



ADDRESS | 45 Knighton Road, Hamilton, 3216

PHONE | (07) 856 5399

FAX / ANSWERPHONE | (07) 856 5393

WEBSITE | www.kns.ac.nz

PRINCIPAL | Stuart Armistead M.Ed. (Educational Leadership), B.Ed., Dip.T.

3rd February, 2020
Room 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you all had a restful holiday. I am enjoying getting to know your child and I am looking forward to working with you over the next year to support your child's education, so be ready for a fun and exciting year!

Stationery

Starting in new books is always an exciting time of the year!

Attached is our stationery list. At Knighton we issue stationery packs. We encourage our families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Alternatively, you can use one of the options suggested on the stationery list.

Library

Our library day will be **Thursday**. The school library will open at the beginning of Week 3, so our first library day will be 20 February. Children can issue two books each week. There will be a yellow box in our room to return books which have been read. Books can be returned to this box at any stage of the week.

Sunhats

It is important for children to be wearing the school sunhat to protect their faces and heads from the sun. Thanks to those children who already have sunhats at school clearly named. Children need to have their hat at school as soon as possible. You can buy a hat the school office for \$5. Hats are compulsory when playing outside.

Swimming

We swim every Monday and Wednesday!

Please make sure your child brings their togs and towel in a named bag every Monday and Wednesday. On our swimming days ensure your child wears named clothing that is easy to take off and put on. We are so lucky at Knighton to have a slightly heated swimming pool. Swimming is a very important part of our learning programme.

Team Building Day

In Week 2 on Friday 14 February the Middle School will be holding a team building morning starting at 10.40 am and finishing at 12.40 pm. All children will be involved in a range of fun activities. It's an opportunity your child to meet the other teachers in the middle school team and get to know each other. Parents are welcome to come along and join in. Some of these activities involve water, so please ensure togs are sent to school that day!!

Term One Topics

Our reading, writing and maths programmes are very important. I have looked carefully at your child's records from last year and so have a general idea of their abilities. This term I will be observing and assessing in various ways, particularly in reading, writing and maths.

In reading I will be making sure your child is reading as much as possible. I will be working on strategies to help children figure out unknown words and deepen their understanding of the story. I will be looking at the comprehension strategies of prediction and visualisation. In writing we will be focusing on description, improving handwriting and spelling. In maths we will begin with basic number work and statistics before beginning the Pr1me math programme for the year.

Our science unit this term will be 'Frogs'. In health we will be learning about how to get along with others. In social sciences we will be learning about the countries our families come from. As part of this unit your child will participate in our school wide cultural festival and parade which will be held in Week 7 on Thursday 19 March. In te reo Maaori we will begin the rakau method of learning words and sentences. We will be writing and speaking our pepeha. Our PE focus will be swimming.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

In Week 2 on Tuesday 11 February from 5 - 6.30pm we will have a school picnic. This is a chance for us to meet and also for you to get to know other families in our school community.

Class Pets: Winky

We have a class pet. Winky is a golden bell frog who enjoys eating flies and cockroaches. If you are able to catch any live insects and bring them to school for him that would be fantastic! Your child will enjoy learning about how to care for pets and how to handle them correctly.

Buddy Class

Our buddy class will be Room 4 and Miss Antoniadis this year. We will be looking to collaborate on different projects with our tamariki and build our competency, confidence and use of te reo Maaori as a group. This way of learning, by pairing older and younger children is called tuakana / teina.

Class Dojo

I'm using ClassDojo to connect with families, share classroom moments, and much more. Please join to stay connected! I have attached your invitation. Just download the app and use the invitation code to get verified, connect to our classroom, and set up your child's account!

Your Child

It has been great to meet so many of you on during our first week. Please feel free to email or phone me if you wish to discuss your child. My email is pgardener@kns.ac.nz or I am available most mornings before school to chat.

I look forward to our year together.

Pauline Gardener Ward