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Tuesday 9th February 2021

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Welcome to Room 32 for 2021!

A bit about me:

This is my fourth year of teaching and my fourth year at Knighton. I am super excited to have a beautiful, brand new class space to share with your tamariki. I am from Hamilton and studied at the University of Waikato, which means I know this area very well and understand the unique mix that makes us special. I love teaching, and have a particular passion for reading. When I am not at school, I enjoy going to the gym, and competing in Strongwoman competitions.

What Term 1 will look like:

Fortunately, Room 32 has been chosen to participate in the **Taku Wairua** programme in Terms 1 and 2, alongside Rooms 1, 2 and 29. Taku Wairua is based on four pillars; Belonging, Self Discovery, Goal Setting and Citizenship. These pillars align with the Knighton Way and our values. There is more information to come. Taku Wairua will support our in class learning about **Culture and Identity**, and **Citizenship**, which are our 'Big Ideas' for term one.

In the senior school, we cross group our maths classes, meaning your child may be with a different teacher for maths. This will begin within the next couple of weeks.

What's on when:

Swimming

Monday and Wednesday morning - every week

It is really important for our children to learn to swim. In New Zealand, we are surrounded by water and knowing how to swim keeps us safe. Unless your child is ill or injured, they are expected to swim each session. If your child is not swimming, I will need a note or a message on ClassDojo.

Meet the Teacher Picnic

Wednesday 17th February 5pm-6.30pm

An opportunity to meet the teachers. Bring your kai and whānau to the field for a fun and relaxed evening.

Swimming Sports Festival

Friday 19th March 9am-12.30pm

An opportunity for our keen swimmers to race each other. Also, lots of fun activities for people who don't want to compete. This is held at the Hamilton Boys High School pool.

Competitive Athletics

Tuesday 23rd March

If your child enjoys athletic events, this is an opportunity for them to compete against others in their year group.

Cultural Celebration

Wednesday 24th March

Our cultural celebration is always a big hit. Your child is invited to dress up in cultural dress and proudly share parts of their culture. More information will come home closer to the time.

HCC Bike Week

Week 9 Monday 29th March - Thursday 1st April

Hamilton City Council comes in to run an awesome programme where they teach kids to ride bikes properly and safely. This is suitable for all levels of skill. You do not need your own bike to participate.

Important notices:

Payments - 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 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.

Hats - in Term 1 and 4, school sun hats must be worn when playing outside. If your child does not have a hat they must play in the shade. Caps and other hats are not allowed.

Stationery - Please ensure you have paid for your child's stationery pack. 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.

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.

Absence - if your child will be away from school, for whatever reason, please let the office know by ringing them, texting them, or using the school app. Please make sure your child is on time to school every day.

Contact - The easiest way to contact me is using ClassDojo

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=COEZL4C>

Or email blynch@kns.ac.nz

I am looking forward to an amazing year with all of your wonderful tamariki. Please feel free to contact me or pop in at any time.

Miss Lynch

