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Room 2

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! I know many students will be excited to be able to participate in sport again. It was great to see so many of you during Parent Conversations and share the progress your child has made. As usual we have another busy term ahead and lots to look forward to such as... the Wonder Rocket Project, speeches, school photos, cross country fun run with whānau, Peachgrove Intermediate visits for Y6's and a whole lot of learning.

## The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha



Many of life's failures  
are people who did not realise how close  
they were to success when they gave up.

*Thomas A Edison.*

Being persistent means...

- We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- We gain strength from our whānau and friends when we need help.
- We know that being persistent doesn't mean we are alone.

### Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to other curricular activities. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term two.



**School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child.** If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.

### Topic

The Wonder Project – During this programme Room 2 has been lucky enough to be assigned an engineer who will join us in class once a week. Together we will look to complete 13 modules that will give your child real world science experiences, as we build up towards blasting off our bottle rockets.

Blue Bots – As a class we will discuss how robots/machines work using a code written by a person. (Understand that robots are made by people to help people). We will then use the schools 6 Blue Bots to practice our ability to write codes and get them out of different mazes.

K.O.S – With the help of a curriculum provided by the New Zealand Police each student will receive the senior version of Keeping Ourselves Safe.

### Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenges their thinking, extends their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourages them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.



Check out our class party kai!

A throwback to the old school, the postcards have arrived from our Christchurch pen pals.

### Library

The library will be closed during Term 3 due to this space being used as a classroom. We patiently await the building and refurbishment of a number of classrooms around the school.

### Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Classdojo. I will continue to upload a photo every couple of weeks during term 3. If you haven't received a Class Dojo login please let me know and I will arrange one for you.

Ngā mihi

James Penman