

Thank you to everyone who came along to last week's Whānau Picnic. It was lovely to see so many people here. Two of our Knighton Way values are Turangawaewae - Belonging and Hauora - Wellbeing. Events like the Whānau Picnic are great opportunities for people to get together, to get a sense of community, and to hopefully feel a sense of belonging.

Speaking of Hauora, this week we are hosting Sam Waddell, from our local Four Square store. Sam has always been very supportive of our school and donates lots of food to our Hauora Hub to help feed some of our tamariki.

A friendly reminder that the staff car park is for staff members only. It is not to be used as a drop off or pick up zone for parents. If you need to use the Disabled Car Park in the Staff Car Park, please contact the office and they will issue a parking permit for you. It is really important that we keep congestion around the school gate to a minimum so we can keep our kids safe.

### **Focus on Attendance**



Being on time is also important. Being late means missed learning opportunities.

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year

### **MyKindo - Pay It Forward**

There is a new payment option on myKindo called Pay It Forward. You may like to use this facility to support a child in need by gifting a stationery pack or hat - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>

Thank you to those whānau who have already donated stationery and hats through the Pay-it-forward option.

## **Keeping Safe**

This year one of our learning focuses will be on strategies we can use to keep safe.

We welcome all whānau to attend one of our Keeping Safe hui to be held in the staffroom on Thursday 29th February 2024 at:

9.00am

2.30pm

5.30 pm

The Keeping Safe programme helps children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

## **Knighton After School Programme**

KASP has space for before and after school care. They offer a discount for families with multiple children which is 10% off second child fees. Families that enrol full time receive a discount of 50c per session.

KASP is having an open afternoon on the 4th of March 3-4pm for any families to come along with their children to see what they do at KASP. There will be a time for parents to ask any questions and get all the information they need. This is perfect for any families that have wondered about KASP and if it is something their Whanau could use.

Contact: 022 642 0726 or [supervisor@kasp.co.nz](mailto:supervisor@kasp.co.nz) or see flyer for prices and session times.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGxRnZFcbWwsjPxGRVXhShZqPdG?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

## **Music House**

Music House offers lessons to students during the school day - guitar, drums, piano, and ukulele. You need to contact Music House directly via [www.musichouse.co.nz](http://www.musichouse.co.nz) to make enquiries or register

## Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Waitangi Day)



On Friday night the 2nd February, my sister Yasmine and myself left Hamilton with our big sister Steph to go to Waitangi Treaty Grounds for Waitangi weekend. Saturday, we arrived there and had to set tents up in the pouring rain, then we got to swim at the beach once it stopped raining.

On Sunday morning we had to get up for a Church service on the Treaty Grounds, then we had a Powhiri to welcome us (The Salvation Army) onto the Treaty Grounds. There were a lot of people there. After this we had time to go down to the sea and do some pipi digging, this was lots of fun.

On Tuesday 6th of February - Waitangi Day - we were up at 3.30am and walked up to the Treaty Grounds where we attended the dawn service. There were so many people there, that we had to stick by Steph all the time. There were a lot of important people there and Steph told us who some of them were so we had to be very good. We then had breakfast on the Treaty Grounds and went to a Church service at 10am. We saw so much there and I think it was great that we could go and be part of Waitangi. We learnt how important it is to respect everyone, their culture and what they believe.



By Savannah and Yasmine Allen-Borota



## Lost Property

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly.

Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost by children is unnamed.

Please remember to name swimming togs and towels too.

**\*If weather permits all lost property will be displayed on the court on Wednesday 21st February - please come and have a look.**

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated to a second hand shop.

## Cell phones



We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. If children do bring a cellphone to school this needs to be handed into the office or to the kaiako/teacher until the end of the day.



## Note your calendar

22 February - Hearing & Vision checks

22 February - Whanau hui, 5:30 - 6:30pm

23 February - Senior Area Swimming Sports  
9.30am - 12.30pm, Hamilton Boys' High School

25 - 28 March - Cultural Celebration week

26 March - Board of Trustees Hui - 6:00pm

27 March - Cultural Festival & Parade

29 March, Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

1 April, Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED

2 April, Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED

12 April - End of Term 1, 3:00pm

29 April - Term 2 begins 9:00am

Ngā mihi nui  
*Andrew Campbell*  
Principal