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Kia ora e te whaanau,

Talofa lava, mālō e lelei, tirike svāgatam, chào mừng trở lại, welcome, namaste, nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei ruma toru tekau! Welcome to those of you who are new to our whaanau and welcome back to those we already know. We have lots of wonderful occasions to look forward to in 2020 such as swimming sports, our cultural celebration and of course our senior Education Outside the Classroom experience later in the year.



Our Knighton Way focus is: Mahi tahi - Getting Along

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

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Our class theme is: Ubuntu, which means humanity towards others.

Ubuntu encourages us to know ourselves (culture and identity) in order to improve our individual and collective well being (hauora). Diligently practising gratitude each and every day, tuning into who we are, what makes us happy and how we can make positive conscious choices for our own well being, the well being of others, our emotional resilience and happiness. Focusing on our breath and mindfully using our breath to actively change how we feel.

The idea that we are all unique, loved and meant to be exactly who we are is powerful and important. Learning to know ourselves, be proud of who we are and incorporate the concept of [Whanaungatanga](#), working together like a family, is our shared goal in 2020. Our aim is to develop self-belief, set goals and act positively to live our chosen life, which connects nicely with our Knighton Way focus: 'Mahi Tahi - Getting Along', friendships and choices. Sharing who we are, what makes us special and how we can help each other to achieve our goals. We will encourage each other to try new things and have faith and courage to believe in ourselves. Each day we will put into practice our ability to respect others, work together as a team and learn to build strong friendships.

Knowing that we can all learn more about ourselves, our responses to different stressors and our impact on others will be a continuation of the journey that began across the senior school two years ago. We will again explore the 'Learning Pit' and embrace the practice of failing successfully so that we can learn what to do, when we are stuck and don't know what to do!

Literacy

Developing a love of books is our main goal this term. Learning to read to ourselves without interruption, understand and enjoy the message, ask questions and find books that we love to read, talk about and share. Finding books we love to read will help us find stories we want to tell. Learning to write about our thoughts and experiences, without judgement, and share our ideas on paper is our focus in term one.

Mathematics

We will cross group for maths with the other senior classes. Your child will be placed in a maths class that will challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of maths concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Dramatic Inquiry and the arts

Dramatic inquiry is a philosophy of learning and teaching, which includes Mantle of the Expert. We combine inquiry, drama and the arts with our imagination while learning about real and meaningful concepts and ideas. In Mantle of the Expert, children begin the process assuming the role of an expert and they learn to trust their judgement, problem solve, and share power and responsibility for the learning. They learn to walk in both the real and the imagined worlds at the same time, which is known as metaxis.

Exploring Aotearoa's critical histories from multiple perspectives using dramatic Inquiry and the arts, will form a large part of our curriculum, with our focus being Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



Class Dojo

We use the class dojo platform to share your child's learning and let you about what is happening in class. If you have an email registered with the school, you will already have been sent an invitation to join our class. If you were connected to class dojo last year, you should already be connected to R30.

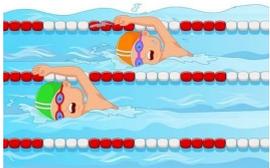
Online Kindo shop

Using our online kindo shop for all payments and fees is Knighton's preferred option for all school payments (stationery, trips, sports fees etc). If you haven't already, please go to <http://bit.ly/2dr3eZ6> to register your family and set up your account.

What's on When!

MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC : Term 1 Week 2: Tuesday 11 February from 5.00 – 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. There will be games on the field for the children and a brief message from Mr Armistead, our principal, as well as a chance to see your child's classroom, meet other parents in our class and chat with me.



SWIMMING

We swim every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. 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, please let me know either by email, classDojo or send a note to school. Our first swimming day is this **Wednesday**.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Thursday 27th February 10:15 am – 12:30pm
(HBHS pool, access off Argyle st, Hamilton)
Parents and whaanau are welcome to come and watch, clap, cheer and be proud of your child.



LIBRARY

Our library day is **Monday**. Children can issue and take up to two books home to read. Please encourage your child to read every day at home. Spend time talking with them about what they are reading, and if you can share books that you liked when you were their age. The more we encourage and model a love of reading, the more likely it is that our children will enjoy it too.

Important to note...

- **Thursday 6th February:** School CLOSED. This is a public holiday in celebration of Waitangi Day. School is open Friday 7 February.
- **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.
- **Stationery:** Our stationery notice is attached to this letter.
We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.

You are welcome to visit us at any time, so please pop in and see us.
It's going to be a great year!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou!

Whakarongo Tauranga

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