

Newsletter 37

26th November 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

Farewells and Appointments for 2020

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to work with staff and members of the Board of Trustees in making appointments for our staff for 2020. I am excited to be able to share this news with you today.

Sarah King- *Will be joining us from Te Papapa School in Auckland*

Josef Holm- *Josef is a beginning teacher joining us after a coaching and teaching experience in Hong Kong - Josef is well known to our children having worked in a range of classes this year.*

Natasha Searancke- *Will be back from study leave to Te Hihiri.*

At the end of the year we will be farewelling the following teaching staff. This is always a sad time as we thank staff who have worked hard for our children:

Kim McCall- *Learning Support Coordinator position in the Fairfield area.*

Emile Valkenborg - *Firth Primary*

Whitney Williams - *Te Kauwhata Primary*

Atiria Chase - *completion of study leave position - Fairfield Primary*

Sarah Oliver - *will be taking maternity leave during 2020.*

Principal Appraisal Conversations

A reminder that Rachel Allen, the Principal's appraiser is at school tomorrow. She is looking forward to meeting some parents from 2.15 to 3pm in the staff room.

Library Returns

All books are now due back at school.

There is a box at the smiley face window for these to be returned.



Opposite Day

The student council want to say thank you for supporting the Make a Wish Foundation. We raised **\$290** to help make a child's wish come true.

New Entrant Open Morning

Once a term we have an open morning and it is happening @ 9.30am this **Thursday 28th Nov**. The Principal and junior school Assistant Principal outline the school's philosophy and policies and give parents a chance to ask questions about life at school. This is also an opportunity for parents and caregivers of preschool children to see the new entrant classes in action.

Absent

If your child is going to be away from school, **please** contact the office. We need to make sure that every child is either **safe** at school or **safe** at home.

Ways to tell us that your child is away are:

- Send a message via our school App. This is our preferred method for receiving messages about a child's absence. This App is free to download. Search Knighton Normal School at App Store or Play Store.
- Text a message to 027 352 2089
- Leave a voicemail message on 07 856 5393

Pathway to High School

What school do your high school children go to?

What high school will your children currently at Knighton go to?

The Ministry of Education has asked us to find out this information from our community.

Please either complete the poll on our facebook page or email Stuart sarmistead@kns.ac.nz



TERM DATES

28th Nov NE Open morning

9:30am-10.40am

29th Nov-5th Dec Senior school

BeachEd

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.

*KASP Christmas Party

To end the year we invite all children who have attended KASP during 2019, to our end of year Christmas Party.

Thursday 5th December 3:15pm - 5:30pm

Names are required please and a small charge for those not currently booked will occur.

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 the Last day of School banking this term is Wednesday 11th December.

Mobile Dental Van

The Mobile Dental Van is currently at Knighton. 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 they will see them straight from class.

School Hats

There are a lot of children without school hats at the moment. The sun in New Zealand is very strong and our children are outside for activities and during playtimes. Please check your child has their school hat and support us in making sunsmart choices. Hats are available from the office for \$5.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

It's nearly School Holiday Time!!



Edventure Hamilton

Holiday Programmes are back for 2020

This summer Edventure will be running two holiday programmes from our NEW venue *Berkley Normal Middle School* Hillcrest.

- Edventure Everyday - arts crafts, fun and games for everyone.
- Edventure Sports - drills, skills & modified games across several sporting codes.

\$45 /day, 5-13 yr olds, OSCAR available, Planned and run by teachers and local sports reps.

Book at www.edventure.co.nz

Spanish Holiday Programme

WHEN: 21st - 23rd January 2020

TIME: 9am to 12pm

VENUE: Hillcrest Baptist Church

COST: \$50/ day or \$140/all three days

AGE: Suitable for children aged 5-12 years

CONTACT: 0221993958 or

amber@lcfclubs.co.nz

Kelly Sports

13-24 December 2019

6-31 January 2020

Active and fun filled Holiday Programme at our four fantastic venues:

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara, and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Programme and bookings

www.kellysports.co.nz

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Ngā mihi nui

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