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21st May 2024

On Thursday a number of our sports teams are taking part in the Morrinsville Rugby and Netball Fun Day and the South East Hamilton Schools Winter Sports Day at the University of Waikato. Sports, along with other parts of our curriculum, is an excellent platform for our children to develop and grow their Knighton Way dispositions of Mahi Tahī - the ability to get along with people, Whakarite - being organised, Whaikaha - the ability to persist and not give up easily, and Maiatanga - having the confidence to give things ago and approach failure as a learning opportunity.

A friendly reminder that school officially opens at 8.30am. Teachers are in their classes before 8.30am preparing for the day and having meetings. If your child needs to come to school before 8.30am (often because of work commitments) you can contact the wonderful KASP team who run a Before School Care Programme out of the hall.

Also, a reminder that King's Birthday is on Monday 3rd June followed by our Curriculum Refresh Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 4th June. School will reopen for instruction on Wednesday 5th June.

Thank You

A huge thanks to the Hamilton Branch of Waikato Creative Fibre who have chosen KNS as their community outreach this winter season. They have been busy making lots of beanies for our tamariki. Thanks so much for keeping our heads nice and toasty, we love them!



Vienna A2 & Michael A1 modelling their new hats



School Photos

You have been emailed your child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos. You will be able to see the photo/s of your child that were taken and decide if you wish to make a purchase. Payment is made directly to Photolife, **not** school. Check your trash/spam folder if you have not received your code, or check at the office as we have a list of codes.

Last orders for free delivery expires midnight Sunday 2nd June

Wild Feelings Show

During week 2, our Y4-6 children saw the fabulous 'Wild Feelings' show by Beth Kayes. The show won the Playmarket NZ 'Plays for the Young' in the 8-12 year old category during 2023. With its themes of wellbeing and science (NZ birds), Katie and Beth, the actors, gave us a quality, high energy performance. Through their story, they shared some great messages about how to manage 'Wild feelings'. The show was interactive, full of fun, colourful and there was even some acrobatics. We loved it!



Pink Shirt Day

The Knighton student council promoted Pink Shirt Day with a very popular Wheels Day last week. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected. The children donated **\$185** to support the Mental Health Foundation.

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. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated.



Some messages from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health for our school community:

Student attendance: A guide for parents and caregivers – Ministry of Education

Every day counts towards your child's learning at school. Attending school gives your child the best opportunity to realise their full potential and do well in life.

Parents are legally required to enrol their children and make sure they attend school every day.

- Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for recreational activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- You are responsible for letting the school know if your children are moving schools and you need to make sure you enrol your children in their next school right away.

Measles – Te Whatu Ora

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the motu, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Te Whatu Ora advises that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

Auckland University of Technology have asked us to invite parents to share their child's experiences with support services for anxiety or ADHD. They have developed an anonymous online survey that should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The research aims to provide insight into current practice, and they hope to develop effective and accessible services for children and their whānau in the future.

Has your child received support for
ANXIETY or ADHD?



Tell us about their experiences, and you could win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

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Click to participate or learn more:

https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0TC9wLfeIXc

Akomanga 2 enjoying the autumn leaves at lunchtime



Note your calendar

23 May - Winter Sports Day - Waikato University/St Johns

31 May - Arbour Day

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

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

5 June - New Entrant Cohort Day

17 June - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

24 - 28 June - Te Wiki O Matariki

28 June - Matariki - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

1 - 3 July - Parent Conversations

5 July - 3:00pm - End of Term 2 - **School closed for holidays**

22 July - 9:00am - Term 3 starts

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal