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5th November 2024

Last week we had a number of ākongā participating in Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) events. Our year 4 team went to Maungatautari Mountain, a number of our English Language Learning students visited the A&P Show at Claudelands, and a team of senior students participated in the Amazing Race at the Hamilton Gardens on Friday. A huge thank you to everyone involved including parents and whānau who helped out.

As you will be aware, the new English and Mathematics Curriculum will be coming into effect in 2025. As a kura, we are well prepared for this. A reminder that we have a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 22nd November** so we can take part in professional development for the new curriculum. This Teacher Only Day is part of the Ministry Accord meaning the Ministry of Education has gifted schools this day.

I would like to thank all the families who are ensuring their children come to school everyday, unless they are away for a justified reason. There is a big push at the moment to get attendance rates up, including at our school. We know that regular attendance (45 days or more attendance out of a usual 50 day term) has a significant impact on a child's ability to learn and retain knowledge. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation with this.



Scholastic Book Fair

Knighton has not hosted a book fair since 2018 so everyone was very excited. Whānau and ākomanga/classes visited all week creating wishlists and browsing. Scholastic gives back a percentage of the funds raised to the school so we expect to receive around \$3,000 to spend on books for our library. This would not have been possible without your support.

During the week we also held Book Character Day and lots of staff and students got involved dressing up as their favourite book character. Our special guest appearance from Dogman was a huge hit, we are still guessing who it was!

Each class chose a winning character and their prize was a book or a poster. Gangster Granny and Mrs Wishy Washy were excited to win staff prizes too.



Meg the Witch, Little Red Riding Hood, The Rainbow Fish, Cat in the Hat & Gangster Granny



Thanks to all the Student Counsellors who walked children down to the school gate on Travel Together Tuesday. Students who got involved in 'park and stride' were entered into a prize draw. Hamilton City Council provided amazing prizes - \$50 Pak 'n' Save voucher, family pool pass, family zoo pass, goodie bags, umbrellas, and Duck Island ice cream vouchers.

Amazing race

It was Friday 1st November, the day of the Amazing Race. We met at Knighton School in the morning then went to the Hamilton Gardens. So many schools across Hamilton came to the race. They gave us a map then you had to find the puzzles and solve them. My personal favourite was the Lego one where you had to make something to represent leadership. We made a throne with a king on it and a peasant bowing to him. We got about 100 points. We didn't win but at least we had fun.

By Nudam - Akomanga 29

Schools Day Out - A&P Show

Bosandi - Akomanga 31

Last Friday a group of English Language Learning tamariki went to the Schools Day Out at the A&P Show at Claudelands. These are children who have not been in New Zealand very long and are just learning English.



This is what they wrote about the day:

- ❖ I loved holding the baby chicks, they were fluffy. Kate - Age 9
- ❖ Patting the lambs and calves was fun. Talitha - Age 9
- ❖ I thought it was a great place to go because there were animals to see and games to play. Zaid - Age 8
- ❖ We got to see lots of animals and to play big games. Yugandhar - Age 8
- ❖ I liked feeding the lamb. Methuki - Age 10
- ❖ It was so much fun for us to pat the little pony and see the big horses getting their shoes on. Abishek - Age 9
- ❖ On Friday it was the best trip ever. Sohail - Age 9



Tipu Ake

Each wiki a small rōpu of year 5/6 tamariki work in the Hauora Hub as part of the Tipu Ake programme led by Te Kōhao Health. They created a carving last term that was gifted to a significant person in their life. There are six kura from our Kahui Ako that are involved and we all came together to unveil their patu during a graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful celebration of the mahi the tamariki had done. Their carvings were amazing, something they were very proud of and we were too. This story featured in the New Zealand Herald which explains more about the programme:

[Largest cohort of 45 students graduating today from Tipu Ake carving course - NZ Herald](#)

Community Notices

Knighnton After School Programme (KASP)

KASP will be open on the Teacher Only Day (Friday 22nd November) from 7.30-5.30pm. Bookings essential, cost dependant on the booking time you choose.

KASP Christmas Party will be happening on the last day of school (Tuesday 17th December) from 1pm. Bookings are essential.

KASP Summer Holiday Programme - we will be running a programme 18-20 December, as well as 6-10 January, 13-17 January, 20-24 January and 28-31 January. Bookings will be available soon.

For further information contact Lyndal Mathews, KASP Operations Manager - 027 361 7879

Note your calendar

18 Nov - New Entry Cohort Entry

21 Nov - Year 0/1 End of Year Celebration

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

25 Nov - Hearing & Vision Testing

2 Dec - Final New Entrant visit for 2024

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

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal

Lost Property

Please check LOST PROPERTY
All unclaimed items will be donated

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. It will be laid out for you to look through tomorrow, Wednesday 6th November - weather permitting

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 clothes

Thank you to Sam Waddell, the owner of Four Square, Clyde Street, who continues to generously donate food for children's lunches.

