Newsletter 03 **18 February 2020**

Kia ora/Greetings

Welcome to KNS
This week we welcomed two teachers from Saudi Arabia to our school with a powhiri. They will be working around the school learning about education and learning in New Zealand over the next six months.

Donation Scheme
Knighton Normal School took the opportunity to accept the government's offer of providing $150 per student to go toward learning costs for 2020. This means that we can only ask for money from families for:
-stationery
-any extra activities (like music lessons or sports teams)
-buying a school hat
-a contribution to camp costs

This means that we wonôt be asking for parent donations this year. If you still wish to make a donation they will always be welcome.

Meet the Teacher Picnic
Thank you to the large number of parents who came along to our ôMeet the Teacherôevening. It was a great opportunity to have a chat in an informal environment. We look forward to having plenty of opportunities to connect throughout the year.

Thank you also to the parents who came to hear me talk about life at KNS. I have looked at requests from last year's parent survey and we will be holding information sessions about a range of topics throughout the year.

Getting Along
Another aspect of getting along is knowingê what to do if things go wrong. Sometimesê during life at school somebody can upset youê with what they say or do. We talk to ourê children about using a strategy if they getê upset or angry. This is using your ôWITSô.ê ê ê
W- Walk awayê
I- Ignoreê
T- Talk to someone about itê
S- Seek help

Teacher Only Days this year
This year all schools in New Zealand have been given the opportunity to hold two teacher only days for curriculum development. We want to make sure we give you these dates with plenty of notice so you can organise child care for the day. The two dates that we have chosen are:

- **12th June** (Week 7, Term Two)
- **28th August** (Week 6, Term Three)

Online exchange
Last week a number of senior students were involved in online collaboration with Chinese teachers and students. As you may know Chinese students are unable to go to school due to the threat of the coronavirus. During our connection we shared what was special about NZ education and learning at KNS as well as learning a lot about what life is like in China at the momenté é . What a great chance to learn about empathy and respect.

Reading Together Workshops
Do you want to know how you can help your children with reading? Come along to the Reading Together workshops.
Reading Together will help you to help your children to become readers who understand what they are reading. There are limited places.
See your teacher or Carmen Johnstone in Room 16 or cjohnstone@kns.ac.nz, for more information.
The dates for the 'Reading Together' Workshops are:

- February 26
- March 4th & 11th

Workshops are going to be held in the school Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm.