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Room 1

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Term 3! This term we have so many exciting things happening, including production, Food for Thought, the cross country fun run with whaanau, Peachgrove Intermediate visits for Y6's and some great learning opportunities through dramatic inquiry.

## The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha

Persistence

- ★ Success comes to those that have hung on after others have let go
- ★ Most people succeed because they are determined to
- ★ That which we persist in doing becomes easier
- ★ I may not be there yet but I'm closer than I was yesterday

## School councillors

A big thanks to Geneva and Hiba for the great job they did representing Room 1 over the last two terms. They demonstrated what Knighton is all about and gave it their all - tino pai girls! I really look forward to hearing what leadership roles they take on over the coming years. In the next week, our new class councillors will be decided on. We are sure they will both make us very proud and do a fantastic job.

## Class programme

### Dramatic Inquiry

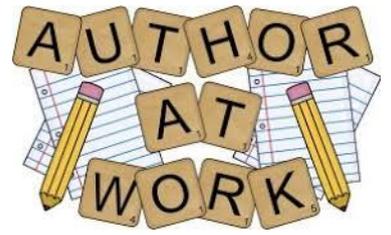
Dramatic inquiry is a philosophy of learning and teaching, which includes Mantle of the Expert. We combine inquiry, drama and the arts with our imagination while learning about real and meaningful concepts and ideas. Last term this involved us bringing to life different aspects of our creation story to help us better understand it.

In Mantle of the Expert, children begin the process assuming the role of an expert and they learn to trust their judgement, problem solve, and share power and responsibility for the learning. They learn to walk in both the real and the imagined worlds at the same time, which is known as metaxis. This term we will use Mantle of the Expert to help us better understand the histories of Aotearoa.



## Writing

Our focus this term is on adding interest for our reader so that our writing is something they don't want to put down. Students will aim to do this by intentionally choosing specific sentence lengths, types and starters in their writing. We will also look at the choices other authors have made to keep the reader interested and then use some of these same things in our own writing as we continue to develop as authors.



## Reading

We continue to practice reading 'good fit' books, with students still able to get a portion of their pizza wheel signed off for 30 minutes of focused independent reading. This term we have a highly structured guided reading program. This means students have frequent opportunities to develop those identified strategies they need support with. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and to talk with you about the story - it makes a huge difference to 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.

## Karakia - a daily practice

This term we continue with our daily karakia. This is the perfect way to start our day and something the students really enjoy. Each child knows the karakia off by heart, in both te reo Māori and English, so do ask them to share it with you. It has a really strong message that really means something to us in Room 1.

## Yoga, fitness and cross country fun run

This term we aim to make our yoga practice a regular part of what we do. As well as developing mindfulness and an awareness of our breath, the strength and flexibility yoga provides will balance nicely with our cross country and fitness training. Our cross country fun run is aimed at providing an enjoyable experience that can be shared with whānau.



Like all exercise, when we work hard, our muscles the next day often feel tight and a little sore. This is normal. The challenge for our children is to not let a little discomfort stop us from trying again the next day. It is only through repeated exercise that we get stronger and better. All athletes learn the difference between muscles that have worked hard and are now tired and muscles that are injured. Our Room 1 athletes will be learning this important lesson. Please ask them about their fitness goals and encourage them to keep trying even when they might feel tired.

## Senior Production: KNIGHTON'S WHOLE NEW WORLD

Congratulations to Geneva, Blake, Shaquaila, Huruwai, Zoya and Hiba who auditioned last term and won a main part in our production. This term our production rehearsals for the senior classes will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings. All children will be involved in the production in some way. The majority will be part of a group performance of their choice. Each teacher, with the help of the

children, will put together a performance that adds to the story told by the main cast members. There are so many options that there is definitely something for everyone. A small number of children will form the backstage crew. These children will design and make programmes, the sets, props and welcome people to the shows as part of the front of house crew. This is the last primary school show that your children have the opportunity to be involved with. Please encourage them to step up and out of their comfort zone, take a chance and give it a go - you never know it could be the beginning of a whole new passion and as yet undiscovered talent.

## Important Dates

### **Peachgrove Intermediate visiting Knighton Senior School Assembly**

Week 2 - Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 pm

### **Peachgrove Open Morning - Year 6's only**

Week 4 - Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> (Mr Armistead and Ms Tauranga supervising)

### **Food for Thought - R1's supermarket visit**

Week 4 - Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> (we need 5 adult helpers from 10 am - 12 pm)

### **School Cross Country and Whaanau Fun Run.**

Week 6 - Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> (Please run, walk, skip, jump with us - it'll be fun!)

### **Senior school production (night shows)**

Week 10 - Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>

Ngā mihi

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