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Room 2

Kia ora e te whaanau,

I hope everyone enjoyed their break and are ready for an exciting 2020. I am looking forward to getting to know the year 5 children joining the senior school. It is always pleasing to see the year 6 students grow into leaders at Knighton and I look forward to both year groups making the most of the opportunities they are given. Parents feel free to come say hello during the first couple of weeks, otherwise I will see you on Tuesday 11th February for 'whanaau meet the teacher'.

The Knighton Way: Getting Along / Mahi Tahī

'Getting Along'

We believe it is essential that children learn to relate to a range of people in a variety of contexts.



- Socially Responsible
- Playing by the rules
- Thinking first
- Accepting others
- Valuing cultures
- Co-operative

Literacy:

Writing will continue to be a major focus in Room 2. During the first term we will mainly be doing memoir and descriptive writing. This will allow the students to write about their own personal experiences and describe a range of objects. Each student will also work on individual writing learning intentions that are identified during the first few weeks. Your child will also be given reading, grammar and spelling activities to help support their learning.

Individual spelling lists will be sent home each week. These lists will contain a range of words that your child has spelt incorrectly in their writing or high frequency words that are important to know. Weekly spelling tests will take place on Friday each week. Please help your child learn these words each night. Spelling will begin in week 4.

Reading: Your child will bring home a reader, journal or chapter book daily and will be expected to read one story each night. Please help your child by listening to them read and signing their reading log. Journals and readers will start coming home during week 4.

Maths:

Students will be cross-grouped between 8 senior school classes to cater for individual needs. Children will be put into groups with others that have similar learning needs. These maths classes will run from 1.30-2.30 every day of the school week.

Swimming:

Room 2 will be swimming two days a week. Our swimming days are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their togs on these days.

PE:

Students will also be learning a range of co-operation games that will help build their communication skills and ability to get along with others.

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo is a website/app that allows teachers to upload photos so parents can see what activities their children have been doing at school. Your own personal sign in has been sent home with this parent letter.

Medical Forms:

If your child requires any medication to be administered by an adult during school hours, please visit the office to complete a permission slip. Any medication will be stored safely and administered by the office staff.

Hats:

A reminder that students are required to wear their **Knighton hat** when outside throughout terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$5. If your child does not have a hat, they will be unable to play in the sun during our morning tea and lunch breaks.

Library:

Our library day will be Friday during term one. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunch times.

Kind regards
James Penman