

Newsletter 16

22nd October 2024

Welcome back for our fourth and final term for 2024. The year is certainly going quickly. The tamariki have made a great start and we're looking forward to a good term of teaching and learning along with lots of fun events.

A friendly reminder that we have a 'Ministry of Education Accord **Teacher Only Day**' on **Friday 22nd November** to work on the new curriculum that will be implemented next year. There has been some confusion around the Associate Education Minister Seymour's comments late last term about schools not being allowed Teacher Only Days anymore. These do not include the Teacher Only Days (such as this one) allocated to schools by the Ministry of Education to work on the new curriculum. The Ministry of Education allocated all schools two 'Accord Teacher Only Days' in 2024 and a further two 'Accord Teacher Only Days' in 2025. A letter about this Teacher Only Day will go out to the community soon.

Another friendly reminder that it is compulsory for all ākongā/students to wear a Knighton Normal School **Blue Hat** this term. This is part of our Sun Smart Policy. Please ensure your child has a KNS Blue Hat at school and that it is named. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



KNIGHTON SCHOOL HATS

During term 4 Knighton hats must be worn when students are outdoors. They can be purchased via MyKindo <https://kindo.co.nz/> or at the office for \$10.00



Wacky Wheels Wednesday

We will have **Wheels Wednesday tomorrow, 23 October** in the **2nd break**. This is just for fun so no need to bring any donation.

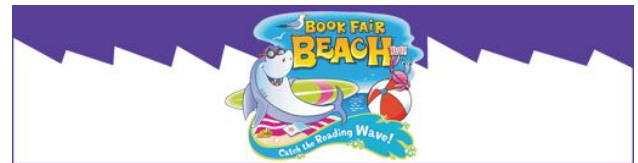
Tamariki must remember their helmet. They can bring scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades but **NO** bikes because the court is too small for bikes.

The Student Council



The Lost Kākāpō of Maungatautari Mountain!

At the end of last term, our Year 4 students proudly performed their puppet show, *The Lost Kākāpō of Maungatautari Mountain*, and paraded their handmade puppets at our end of term assembly. Thank you to the many whānau who were able to join us for a performance and share in the children's success. A heartfelt thank you to our creative talent, puppeteer Ifat Vayner, who worked closely with the students over Terms 2 and 3, guiding them in creating their puppets and helping to organise and bring our performance to life. This amazing project was made possible by funding from the Ministry of Education's 'Creatives in Schools' programme. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is at our school this week **Monday 21st October - Thursday 24th October**.

This is a special event that enables parents, caregivers and children to purchase quality books at reasonable prices, helping our school raise funds to add to our whare pukapuka/library.

Tuesday 22nd October 8.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 23rd October 8.30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 24th October 8.30am – 1.30pm



Wednesday 23rd October - TOMORROW

This is a chance for your tamariki to bring their favourite characters to life by dressing up - this is an optional activity. There will be a parade and celebration from 9:15-10:00am when we are lucky to have a very special character visiting us. Everyone will sing a few waiata to celebrate this day. Prizes for best dressed will be given to each class.

*You are **not** expected to buy/hire costumes, homemade is encouraged.

Rugby Tournament



Last term in week 10 I had a rugby tournament at Glenview Park. Some of the teams were Koromatua, Whakawatea and Frankton. We started with a loss then a draw and then our final game was against Glenview. We started by dominating 2-0 then their school came to watch and then they made a comeback making it 2-2. One of their players got a try in the last half to make it 3-2 so we lost. We had prize giving at the end of the day. Te Rapa won overall and Ben in A31 got the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

By Kieran - Akomanga 32



Ben - A31

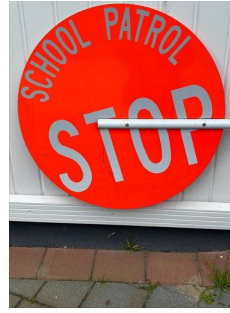
Senior Recitation Results

In term 3 we held the inaugural recitation competition which replaced speeches. This enabled students to focus on their delivery, including pronunciation, eye contact, and voice projection. The standard of delivery was extremely high by all participants. The winners were:

Year 5 - Jye McLean - A22

Year 6 - Kahi Taanetinorau - Searancke A22

Overall Winner - Emma Hayes - A5



Road Patrol - 2025

We are looking for tamariki (children) who will be in Year 5 and 6 at Knighton in 2025 to volunteer to become part of our road safety team.

Being a road patroller or traffic warden is a very important job that helps our kura (school).

It is a way for tamariki to help keep our community safe when they cross the roads to get to and from kura.

Please read the linked newsletter [Road Patrol & Traffic Wardens 2025 letters](#) and return it to school if your child is interested in this wonderful opportunity.



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 and shoes that are lost by children are unnamed.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated. PLEASE name ALL your children's clothing.

Note your calendar

23 Oct - 9.15 - 10am - Book Character Parade

28 Oct - Labour Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

31 Oct - Whānau Hui

18 Nov - New Entry Cohort Entry

22 Nov - Teacher Only Day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

25 Nov - Hearing & Vision Testing

17 Dec - 1pm - Term 4 Ends - **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal