



KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL

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Some useful information for the start of your child's 2025 school year!

School Website and App: You can check out all newsletters, term dates and up-coming events and use the KNS app on your phone to report absences.

Class Dojo: We use Class Dojo to keep in contact with parents and caregivers, and regularly update you with pictures of your child's school life. Class Dojo is a free app which can be downloaded from the app store. Please see your teacher for your unique code to access your child's profile.

Absences: If your child is sick or is not coming to school please let the office know – text or phone 027 352 2089 to leave your message, or use the phone app. The school will follow up all unexplained absences. If you are late (after 9.00am) you must check in with the office staff at the smiley face window (entrance at the side of the office).

Medication: If your child requires medication to be taken at school, please take this directly to the office where you will need to fill out a consent form. Teachers do not administer medicines.

Sunsafe: We actively promote the school's Sunsafe Policy. Children will wear their school hat every day in terms 1 and 4. The hats (\$12.00 payable through the Kindo shop - see details below) stay at school all term. If your child goes to KASP after school, can you give them a hat from home that is just for KASP use.

Swimming: We swim in Terms 1 and 4. We expect all children to participate. Please make sure they are wearing suitable clothing for easy dressing / undressing and they bring a waterproof bag for wet togs and a towel. See your class swimming notice for the days your child will swim.

School payments: To ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our **Kindo shop**. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to 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. Otherwise, any money needs to be placed in the **Frog Box** at the Smiley Face window by your child.

Stationery list: We will send home a stationery list. We encourage you to pay online, see 'school payments' above for further information.

Library: every class has a weekly library time for the children to choose a book to take home to share with their family. They can return their book the following week.

Team Assembly: Normally held on Fridays.

Home Learning: Books and other activities which help support your child's learning will be sent home in their book bags. Your child's teacher will provide more information about what to expect from their home learning program.

Spare Clothes – are a good idea, kept in your child's school bag, for any accidents that happen and/or for messy play and wet days.

Lunch and Morning tea - we ask you to consider including a fruit snack for your child to eat during the first block and remind you to keep the food your child brings to school **nut free**.

Faculty of Education Placements: As we are a Normal School we will have graduates from Waikato University in our classrooms at different times (usually once a week on Wednesdays), as part of the Graduate Teacher Education course. They will have teaching tasks from the University to complete as well as taking part in our class programme. We will also have them working in our classes for their teaching practicum.

Classroom Release Time (CRT): Teachers are released from classroom teaching for five days every term. This time is used for assessment and working with individual children, resource and planning preparation, as well as professional development. Each class has one release teacher who teaches on these days to ensure continuity of the class programme.

Drop Off and Pick Up: Please arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am – this allows time for unpacking school bags and getting ready for the day. From 8.30 teachers will welcome children and support them coming into class.