



KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Whānau

Kia ora koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai - a warm welcome to Akomanga 9 for 2024.

Our goal is to help the tamariki develop a sense of tūrangawaewae - belonging with each other, with us and with our classroom space. This will help them settle into the new and exciting challenges that lay ahead.



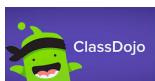
Takaro, ako me te tipu tahi:

It is a real privilege to share in the learning journeys of the tamariki. You are welcome to visit our class any time to share your child's learning or to have a chat.

Our mahi throughout this term will include daily pāngarau/mathematics, panui/reading and tuhituhi/writing. Our first topic learning will focus on building a positive learning environment integrating te reo Māori, art, oral language and literacy. Our critical histories of Aotearoa learning will explore Te Titiri o Waitangi, Tangata Whenua, migration and how places were named in Aotearoa. A small number of English language learners will attend the ELL hub for their literacy learning (reading and writing) from Monday - Thursday. I will contact the parents of those children concerned. Everyone else will remain in A9 where we have the opportunity to participate in Better Start Literacy. This is a professional development programme run by The University of Canterbury supported by Carol Leishman, Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour. More information will follow:)

Everyone will get many opportunities throughout the school day to play and work on developing their Knighton Way skills - Mahi Tahi/ Getting Along and Whakarite/Being Organised which also intertwine with our Knighton Values.

To ensure a great start to each day please arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.55am. This allows us to spend time with the tamariki and gives them time to settle in, complete their before school jobs and play with their friends.



It is great to have so many of you registered with Class Dojo - it is the main platform for sharing messages or photos from our day. This is only available to the parents/whānau within our class and we would like to be able to share class stories, photos or messages with you.

Swimming:



Our swimming days are **Monday and Friday**.

- Please send your child to school *with named togs and a named towel in a swimming bag*.
- As we swim first thing in the morning please send your child to school wearing their togs under their clothes. Thank you:)
- Please don't be late to school on a Friday as we are in the pool at 09.05am.

Library:

Our weekly visits to the Library will be on **Friday**, beginning week 3. Please send a book bag to school so that a book can be issued.

TOPA:

We are lucky to have the opportunity to attend TOPA (Talents of the Pasifika Academy) each Friday morning. These are wonderful sessions where we learn to sing, dance and learn about the islands that make up our Pacific communities.

Cultural Festival:

This will be held on Wednesday the 27th March - please keep the day free as it is a fabulous event. Details to follow.

Administration:

- If your child has any medicine this will need to be handed in to the office.
- If you are returning permission slips or money please place them in our Frog Box which is located at the smiley face office. Please write your child's name and room number on the outside of the envelope.
- Our school newsletter is available fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon. I will post it on Class Dojo. Our website and school app will also have term dates and upcoming events.
- Absences: please advise the office by text 027 352 2089 if your child is away, or use the phone app.
- Any child arriving at school after the 9am bell must sign in at the office first.
- Knighton School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00. These must be worn in terms 1 and 4.

Kindo:

To avoid office queues, and 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.

School stationery packs will be issued after payment is received.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Thank you!

Kind Regards

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