

12th November 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

Tee Ball

On Friday we had two Yr 5/6 teams head off to Tauwhare Primary School to take part in our annual tee ball tournament. They represented themselves and our school fantastically. Each team won three games, improving their skills, their thinking and their teamwork as the day went on. Thank you to the parents that helped with transport and with organising teams for the day - we couldn't have made the day happen without you! Well done to both teams.

School Hats, Sunscreen and Togs

We have been really lucky with a sunny start to our spring. Please remind your children to wear their hats - no hat, and they will have to play in the shade.

It is also a good idea to put sunscreen on before your children go to school.

Our swimming programme is well underway. Please help your child to remember to pack their togs **and** a towel.

Lost property

We will continue to have the lost property out on sunny days to remind children to look as they pass but please remember to double check when you collect your child/ren even if you don't think anything is lost. Naming clothes will ensure anything found is returned to your child.

School Banking

Knighton provides a school banking service to all pupils at Knighton Normal School through First Credit Union and ASB. Getting started is easy. Come on in and pick up an application pack from the school office, fill it in and return it. Deposits can be made through the school banking programs or via internet banking.

Reminder that if your child/ren are already doing school banking, banking is collected on Wednesday each week!

Uniforms

There are still quite a lot of sports uniforms to be returned. If you could return these to the office asap please it would be greatly appreciated.

KickStart Breakfast Programme

This is a Fonterra/Sanitarium initiative to encourage children to come in each morning and have weetbix, a drink of milk or milo for any child who comes looking for breakfast.

This is run between 8:30 and 8:55am.

Immunisations

A consent form will be going home this week for parents to give permission for our public health nurse to look up any Immunisation records you may not be able to obtain yourself. This will ensure that if any confirmed cases of Measles are in our school we are able to quickly identify those that need to be isolated to protect the rest of our tamariki.

If you are happy for us to do this, please ensure the consent form is signed and returned to the Frog Box at the Smiley Window as soon as possible.

Fair's Fair for our Support Staff



Today our support staff wore black and white to highlight their ongoing concerns about :

- Their job security
- Career development
- Their pay

We have an amazing support staff that work so hard everyday for our teachers and children. We fully support their cause and hope that the Ministry of Education meets these needs.

Parent Survey

A reminder to complete our parent survey for 2019. We use the results and feedback from this survey to consider next steps for our school. Our BOT will also use this information to consider our budget, staffing and strategic goals for 2020 and beyond. The survey is also available to complete from a link on our Facebook Page. Please take the time to complete this, and if you need assistance please contact the office.

Let's Play Ball

Last year it was great to see so many children participating in our free after-school Kiwi Netball programme for Knighton children who are unable to play a sport for a team or club.

Let's Play Ball - Kiwi Netball started this week and will run throughout Term 4 over the lunchtimes for Year 3 - 6 children on the Knighton Turf.

Marissa and Ringi will run the programme, which will be based on fun activities involving a range of fundamental ball skills suitable across sports. Children will learn some ball skills, basic rules and will have the opportunity during each session to participate in a modified game situation.



Have your say!

NELP- the national education and learning priorities are being consulted on now. You have a chance to have a say:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/national-education-and-learning-priorities/>

Community Notices

● Edventure Summer Camps

This summer **Edventure** is hosting a range of outdoors based SUMMER CAMPS. With activities from surfing and snorkelling to rock climbing and archery, our camps have it all. Based in Coromandel & B.O.P but with pick ups throughout Hamilton, Auckland and B.O.O.P. Planned and run by teachers, Safe and Fun! Camps for 8-13 yrs and 14-18 yrs, OSCAR available

● Hamilton Museum 10am – 5pm daily

Free event - Discover mesmerising art, priceless Maaori taonga, historic collection items and much more as you explore our galleries. Fill out an activity sheet as you investigate each corner of the Museum and earn yourself an I Spy certificate.

TERM DATES

- 15th Nov** Parent consultation finishes
- 20th Nov** Make A Wish foundation fundraiser
- 29th Nov** NE Open morning 9:30am - 10.40am
- 29th Nov - 5th Dec** Senior school Beach Ed
- 2nd Dec** Helpers morning tea
- 5th Dec** Middle school Athletics day
- 5th Dec** KASP Christmas party
- 6th Dec** Road patrol pool party
- 9th Dec** Music House Performance
- 10th Dec** Service assembly @ 1:30pm
- 12th Dec** Year 6 Disco
- 13th Dec** 2020 Classes announced
- 13th Dec** Te Hirihiri Poroporoaki
- 16th Dec** Awards assembly @ 11.10am
- 17th Dec** Reports go home +
Final assemblies - JUNIOR 9:15am
MIDDLE 10am
SENIOR 11.10am
- 18th Dec** Children meet new classes @ 10:10am

Mobile Dental Van

The Mobile Dental Van will be at Knighton from the 18 November. All children will be seen in due time by appointment made by the Dental nurse and you will receive a text message informing you of the day and time of appointment. You are welcome to attend with your child at this time or we will see them straight from class.

Room 5 Caricatures of Mr. Armistead

Room 5 enjoyed doing caricature poems of Mr. Armistead and Mr. Armistead is enjoying them on display in his office at the moment while having a chuckle as he walks by.



Mr Armistead simile poem by Irene

Mr armistead is as short as
a dwarf sitting on a chair

He has a voice as deep as a
trumpet playing the song
taps on Anzac day

His eyebrows are like two
tiny brown bushes hanging
above his eyes

He has eyes as sparkly as
an icy blue sea dancing

Our principal walks as if he
is a model at a fashion
show.

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead
Principal