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19th November 2024

Last weekend I had the privilege of watching our Pasifika Performers take part in the annual Tamaiti Pasifika Competition at St Paul's College in Hamilton. It was a great occasion and the children did so well. They looked great in their new outfits, they gave it their all, and they looked like they were really enjoying themselves (even with the nerves). A big thank you to everyone involved in this.

As you will know by now, **school will be closed for instruction this Friday, 22nd November** for our Ministry Accord Teacher Only Day. These days were gifted to schools from the Ministry of Education so we could work on the new curriculums that are coming into force from 2025.

A friendly reminder that school does not officially open until 8.30am each morning. As the mornings are getting lighter earlier, we are getting more children arriving at the gate well before 8.30am. If you need your child to come to school earlier than 8.30am, you can enrol them in the KASP Programme that runs out of the school hall. This also applies at the end of the school day. If children cannot be picked up at 3:00pm they need to enrol with KASP. You can get an information flyer from our school office or speak to the KASP team directly.



Johandri, Heidi, Miane, Kavyaa, Arshfeena, Jhanvi & Masooma

The results of the Tamaiti Pasifika competition were:

- 4th= Group performance Primary Division
- 1st overall in Primary and Intermediate song section - Savannah (Akomanga 5)
- 2nd in the Primary speech category - Awanui (Akomanga 8)
- 1st in the overall Shoe Design category -Paea (Akomanga 32)
- 2nd in the overall shoe design category - Masooma (Akomanga 2)



Enviro Kids

Our Enviro Kids have worked incredibly hard all year in our māra kai (vegetable garden). They water and weed regularly and plant fruits and vegetables with the seasons. Our latest success is our strawberry crop. All of the Enviro Kids agree that ours are juicier and sweeter than the supermarket's!



Isla, Nikki, Emily, Deontay & Yuvaan showing their crop



Earlier in the term our Year 4 classes all visited [Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari](#) which is an eco-sanctuary located in the Waikato. It is an ancient forest that is home to many of New Zealand's unique and endangered wildlife.

What is Maungatautari?

Maungatautari is a pest free zone.

The tall, emergent trees reach into the blue sky.

The forest of native birds.

The birds high up in the trees chatting

The deep kiwi burrows, with leaves around the dark hole in the ground.

The steep long rocky paths through the forest.

The crystal clear stream flowing under the bridge.

The native trees in the forest shoot up into the canopy layer.

The dead leaves on the steep long rocky path

The tower, with eighty-four steps.

Maungatautari is a quiet zone for everyone!

Linnea Dhakal Age 9



Basketball Hoops

Recently we had two new basketball hoops installed on the school courts. We are so grateful to [One Foundation](#) for awarding our kura a grant to help towards the new hoops, the children are absolutely loving being able to play basketball once again!



Piri'anga, Caleb, Acadian, Kahi, Korde, Broncho, Neihana, Jacob & Jye enjoying a game

Bush Craft



Thank you Brian & Pete from [Perry Outdoor Education Trust](#) who came to support the Year 2/3 Team on our Bush Craft Days last week.

This is what some of our tamariki had to say about their day:

- "We used the flint to make a flame and burn cotton wool. It took ages but we got it in the end!" Casey
- "I used a hammer, knives, nails, harakeke, twigs and fire to make charcoal pencils. I don't really do much stuff like this so it was cool." Archer
- "My favourite part was making burnt popcorn over the hot, smoky brazier! They tasted good!" Maidah

Community Notices

Weet-Bix KIDS TRYathlon

Sign-ups are now open for Weet-Bix KIDS TRYathlon <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hamilton/> taking place on Sunday 8th of December. Knighton has a group link to enter - you can use bit.ly/KNSTRY2025 to go straight to the signup page.

Participation is optional and children who take part must be entered and supported throughout the event by their parent/guardian. Look for the Knighton flags and gazebo where you can hang out during the day.

Please note: The venue has changed to [St Peter's, Cambridge](#). Please allow extra time to travel, find parking, and organise getting your bike to the transition station.

Knighton 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

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

25 Nov - Hearing & Vision Testing

28 Nov - 2-3pm Year 0/1 End of Year Celebration

2 Dec - 1.50pm Final New Entrant visit for 2024

2 - 5 Dec - Year 5 & 6 Beach Education in Raglan

5 & 10 Dec - 9:15am Yr 2/3 End of Year Celebration

11 Dec - 9:00am - 1:00pm Senior Fun Day

12 Dec - 9:30-11:00am Yr 5/6 Awards Assembly

12 Dec - 1:00 - 2:45pm - Year 6 Disco

16 Dec - 10:00am - Year 4 Final Assembly

16 Dec - 11:30am - 1:00pm Yr 5/6 Final Assembly

17 Dec - **1:00pm** - Term 4 Ends - **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal