

Newsletter 8

4th June 2024

I hope you all enjoyed some time with family and loved ones over the long weekend. All staff enjoyed our Curriculum Refresh Teacher Only Day today. Teaching staff were able to spend time working on literacy and numeracy while our support staff spent time looking at trauma informed practice within our kura. As this was a Ministry of Education Accord Teacher Only Day, we do not need to make up the day at the end of the year.

Grant Miller, who teaches in Akomanga 31, will be leaving us at the end of this term. He will be moving into a new position at Leamington Primary School in Cambridge. Grant has loved teaching at Knighton, however teaching in Cambridge gives him an opportunity to be closer to where his family live and go to school. Grant has been an amazing teacher at our school over the last ten years and we will miss him a lot. The Knighton Normal School Board is currently going through the appointments process for A31.

Another friendly reminder to park in the right spaces when dropping off or picking up your children from school. Parking at Kirikiriroa Marae and the local Kōhanga Reo is unavailable, however you can park on Henry Street and cross over Wairere Drive. We are still getting some parents parking on or across the footpath on Knighton Road which is dangerous for any children walking along the footpath. It is important that we prioritise our kids' safety at all times. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Self Directed Writing

Red, yellow, brown and green leaves
crumple under kids stomping feet racing
to get somewhere. Green strips waving
in the wind, almost naked. Standing tall
and proud, waving in the breeze.
That's what I saw out the window.

By Amelia A5



Morrinsville Fun Day

During week five Knighton sent two rugby teams and three netball teams to the Morrinsville Rugby/Netball Fun Day.

The intention of this event is to promote primary school rugby and netball, and to encourage the spirit of fair play. This day was a great opportunity for players to improve their skills, learn more about the game, and to demonstrate the Knighton Way attribute of mahi tahi (getting along) Congratulations to everyone that was involved.

If your child still has a uniform please return it to the office.



Bike to Sport Event

Hamilton City Council is hosting its first Bike to Sport events to get more kids and their parents biking to their sports games. It's a great way to warm up, spend time outdoors with whanau, and skip the sports traffic.

All those who bike to their soccer games on the dates below will get a free hot drink (including parents/caregivers) so remember your keep cup! Plus, rally up your teammates as the team with the most bike riders on each day will win Ninja Valley passes.

Council's cycling education team will be there giving out free bike checks, and safety gear such as bells, high-vis vests, backpack covers, and puncture repair kits.

Event details:

Saturday 8 June 2024, 8:30am-1pm
Jansen Park, Hillcrest

Saturday 15 June 2024, 8:30am-1pm
Discovery Park, Rototuna

Contact: cycling@hcc.govt.nz or 07 838 6699



Thank You

Sam Waddell, the owner of Four Square at 271 Clyde Street continues to generously donate groceries to feed tamariki who may need kai at school. We receive 50 loaves of bread and 10 kg of cheese plus fruit every week which is a significant contribution to our school community.

If you can support his business it would be a great way to thank him for his koha to our kura.

Parent Conversations

During the year we offer parent/teacher conversation times to discuss your child's progress. These conversations will be a sharing of information about learning, attitude, social, physical and emotional development, behaviour, relationships with others and progress in practical areas.

This term these conversations will take place

1st - 3rd July. Interview bookings will open on the 19th June.

More information will follow on the School App and from teachers on the class Dojo/Seesaw.



Wheels Day

The Student Council is having a Wheels Day on **Thursday 6 June.** The first break will be for the juniors and the second break will be for the middle and senior school. Tamariki must remember their helmet. They can bring scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades but **NO** bikes because the court is too small for bikes.

The Student Council



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 items will be on display on Thursday 6 June - come and have a look if your child has lost clothing.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated.

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Vision & Hearing Checks

Vision & Hearing Technicians will be visiting our school on **Monday 1st July.** The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

The technicians will check children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their Before School Check, and children absent from previous visits or who require retests or follow up.

All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

Knights After School Programme (KASP)

Join KASP these school holidays for some fun activities in Hamilton and day trips in surrounding towns.

Registrations open 3 June and close 28 June - spaces will be limited so book early!

Register and book on <https://kasp.aimyplus.com>

If you have questions contact the KASP team:

supervisor@kasp.co.nz or 022 642 0726



Note your calendar

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

24 - 28 June - Te Wiki O Matariki

28 June - Matariki - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

1 July - Hearing & Vision testing

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