



KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great start to the year! What an amazing group of kids! I have really enjoyed getting to know your child. 2025 is packed full of quality learning opportunities both within the classroom and around the school, so let's get ready for a truly awesome year!!

Stationery

A very big thanks to all the families who have already paid for their stationery. School costs can be paid online through our Kindo shop. You can go to www.mykindo.co.nz and set up an account. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Alternatively, you can pop forms and money into the frog box in the office.

Please can purchasing stationery be done as soon as possible, as on **Tuesday the 12 February (next week) we will start working in our new books.** This is always an exciting time of the year!

Library

We are lucky to have a school library we can visit weekly that is so well stocked with a huge range of books. **Our library day will be Tuesday.** Children can issue one book each week. Books can be kept in tote trays or taken home. Return the library book each week to swap it for a different one.

Sunhats

It is important for children to be wearing the school sunhat to protect their faces and heads from our hot sun and UV rays. If your child doesn't already have a hat then you can buy one from the school office for \$12 or via the Kindo shop. Hats are compulsory when playing outside.

Swimming

Our swimming days are every Monday and Thursday

We are so lucky at Knighton to have a swimming pool where the water is warmed slightly which means the swimming season lasts all of Term 1 and Term 4. Swimming is a very important part of our learning programme. We are fortunate that our swimming time is in the first block as this is when the pool is cleanest and also warmest as the pool warms up overnight with the cover over it.

Term One Topics

Reading, writing and maths programmes are very important. You can be assured I want your child to not only enjoy these subjects but to really succeed in these areas as well.

Below are the main units to be covered this term.

Our science unit this term will be all about **Frogs**. In health we will be learning about friendship and getting along with others. In social science we will be learning about **Treasures**. In this unit we will each be learning about the rich cultures we have within our classroom. This will culminate in our school wide **cultural festival and parade** which will be held on **Wednesday 2 April**, (Week 9). In **Te Reo Māori** we will begin learning words for colours, body parts and clothing. This will culminate in a game of 'Guess Who' where only Te Reo Māori will be spoken. In PE our focus will be **swimming**.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

On **Tuesday 25 February from 5 - 6.30pm** we will be having a school picnic. This is a chance for us to meet and also for you to get to know other families in our school community.

Class Pets: Winky

We have a class pet. Winky is a golden bell frog who enjoys eating flies and small live insects. If you are able to catch any live flies and bring them to school for him that would be fantastic! Winky has proved very popular with children, showing off his acrobatic skills as he stalks his prey.

Year 4 Team Building Morning

Our team of Year 4 classes will be joining together on **Friday 21st February (Week 3)** for a block of fun activities. The purpose is to build the skills for teamwork and to get to know each other. Swimming gear will be needed on this day!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available daily from 8.30am for any child in the Hauora hub.

Nuts

We have children in our school who are allergic to nuts. Please do not send nuts or food with nuts in it to school.

Brain Break

Brain Break is a scheduled opportunity in the morning for the children to eat a small healthy snack to recharge their brains. Please could you consider this when packing lunch boxes. Children are allowed a piece of fruit, vegetables, yoghurt or a small sandwich at this time..

Sweets + Drinks

Knighon promotes healthy eating and drinking, children are asked not to bring any sweets to school including marshmallows. Any drink bottles should contain only water. Thanks so much for your understanding on this!

Class Dojo

This is a way for me to share photos, news, learning at school and class events with you. If you are unable to access Class Dojo please let me know and I can send a link for you to join.

It has been great to meet so many of you over the past few days.. My email is pgardener@kns.ac.nz should you want to discuss any issues. I am also available through 'Class Dojo' or pop in before or after school.

I am super excited about our year together and all of the things already planned and yet to be imagined that will make it a truly memorable year!

Hei konā mai rā,
nā Pauline Gardener Ward