



**KNIGHTON  
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Room 2

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back, Room 2 has had an excellent start to the year. The students have been quick to settle into their new classroom environment and can be proud of the progress they have made. It was great to see so many of our tamariki showing the Knighton value of getting along/mahi tahi. This made Room 2 a great place to be. The highlights of term one were the senior swimming sports, 'kids on bikes', and the cultural parade. I was really pleased to see how much passion the children had while researching games from their cultural background as part of our topic studies. With another busy term ahead of us there are many more events for your child to look forward to.



**Term two school focus: Be organised / whakarite**

Come ready to learn.

Have your stationery organised.

Look after your belongings.

Keep the classroom and playground tidy.

**Literacy:**

During term two writing will cover a range of different genres that are compatible with our topic studies (Navigators and explorers). However the main focus will be on persuasive writing as this will prepare students for the Senior Speech Finals (week 10). As a year 5 or 6 student it is expected that you write a speech and deliver it to the class. Students will be shown writing examples to help them form their own script. Each student will also continue to work on their individual writing learning intention that was identified during term one. Your child will be given reading, grammar and spelling activities to help support their learning.

**Maths:**

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenges their thinking, extends their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourages them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

**Topic:**

This term Room 2 will be learning about navigators and explorers such as Kupe, Tupaia, Captain Cook and Abel Tasman. We will then look at comparisons and contrast between the methods they used to explore different parts of the globe and the effects their discoveries had on the world. The students will then use what they have learnt to guide their own fictional exploration of an imaginary world.

**Medical Forms:**

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

**Hats:**

Hats are not required to be worn during term 2 or 3. Please put your child's hat in a safe place so you can find it easily at the beginning of term 4.



Everyone shows their heritage proudly at the cultural festival. We show off our skills during a 'kids on bikes' lesson.

**Classdojo:**

I will continue to use Classdojo to upload photos and keep parents informed during term two.

**PE:**

Room 2 will be focusing on doing activities designed to build our martial arts techniques, skills and self discipline during PE.

**Parent Interviews**

I look forward to seeing you at parent interviews during week 10 (5th - 7th July)

Kind regards  
James Penman