will also continue to have our weekly sessions with Hayley (our NZSL Tutor) and doing lots of incidental and purposeful learning from our CSW Vicky.

Reading and writing is taught daily, sometimes independently and sometimes incorporated into our other learning. Children will continue to work with me, with each other and on their own to develop their literacy skills. Sometimes we use devices to support this learning, only if this is targeted at the literacy needs of the child. Some children will attend the Literacy Centre and others will be working in structured literacy groups in class developing their skills with spelling sounds and phonics. Some will also attend the English Language Learners Hub.

We will continue to cross-group for maths. Most children will be staying with me, however there are some who will be going to another akomanga for maths.



We use Chromebooks and iPads to support our learning. Each child in the senior school has their own log in to Google within the school network. They can share the things they are doing in the Drive by logging in at home too.

I use Seesaw to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages or announcements. If you are not already linked to the Akomanga Rima Seesaw, please email me [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you do not want your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or flick me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have. It is very important that you are connected to this, as we try to share information with you in a timely manner, sometimes Seesaw will be the best and quickest way to get the information to you.



I have registered our class to complete a virtual mission exercising our way to the Olympics. We will be doing short and strong bursts of fitness and physical activity each day to add to the mission km target. It should be fun!

## EXTRA NOTICES

- **Kindo:** To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website.
- **Library:** Our library day is Thursday. We may not go every Thursday. Your children can access the library in break times if they want to return or issue books at any other time.
- **Change of clothes:** Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any medication administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day. A reminder that inhalers are important to have at school for asthmatic tamariki. Please ensure you have a current one at the office.
- **Cell Phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. If children do bring a cellphone to school this needs to be handed into the office or kaiako until the end of the day.
- **Late:** If your child is late please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is absent please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- **Term Calendar:** The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)



I try to actively check my emails throughout the day so please email me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing: [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) However, **if it is urgent it is best to contact the office** and they will send a message.

Thank you all. I look forward to reconnecting with you all over the coming weeks.  
Nga mihi nui, Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

