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Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) 2020

Kia ora e te whānau,

*Tirohia kia mārama. Whāwhāngia kia rangona te hā.
Observe to gain enlightenment. Participate to feel the essence*

Our Knighton EOTC experience in Term 4 is changing and even though we are disappointed that we are not going to Waitomo, we are also excited about the opportunity we have to support our local community.

As teachers and parents, we are hugely aware of the significant impact that COVID has had on the emotional and financial well being of many whānau within our community. Our EOTC Waitomo experience usually costs \$150. Under current circumstances, we feel that it would be inconsiderate of us to ask whānau for such a large sum of money at the end of the year, which is traditionally already a very expensive time for families.

We know the tamariki may be saddened by this outcome BUT we have much to be grateful for and we believe that we have the opportunity to reimagine our EOTC experience in new and exciting ways.

The purpose of EOTC is to offer opportunities for children to have fun, think, make connections, communicate with others, self-manage, challenge themselves, step out of their comfort zone and participate in activities that offer exploration and the ability to apply learning across different parts of the NZ curriculum.

The senior school teachers have been investigating a number of options that suit the purpose of EOTC. Some of these include rock climbing at Extreme Edge, parkour, archery, inline skating, badminton, futsal, martial arts, a family picnic dinner on the senior field, water activities at the university pool, traditional Māori art, and a marae experience, which would include some children taking a lead role in a pōwhiri.

As a team, we have thought carefully about how to create a week-long shared experience that highlights our Knighton Values and the Knighton Way, with something for everyone. We've worked hard to keep things local, interesting and achievable. The cost of all curriculum related activities will be covered by the school.

All activities will take place in **Term 4 Week 8 - 30 November - 4 December**. If you are interested and able to support us, we would be grateful for your help. A newsletter will be sent home early in term 4 with more detailed information once our plans have been finalised, which will include a schedule of activities for your child's class.

Noho ora mai

The Senior School Teachers

