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Akomanga Toru Tekau mā Tahī - A31

Kia ora e te whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Rūma 31! Welcome back to term 3.  
I hope you all enjoyed a great break! My name is Jasmine and I am thrilled to be the new teacher for Akomanga 31. I'm sure we will get to know each other throughout the rest of this year. My door is always open so feel free to come in and have a chat. Otherwise, don't hesitate to message me on Dojo or send me an email. I will endeavour to respond as soon as possible between 7:30am-5:00pm.  
We have an action packed term 3 ahead!



### The Knighton Way Focus for Term 3: Whaikaha / Persistence



This term at Knighton, our focus is on whaikaha. We are looking at how we deal with challenges in the classroom, with our peers and at home.

- ★ Kia Kaha
- ★ Trying our best
- ★ Knowing what to do when things are hard
- ★ Problem-solving

An excellent way for you to help your child is to check in with them each day about what challenges they faced or that they saw others face and how they overcame them.

## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

### Literacy

Our literacy programme continues to be adjusted to suit the different needs and abilities of A31 tamariki. We are focusing on a range of literacy skills that help us develop as authors. These include continuing to look at different ways sentences can be structured and how paragraphs are organised, as well as using speech marks correctly and adding detail to our writing. As readers, we will be focusing on making connections and how we infer when we read by taking notice of the clues the writer has given us. This can then be carried over to our writing, where we will look at how we can leave our readers with clues to do some inferring of their own.



Children will continue taking home a library book each week, so your support and encouragement to get them reading at home for 30 minutes each day will go a long way towards helping them develop as both a reader and a writer.





## Mathematics

Cross-grouping continues this term. While all maths classes use Prime as a key resource, the focus in each class is different, so do take the time to ask your child about their learning. A great thing to do at home to help is to encourage your child to learn their times tables by heart.

## Te Reo Māori

This term, we will be learning phrases and responses that will enable children to communicate the location of an object or person, and asking and answering how many objects there are. These include:

- Location words
- Kei hea...? Where is...?
- Kei waho/roto/runga/raro... They/it/she/he is inside/outside/on/under...
- E hia...? How many...?

Encouraging them to then teach you at home would be fantastic!



## Oral Language

The Senior Speech Festival is on at the end of this term. Our focus will be on speaking to an audience with confidence, and we will do this in a way that ensures each child gets to experience success.

## Keeping Safe

This term we will be doing our keeping safe programme. This programme will cover a range of topics relating to students' hauora/health and wellbeing as they grow and change. If you have any questions about this programme, please feel free to message me on Dojo or send me an email.

**Library Day** - Monday

**My Duty** - Tuesday afternoon 2:55 pm-3:15 pm

## Reminders

- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **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 bring a cellphone to school, it must be handed into the office until the end of the day.

## Online Kindo shop

To avoid office queues and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you 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. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need assistance setting this up.

Remember I am always available via email or Dojo, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi i tō āwhina

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