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Tuesday 9th February 2021,

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Room 11,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all enjoyed a nice relaxing break with your children. My name is Grant Miller and I have been lucky enough to meet quite a few of you already. I am very excited about working with the students in Room 11 this year and I'm sure we will enjoy a wonderful year of learning together.

I have been teaching for 12 years, most of which has been at the Year 3 and 4 levels. This will be my seventh year at Knighton Normal School. I enjoy sport, the outdoors and love animals. I live in Cambridge with my family which includes my wife Angela, my 6 year old daughter Harper, 4 year old son Escher, our golden Labrador Bailey and our mischievous cat Cece.

In Term 1 we will be learning about 'Ourselves and our cultures.' This will include a strong emphasis on the children themselves, identity and learning about countries our children come from. We will also spend time learning about New Zealand, including 'Kiwiana' and some of the things that make our country special and unique.

Some important information for the first term:

Stationery

Your child should have received a stationery notice earlier in the week. We hope to get started in our books at the beginning of Week 3.

To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to 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. Alternatively you can use one of the options suggested on the stationery notice.

Swimming and Library

The swimming days for Room 11 are Tuesday 11:25-11:45, and Thursday 11:45 -12:05. Please help your child to remember their togs and towel in a named plastic bag or swimming bag on each of these days. Library day is Friday, please ensure your child brings their book on this day.

Homework

I will encourage reading every night and children will have spelling words they will be learning. Other forms of homework based on our topic learning may be sent home at times.

Hats

School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased from the school office for \$10. If your child does not have a school hat, they will only be able to play in the shade at break times.

Medical Needs

Should your child need any medication during the school day, please visit our Office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept safely and administered when needed.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a 'meet the teacher' picnic in Week 3, on Wednesday 17th February, from 5pm. Details of the evening will come home in the school newsletter.

Team Building

The middle school team building day will be held in Week 3, Friday 19th February. from 10:40am -12:40pm. You are more than welcome to come along and see your child participate in some fun team building activities.

Class Dojo has been set up in a way that it is easy for you to communicate with me through an online platform. I will share important information on there as well as children's work and achievements. Hopefully you have received the invitation and have managed to join, so you can enjoy the benefits of this.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open. You are also welcome to contact me via email; my address is gmillers@kns.ac.nz

Kind Regards

Grant Miller, Classroom teacher Room 11