Kia ora/Greetings

Thank you to all the community for your support and goodwill as we continue to navigate Covid. We are still managing to keep school as normal as we can while adhering to the protocols that have been put in place by both the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

I manage to get around classes each day and it's wonderful seeing the kids so happy in their learning and play. I'm reminded daily how resilient children are and how they adapt to new ways of doing things.

Kids on Bikes

We've been fortunate to have the Kids on Bikes programme running in our school this week for our senior school. This programme offers our tamariki the opportunity to develop their bike riding skills.



Red Setting reminders:

During COVID 19 Red Level settings, school staff and students from Year 4 and up must wear masks at school when inside and in close contact with others.

All visitors (including parents and whanau) must wear a face covering when onsite at any time.

Public health advice is that an appropriate mask will fit snugly, seal well around the facial contours and attach to the head either through an ear loop or head loop. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and reusable fabric masks.

Parents are asked to take responsibility for supplying their child with a mask.

Covid Cases at KNS

As you will be aware, last week we had another two confirmed cases of Covid in our school.

Updates and advice will continue to be sent out as we receive them from the Ministry of Education.

If you have not received any of our Covid communications please contact the school urgently so we can update our database with your current phone number and email address.

Now would be the time to get the <u>school</u> <u>app</u> if you do not already have it.

Knighton Normal School FREE App

Simply download '**SchoolappsNZ**' from the Google Play or App Store and search Knighton Normal School once installed.

App Features:

- <u>Receive school covid updates</u>
- To advise student absences
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups, including sport practice and game changes
- View and add school events to your phones calendar
- Links to school newsletters
- Links to Sports Notices



Swimming

Swimming sessions are well underway! Please support our teachers and your child by making sure they pack their togs and towel (**named**) on their swimming days.



Stationery

We know this is a very expensive time of year for families, but we should have received payment for most children's stationery by now so it can be issued and starting to be used.

We prefer to receive payment using our **online Kindo shop** at <u>www.mykindo.co.nz</u>. If you don't already have an account it is easy to open a new account using your name and email address, and list your children's names for delivery. Your account can then be used for all future payments you need to make to school.

If you do not have internet access you can pay by:

Cash: place your payment with the form in an old envelope with name and room number on the outside and ask your child to post it in the Frog Box at the Smiley Window; or **Eftpos:** at the school office

If you are having difficulty meeting the cost, please call at or phone the school office to make arrangements for a time payment with us, so your child can be issued their stationery straight away. NZ Income Support may also be able to offer support in this regard.

Do you have time to volunteer?



The Kick Start breakfast club is on week mornings between 8:30 - 8:55am. Children receive a free breakfast of Weet-bix and milk to ensure the best possible start to their day. We currently <u>need</u> some amazing adult volunteers to support this initiative. Please contact the office if you are able to help one or more mornings per week between 8:20-9:00am. <u>knighton@kns.ac.nz</u>

Reminder

School starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp each week day morning and finishes at 3:00 p.m. It is important for the education of our tamariki that they attend for the full school day.

We ask you to ensure that children are at school **before 8:55 a.m**. so they have time to put their things away before class starts.

Unless children are involved in the Before School Programme we ask that they <u>arrive</u> <u>at school after 8.30 a.m.</u> Children are not supervised before 8:30 am unless enrolled at the Before School Programme.

Community Notices:



music lessons at your school! Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling

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guitar, bass, drums



Knighton Junior Football Club

Registration Day - Sunday 6th, 2:00pm. For more information contact Stephen Hine at <u>stephenhine@actrix.co.nz</u>

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