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#### Kia ora

## WELCOME TO ROOM 3 IN 2025

I am looking forward to a fantastic year teaching and exploring the world with your tamariki. The start of the school year is an exciting time. Students are getting to know each other, learning and practising working together, independently and managing themselves.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

<u>Stationery and Hats -</u> We encourage families to purchase through the Kindo shop on the Knighton School Website <a href="https://www.kns.ac.nz">https://www.kns.ac.nz</a> Additionally if needed, whānau can make arrangements with the office to pay off stationery. Knighton hats are compulsory Terms 1 and 4 and are available via kindo or our office.

# Tōku (My) Pepeha (Greeting)

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Poariki ratou ko Scotland ngā whenua o ōku tupuna. Ko Donald raua ko Denise ōku matua. Ko Zack tōku tama Kei kaiako ahau e mahi ana. Ko Knighton Normal tōku kura. Ko McLean tōku ingoa whānau. Ko Katie ahau.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.



## Swimming/Water Safety

<u>Tuesdays and Thursdays.</u> We are so lucky to have a swimming pool and one that is slightly heated! Please give your child a named bag to keep their togs in. Swimming and Water Safety are essential skills and compulsory part of the

curriculum. Lessons start from gaining confidence around water through to specific swim techniques such as freestyle. I have spare togs and towels should children forget.

**Eating Times -** Each day there are 3 eating breaks. 10am is a brain break with a healthy snack such as yoghurt, fruit, vegetables, sandwiches, 11:20 morning tea eating and then 1:30 lunch eating. At Knighton we eat AFTER we have played.

Drink Bottles - It is much easier for students to keep hydrated when they have their own named water bottle that is kept in class.

THIS SCHOOL IS

**NUT FREE** Nuts - We have children in Room 3 with a peanut allergy. Please ensure your child's lunch does not contain nuts of any kind. This also includes sandwiches with **peanut butter and nutella** as well as nuts in muesli bars.

**Medication -** A reminder that a permission form must be filled in and left at the school office for any medication administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.



Class Dojo - If you are not yet connected to the Room 3 Class Dojo, please email me kmclean@kns.ac.nz and I will send you another link. I aim to check my emails & Dojo throughout the day, however school can get very busy! If it is urgent or time sensitive - such as changing when/where a student is being picked up - it is best to contact the

office on <u>07 856 5399</u> and they will get a message to me.

**Opportunities -** There are many sporting, academic, cultural and service opportunities for children in Year 4. At this stage of life, children are developing their ability to manage themselves and their commitments. Student notices are read daily and additional reminders are given however the responsibility remains on the child to attend or to contact the teacher in charge if unable.

### Key Dates

Swimming - Every Tuesday and Thursday Library - Every Wednesday

Thursday 6th February (Week 1) Waitangi Day (no school) Friday 21st February (Week 3) Year 4 Team Building Morning Tuesday 25th February (Week 5) 5pm-6:30pm - Meet the Teacher/Whānau Picnic Week 9 - Cultural Celebration Week Wednesday 2nd April (Week 9) - Cultural Parade Friday 11th April (Week 10) - Last Day of Term 1

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2024.

Ngā mihi nui, Katie McLean (Miss M)