



**KNIGHTON**  
**NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome to Room 10. We have made a fantastic start to 2021 in Room 10 and I hope you are ready for an exciting year. It has been great to meet many of you during the first few weeks. You are always welcome to pop in and say hello when you have time and we what we have been working on.

### Hats:

Your child is required to wear their **Knights hat** when outside throughout terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$10. If your child does not have a hat they will only be able to play in designated shade areas during morning tea and lunch breaks.

### Class Dojo:

Class Dojo is a website/app that allows teachers to share messages and upload photos so you can see the activities your child has been doing at school. Please let me know if you are unable to connect and I will sort this out for you.

### Medical Forms:

If your child requires any medication to be administered during school hours, please visit the office to complete a permission slip. Any medication will be stored safely and administered by the office staff.

## The Knights Way: Getting Along / Mahi Tahī

'Getting Along'

This is our big focus for the term, and we will be incorporating this into our classroom across all our learning.

*We believe it is essential that children learn to relate to a range of people in a variety of contexts and demonstrate their understanding of 'getting along' by:*



- Being Socially Responsible
- Practising Co-operation
- Playing by the rules
- Thinking first
- Accepting others
- Valuing cultures

## Learning in Room 10

### Literacy:

Writing will be a major focus in Room 10 this year. During the first term we will be working on descriptive writing and recount writing. This will allow your child to write about their own personal experiences and describe a range of objects. Your child will work on individual writing goals that will be identified during the first few weeks. We will also look at handwriting and spelling.

In class we will be reading a variety of instructional readers, journals and chapter books. Each week your child will have a book to bring home and read with you. I will also have TeachYourMonsterToRead which is an app for reading.

### Maths:

Within our class this term, we will be focusing on statistics and number knowledge.

### Topic:

This term, Room 10 will cover the topics of Olympics and culture. We will be identifying the origins and history of the Olympics and then relating this to the modern day. As part of our culture topic we will be using our class's own variety of cultures to create a culture wall, this will also lead into the cultural celebration in week 8.

### P.E. and Swimming:

Your child will be learning a range of cooperation games that will help build their communication skills and ability to get along with others, as well as playing by the rules and thinking first. Our swimming days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their togs and towel in a named bag on these days and your child wears named clothing. If your child is unable to swim, please let me know, as swimming is an important part of our P.E. curriculum.

### Library:

Our library day will be Thursday during term one. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunch times.

## Important events for Term 1

### February

**24<sup>th</sup> Week 4 – Middle school team building morning;** A great morning where the middle school gets together to play corporative games and build relationships with each other.

### March

**24<sup>th</sup> Week 7 – Cultural celebration (parade, festival and class activities);** A celebration of all the amazing cultures and diversity within Knighton.

### April

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week 8– good Friday = No school**

**5<sup>th</sup> Week 9 – Easter Monday = No school**

**6<sup>th</sup> Week 9 – Easter Tuesday = No school**

Kind regards  
Josef Holm

