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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Room 30

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you've had a wonderful holiday and got the chance to spend some quality time with your family. For our whaanau who were able to watch the senior school production, 'A Whole New World', I hope you enjoyed the show - the tamariki were amazing and we were so very proud of them.

## The Knighton Way: Confidence / Maiatanga



**We want our children to know their strengths, talents and weaknesses.**

**They are unique.**

- Accept ourselves
- Be independent
- Take Risks
- Develop a sense of belonging
- Know who we are - identity

We have talked about what maiatanga / confidence looks like, how it is different from bragging and how it contributes to our character. Our ability to learn new things and the power to believe in ourselves helps us live our lives with a growth mindset. In other words, taking risks and continuing to try until we succeed helps us to build more confidence in our abilities. When we are confident, we are more likely to be successful, know who we are and feel a sense of belonging. Being confident also means we know when to ask for help and when we can manage on our own.

### New space - Room 30

Our new space was opened with a karakia (blessing) and waiata (song) on Monday. Over the next few days we will move from Room 28 into Room 30. Once our belongings and new furniture have been transferred / delivered and we have settled in, please pop in for a visit - we'd love to see you.

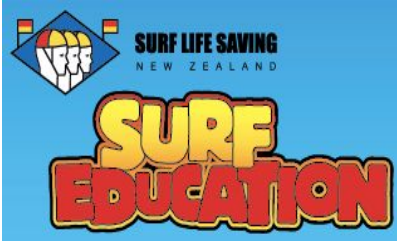
**Gratitude - we are grateful for our new space and the opportunities it will provide.**



## Hats

Yes, it's hat time again! Students must wear hats for break times and outdoor activities, or are restricted to the shaded areas. Our NZ sun is very harsh and burns very quickly compared to other countries. Hats can be purchased (\$5) from the online Kindo shop or at the office. Only Knighton hats are to be worn at school.

## Beach Education Programme with the Surf Life Saving team



This term we head to Raglan on Wednesday 4 December (week 8). This is always a fun day. This programme helps students learn valuable skills such as beach and water safety, how to identify rips and currents, and the roles of surf life savers. We **need 6 adults (18 yrs+)** to accompany our class, who are willing to enter the water (waist deep) to help keep our children safe. The students will travel by bus to Raglan, parents will car pool in personal vehicles, so we require a couple of people prepared to drive and also take adult passengers please. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

### What's on When!

## WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN : Wednesday 16th October

As the weather prevented us from running this event last term, we will try again this Wednesday (week 1). The times for this event are: seniors 1.40pm, middles 2pm and juniors 2.20pm. You are welcome to join us at the Clyde Street Park - the same park we held the cross country run at.

## SWIMMING

We will be swimming every **Wednesday** and **Friday** and are grateful to have qualified instructors coming into school to teach the students. It is an important part of our programme (given the amount of water we have here in NZ - rivers, streams, beaches and backyard pools) and lots of fun. Your child needs to bring their togs and a towel, inside a waterproof bag, each day that we swim. If your child is unable to swim due to illness, please contact me to let me know. Our first swimming day is this **Wednesday**.

## LIBRARY

Unfortunately our library remains closed to students as the space is required for a junior classroom. Please encourage your child to bring books from home to read during silent reading time.

## Important to note...

- **Monday 28th October:** School **CLOSED**. This is a public holiday in celebration of Labour Day. School continues from Tuesday 29th October as normal.
- **Wednesday 18th December:** This is our **LAST** day of school for the year. School ends at **1pm**, so please remember to organise someone to collect your child at this earlier time.
- **School Payments:** To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all 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](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.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.

Kind regards

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