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Kia ora parents, caregivers and whaanau,

Welcome to Room 27 for 2020!

A little bit about me:

This is my third year teaching at Knighton Normal School. I have already heard great things about this year's class group and I am looking forward to having a fantastic year with them. I completed my Bachelor of Teaching degree at the University of Waikato and graduated December 2017. I have lived in Hamilton my whole life and am very familiar with the Hillcrest/Hamilton East area. I enjoy keeping active by training for powerlifting at the gym and getting out and seeing what our beautiful country has to offer.

Looking ahead:

We are in for a fun-filled term. The Knighton Way focus for the whole school is MAHI TAHI - GETTING ALONG, which will be our class focus. We will be looking at our culture, identity and citizenship. This is all about recognising and respecting differences, making agreements and looking at how our actions impact on others.

What's on When?

MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC :

Term 1 Week 2 - Tuesday 11th February 5-8pm

This is a great opportunity to come down to school, share some kai with your whaanau, and meet the teachers in a relaxed environment.

SWIMMING

We swim EVERY *Tuesday* and *Thursday* morning. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day that we swim. If your child is not swimming they must have a valid reason i.e. injury or illness. Please let me know either by email, ClassDojo or send a signed note to school.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Thursday 27th February

(HBHS pool, access off Argyle st, Hamilton)

Parents and whaanau are welcome to come and watch, clap, cheer and be proud of your child. Children can choose to swim competitively or non-competitively. There will be activities for children who are not yet confident swimmers.

ATHLETICS

Week 7

Our senior competitive athletics day will be held in week seven. Before this time your children will get a chance to try their hand at various athletic events.

LIBRARY

Our library time will be on *Tuesdays after morning tea*. This will start as soon as the library is back up and running in week three. It is really important that your children get books out and read in their own time at home, as well as at school.

SPELLING

In Room 27 we have a weekly spelling programme, which will require your children to learn their words at home. These get checked every Tuesday.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Our annual cultural celebration will be held towards the end of term. Leading up to this, we will be doing some in-class learning about the different cultures in our classroom. If you have some fantastic cultural knowledge, games, tradition or language that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me.

Important to note...

ClassDojo: We have ClassDojo up and running, thank you to those parents who are already connected. This will be the easiest way to contact me, as well as seeing what Room 27 are up to.

Medication: A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.

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. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day. I will collect cellphones in the morning, and store them locked away until 3pm.

Stationery: Thanks to those who have already purchased your children's stationery. We will begin using our new stationery as soon as possible! If you haven't, please visit the online Kindo shop.

Change of clothes: Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag. Accidents do occasionally happen and the office is not able to provide clothes for everyone who might need to change clothes during the day.

Reminder: The preferred method of payment for stationery, class trips, sports teams etc is via the online Kindo shop. If you have not already done so, you can register your family at <http://bit.ly/2dr3eZ6>



Please feel free to pop in and say hello any time!

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