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11 March 2025

At the end of this term, the Knighton After School Programme (KASP) will be finishing. A new provider, Journey Kids, will take over the running of before and after school care along with running holiday programmes.

KASP has been an integral part of the Knighton Normal School landscape since the mid 1980's. It was originally set up by a parent collective who wanted to offer after school care to children whose parents were at work. Although a separate entity to the school, KASP has had decades of wonderful service for Knighton providing care and fun activities for our tamariki during 'out of school' hours. I, along with the BoT and community, would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been associated with KASP over the years.

As mentioned earlier, we're pleased and excited to let you know that 'Journey Kids' will be running the Holiday and Before and After School Care programmes as from 14th April (the first day of the holidays). Journey Kids is a local company with a proven track record with a growing number of kura in the Waikato region. Principals I have talked to, who have Journey Kids operating in their school, talk about their exciting daily activities and awesome connection to the community.

The website for Journey kids is www.journeykids.co.nz and their email address is admin@journeykids.co.nz

***Registration with the programmes needs to be done directly with Journey Kids not the school office.**



Focus on attendance

Please ensure your child is at school each day unless they are unwell. All attendance data is sent to the Ministry of Education as this is an area being closely monitored nationwide.

It is important that children are in class ready to learn at 9:00am and remain at school until 3:00pm.

There are large numbers of students signing in late daily and this does have an impact on their learning. Please allow for traffic delays and roadworks when planning what time you leave home.

When your child arrives late or leave early they miss:

10 minutes = 3 days learning per year

20 minutes = 11 days learning per year

Splash Polo



"Come on everybody, let's enjoy some fun in the pool".

Splash polo is an amazing sport. It might encourage you in swimming. I play in the Year 5/6 Knighton Flippers and there are 11 players in our team

In a game we have 1 goalie on our team and we have 5 people playing too. The subs stand in the pool and wait and watch, and cheer on people that are playing. We can only use one hand to throw and catch the ball, but the goalie gets to use two hands. You can throw the ball to your team to get it in the goal, or if you want you can swim, but not touch the ball and get close enough to put the ball in the goal. You have to try not to let the other team get the ball.

Usually we have one game a week on a Sunday, but sometimes more. We also have training at school with Mrs Forrester and Ms A. Our game coach is Taylor, she plays water polo.

I feel happy, included and have lots of fun playing Splash Polo. You should give it a go. Everybody should try something new, just like I tried Splash Polo.

By Heidi Keenan - Akomanga 29

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Teachers aim to check their emails, Class Dojo or Seesaw throughout the day, however if your message is urgent or time sensitive - such as changing when/where a student is being picked up - it is best to contact the office on 07 8565399 and they will get a message to the teacher or student.

Wacky Wheels Day!

Come join us for a wacky wheels day! Bring your wheels and don't forget your helmet!

Break 1: Years 1,2 and 3!

Break 2: Years 4,5 and 6!

For the safety of our Knighton family please don't bring your bikes because they take up too much space!

Thursday the 13th March week 6!

SEE YOU THERE!

By The Student Council

Senior Swimming Festival 2025

On Rāapa, 26 Hui-tangaru, the senior school walked to Boys' High for our annual Swimming Festival.

If you didn't get to go, you missed out on a lot of fun.

Teina won the Y5 Thompson Cup and Eva won the Y6 Ostler Cup.

Then we all got to have fun in the shallow and the deep pool. We had a relay with the students against a teacher and a parent team. Of course, the kids won!

We all had a great time!

By Akomanga 29

Here are the full results:

Thompson Cup

Teina - 1st

Nico - 2nd

Vienna - 3rd

Ostler Cup

Eva - 1st

Savannah - 2nd

Chrizaan - 3rd

Year 5 Girls 25m Freestyle

Isla - 1st

Nikki - 2nd

Vienna - 3rd

Year 5 Boys 25m Freestyle

Teina - 1st

Nico - 2nd

Yuvaan - 3rd

Year 6 Girls 25m Freestyle

Eva - 1st

Savannah - 2nd

Haeata - 3rd

Year 6 Boys 25m Freestyle

Wiremu - 1st

Marley - 2nd

Jadacis - 3rd

Year 5 Girls 25m Backstroke

Isla - 1st

Johandri - 2nd

Rhubee - 3rd

Year 5 Boys 25m Backstroke

Teina - 1st

Ioan - 2nd

Nico - 3rd

Year 6 Girls 25m Backstroke

Eva - 1st

Haeata - 2nd

Nyla-Ray - 3rd

Year 6 Boys Backstroke

Jye - 1st

Wiremu - 2nd

Marino - 3rd

Year 5 Boys/Year 6 Girls 25m Breaststroke

Teina 1st

Nico 2nd

Yuvaan 3rd

Piri'anga - 1st

Eva 2nd

Mackenzie - 3rd

Year 5 Girls Breaststroke

*Rhubee - 1st

Halo & Nikki - 2nd

Harper - 3rd

*Rhubee won the race because she had correct technique - all other competitors added freestyle kicks, which is faster but incorrect technique.

Community Notices

Football

Knighton Junior Football Club still has a few spaces available in each of the football teams for the 2025 season.

Registration forms are available at the office or you can contact Stephen Hine directly on 0274 726 141 or email stephenhine@actrix.co.nz

Chess

If your child is interested in playing chess The Chess Power Sarapu Cup will take place:

Date: Sunday 16 March 2025

Time: 01:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Venue: Berkley Normal Middle School

For more information go to:

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/event/379042> or

contact Jerry Hsiao at chess@swift-horse.co.nz



Note your calendar

26 March - 2 April - Culture week

2 April - Cultural Parade

11 April - Term 1 ends - 3:00pm

28 April - Term 2 begins- 9:00am

9 May - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

30 May - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

2 June - King's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal