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Rūma Rua Tekau mā Iwa - Room 29

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Rūma 29! Welcome to those of you who are new to our whānau and welcome back to those we already know. 2021 promises to be a year full of fun, learning and exciting new experiences for our tamariki. We have lots of wonderful occasions to look forward to, such as swimming sports, our cultural celebration and of course, our senior school production in term 3.



### The Knighton Way Focus for Term 1: Mahi Tahi / Getting Along



This term at Knighton we focus on Mahi Tahi, as we get to know each other in our new classes and around the school. We work on understanding and putting into action:

- ★ Accepting others
- ★ Valuing cultures
- ★ Co-operation
- ★ Playing by the rules
- ★ Thinking first

### Dojo

We will be using Dojo to share our learning and to keep you up-to-date with what is happening in class. Many of you have used this before, so it has automatically joined you up to Rūma 29. For those of you not yet connected, look out for an email from me and the handout that will be coming home to explain how to log on. It really is a great way to see what your child is up to, and I can assure you it is an easy application to use. Feel free to get in touch if you need any help with this.

### Online Kindo shop

To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card.

Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need any assistance setting this up.

## **PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

### **Dramatic Inquiry**

Dramatic inquiry is a way of learning and teaching that we are using across our kura. We combine inquiry, drama and the arts with our imagination while learning about real and meaningful concepts and ideas. By doing this, students are able to make stronger connections between what they are learning in the classroom and real-life experiences and events. It also creates opportunities for us to see things from a range of perspectives. This term I am excited to use drama in a range of situations, including picture books and in our work around the Knighton Values and the Knighton Way.

### **Literacy**

Developing a love of books and enjoying opportunities to write are our main literacy goals this term. We will learn to read to ourselves without distraction, understand and enjoy the message, ask questions and find good-fit books that we love to read, talk about and share. By considering our feelings, experiences and having the chance to imagine ourselves in other people's shoes, we will have many chances to write in a way that ensures we feel successful and inspired to continue growing as authors.

### **Mathematics**

In the senior school we cross-group for maths, so 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. Prime Maths will continue to be a key part of Knighton's maths programme with cross-grouping beginning in week 3.

### **Science**

This year, our senior school is very excited to continue working with the House of Science. They will be providing us with a range of fantastic learning experiences to support what we are doing in the classroom.

### **Karakia - a daily practice**

This term we are learning a karakia tīmatanga - the perfect way to start our day. Each child will learn the karakia off by heart, in both te reo Māori and English, so do ask them to share it with you. It has a really strong message that will come to really mean something to us in Rūma 29.

## Breath, Gratitude and Yoga

The benefits of incorporating this amazing trio into our lives are supported by large amounts of research. Breath, gratitude and yoga are shown to increase both adults and children's health, happiness and their ability to cope with life's ups and downs. Each day we consider the things we are grateful for and spend time using our breath to refocus and calm our minds. Please take the time to ask your child about these. Perhaps you might even like to start your own gratitude notebook and a little yoga at home!

### Reminder: School Rules

The students are aware of a few standard school rules that parents might not be familiar with. At the beginning of each year we remind the students of the following:

- Knighton school hats are the only hats to be worn at school. No personal hats or caps should be coming to school.
- All toys are to remain at home, this includes collectable card series. The school is not responsible for any personal items that are brought to school and do not come home.
- In the interest of promoting healthy eating, no fizzy drinks, energy drinks or sugary drinks are to be consumed at school. Water is the best way to keep us hydrated. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school, and we also have a drink fountain in class.
- All lollies, bubblegum and chewing gum stay at home.
- If your child rides to school, they must walk their wheels into and out of the school ground (eg. bikes, scooters, skateboards etc). They are kept at the bike stands next to Rūma 6.

Thank you for helping us to support our school rules and make our kura a safer place to be.

## Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed

Each day our school provides breakfast for those in need, and this service is run by volunteer parents. We are currently looking for volunteers for 8.30 am-8.55 am. It is a relatively easy but incredibly important service to our community. If you are able to help one morning each week please contact Kōkā Materoa or me for further information.

## What's On and When!

### MEET THE TEACHER Evening: Term 1 Week 3: Wednesday 17th February from 5.00 - 6.30pm

This is a great opportunity to come down to school, share some kai with your whānau, 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 **Monday** and **Thursday**. 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, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, class dojo or send a note to school.



Rūma 29 Library:  
every Thursday

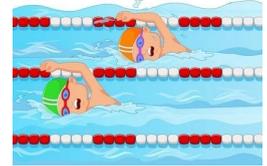
## SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday 19 March 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

(HBHS pool, access off Argyle St, Hamilton)

There will be competitive and non-competitive events, something for everyone!

Parents and whanau are welcome to come and watch, clap, cheer and be proud of your child.



## My Duty Days:

Wednesday: 8.25 am - 8.55 am, 10.40 am - 11 am

Thursday: 1.05 pm - 1.30 pm, 2:55 pm - 3:20 pm

## Important to note...

- **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. If children do bring a cellphone to school this needs to be handed into the office or to myself until the end of the day.
- **Stationery:** Our stationery notice is attached. If you would like to organise a payment plan please don't hesitate to contact the office to work something out - they are more than happy to do this as we understand this can be a very expensive time of year. **We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.**

It really is going to be a wonderful year for us in Rūma 29 and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Ngā mihi i tō āwhina

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