

Kia ora/Greetings*Thank you!*

It has been wonderful to have such a large number of our children back at school!

Our children and teachers have had a very happy, safe and productive week as we shared our stories of the last eight weeks and enjoyed each other's company. We are so pleased to be back together!

I am proud of how respectful our children have been with the safety routines that we have developed.

A very big thankyou to parents and whānau for the way you have supported the school in maintaining our Level 2 safety routines, and especially for respecting our need to keep parent visits onto school grounds to a minimum. It has been rewarding to see children's independence grow as they have confidently walked in, hung their own bags up, and have got themselves ready for school. Long may that last. We do, however, look forward to a time when we can welcome our parents back. We are missing your smiles and warm encouragement.

Absences

The Ministry of Education is closely monitoring school absences. Absence has a **huge** impact on your child's learning.

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school, for any reason, prior to 9.00am. You must tell us your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence. If the absence is for more than one day please also advise this in your message. If a child is absent from school without notification they may be recorded as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

·SchoolApp:onelink.to/mnfdqr

·Phone (07) 856 5393
(voicemail)

· Text 027 352 2089

**Term Dates**

1st June - Queen's Birthday

3rd July - Term 2 Ends

20th July - Term 3 Starts

School Photos

School photos have been postponed till the 9th September.

Teacher only day

The planned Teacher only day on the 2nd of June has been postponed. It did not seem fair to place more pressure on families to have to plan for children at home at this time.

We will look at organising a date for later in the year.

Queen's Birthday next Monday

A reminder that school will be closed for this public holiday.

Building Update

Over the lockdown we were pleased to be able to replace all light fittings to LED. This will ensure a more consistent light and also energy savings for the school. We also managed to complete an upgrade on our photocopiers and printers.

There will be two building projects starting next week:

Te Hihiri refurbishment- the work on the two class block will take 11 weeks. This will mean the block will be fully fenced off and we will lose the use of half the basketball courts for this time.

Caretaker shed and bike storage- this project will give us space to store bikes to use on the velodrome and pump track. We will also reconfigure the bike and scooter rack areas as they are very congested now.

Winter Sports



What we know:

- Waikato Hockey and Netball Associations are planning a phased approach to the return of competition.
- There have been no decisions made yet regarding competition for this term for Hockey or Netball, but we could see some non-competition weeks or festivals for teams as early as mid June.

Unfortunately, there will be NO Miniball in Term 2. Competition will more than likely resume as normal as possible in Term 3.

If you have any uniforms still at home from Cricket or Touch , please can you return to the office.

Our Tamariki

“My” Poems
By Ruma Wha / Room 4

My best friend. My Tik Tok trend.
My PS4. My I fell on the floor.
My just cut hair. My I don't care.
My grazed knee. My mums glee.
By George

My sisters blames. My touch rugby games..
My hot glue guns. My homemade buns.
My new bike. My Raglan hike.
My glasses to see. My poem about ME.
By Arieta

My blonde hair. My dad loves his beer.
My tiny hands. My big demands.
My cold fish. My gold fish.
My boogie board tumbles. My tummy rumbles.
By Poppy

My motorbike. My family hike.
My xbox one. My nerf gun.
My brothers auto clicker. My dog is a licker.
My unicorn onesie. My let's play Yahtzee.
By Jesse

Level Two at Knighton

Please remember these key points:

Hygiene- Remind your child about washing their hands, coughing into their elbow and staying out of others 'warm breath'.

Drop off - ALL gates open at 8.30am. We are encouraging you to drop your children off or let them walk to school. If parents need to come through the gates we will be taking their details. If you need to enter a classroom the teacher will be taking your name. We will only allow two parents in rooms at a time. Pick up- Gates open at 2.45pm. Remember to talk to your child about where you will be meeting them. If you need to come into the school grounds we will be taking your details. We will be monitoring the pick up time. If necessary we will move to a staggered pick up, based on surnames.

Please Remember

The Ministry of Health has stated that any child (or member of staff) who is coughing, sneezing, has a runny nose or a temperature needs to be sent home and possibly tested.

Please make sure our office has up to date contact details so we can contact you if we need to.



Autumn Creation
Room 13

Teej and his awesome
Hedgehog.

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead
Principal