

4th November 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

Parent Survey

Today we have attached a copy of our annual parent survey. We use the results and feedback from this survey to consider next steps for our school. Our BOT will also use this information to consider our budget, staffing and strategic goals for 2020 and beyond. The survey is attached to this newsletter and is also available to complete from a link on our Facebook Page. Please take the time to complete this, and if you need assistance please contact the office.

Supporting our SUPPORT STAFF

Every day our learning assistants and support staff ensure that our school runs smoothly....

The job they do helps children manage their emotions, make breakthroughs with their learning and have fun at school. Many of our children would struggle to be at school without their love, care and support.

Our learning assistants work with our children when things are going well and when our children are angry, upset or confused. At Knighton our learning assistants make a huge difference with our children's learning- they are well trained and experts in a wide range of areas such as literacy, numeracy and first aid. Our admin staff provide invaluable support to students, families and staff.

For many years our profession has been battling to receive a wage that reflects the role we complete.

Below is a table of Support Staff current pay rates are and the percentage of people who are paid within these grades.

- Grade A \$17.70 18%
- Grade B \$17.70 - \$20.69 72%
- Grade C \$20.69 - \$24.70 9%
- Grade D \$24.70 - \$33.67 1%

The living wage is \$21.15.

Schools are forced to pay Support staff from the annual budget- over many years Knighton has spent far more money than they receive from the Ministry. In 2019 alone the school has spent an additional \$130,000 on employing learning assistants. This means that their jobs lack the security that a normal job has.

Please support them in their current pay negotiations.

ERO Visit- 11th November

During the week of the 11th of November, the Education Review Office will be visiting Knighton Normal. A part of this visit provides an opportunity for parents to share their experiences of having a child at Knighton.

Tuesday the 12th of November at 2.15pm in the school staffroom.

Wednesday 13th 5pm Meeting with Whanau

We would love to have you here.

Class Consultation

Notices are being sent home today to give parents the opportunity to have some input into their child's class for 2020. This is entirely optional – please see the notice for more information on the process.

Our Tamariki's Achievements

Congratulations to Rohit who came fourth in the Waikato Primary tennis championships last week.



Skye Lakau-Nordstrom was selected to play for the Waikato rep team this year in the Tauranga regionals during the school holidays and their team were undefeated and won their grade! Skye will be representing her iwi for the Maori regional tournament in January 2020.



School Banking

Knighton provides a school banking service to all pupils at Knighton Normal School through First Credit Union and ASB. Getting started is easy.

Come on in and pick up an application pack from the school office, fill it in and return it.

Deposits can be made through the school banking programs or via internet banking.

Reminder that if your child/ren are already doing school banking, banking is collected on Wednesday each week!

Uniforms

There are still quite a lot of sports uniforms to be returned. If you could return these to the office asap please it would be greatly appreciated.

Lost property

We will continue to have the lost property out on sunny days to remind children to look as they pass but please remember to double check when you collect your child/ren even if you don't think anything is lost anything.

KickStart Breakfast Programme

This is a Fonterra/Sanitarium initiative to encourage children to come in each morning and have weetbix, a drink of milk or milo to any child who comes looking for breakfast.

This is run between 8:30 and 8:55am.

Community Notices

● Edventure Summer Camps

This summer **Edventure** is hosting a range of outdoors based SUMMER CAMPS. With activities from surfing and snorkelling to rock climbing and archery, our camps have it all. Based in Coromandel & B.O.P but with pick ups throughout Hamilton, Auckland and BO.O.P. Planned and run by teachers, Safe and Fun! Camps for 8-13 yrs and 14-18 yrs, OSCAR available.

● Craft and Creations market

With Christmas nearly upon us, Rototuna High School thought the time was right to hold a boutique market with an emphasis on handmade and crafted products by locals. This is a fundraiser for the school that involves the whole community.

9am - 2pm

Saturday November 23th 2019

Rototuna High School

Kimbrae Drive, Rototuna

TERM DATES

- 15th Nov** Parent consultation finishes
- 20th Nov** Make A Wish foundation fundraiser
- 29th Nov** NE Open morning 9:30am - 10.40am
- 29th Nov - 5th Dec** Senior school Beach Ed
- 2nd Dec** Helpers morning tea
- 5th Dec** Middle school Athletics day
- 6th Dec** Road patrol pool party
- 9th Dec** Music House Performance
- 10th Dec** Service assembly @ 1:30pm
- 12th Dec** Year 6 Disco
- 13th Dec** 2020 Classes announced
- 13th Dec** Te Hirihiri Poroporoaki
- 16th Dec** Awards assembly @ 11.10am
- 17th Dec** Reports go home +
Final assemblies - JUNIOR 9:15am
MIDDLE 10am
SENIOR 11.10am
- 18th Dec** Children meet new classes @ 10:10am

Sun Safety

During terms one and four we here at KNS focus on sun safety. We enforce a 'no school hat, play in the shade' approach to break times and ask our teachers to use their common sense in regard to being outside during class time.

You can play your part by ensuring that your children have had sunscreen applied before school and hats are in their bags.

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

KIWI PIE

Ingredients:

- 500g mince
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 can baked beans
- 1 can tomatoes
- 2 c frozen mixed veges
- 4 medium potatoes
- 1/4 c low fat milk
- 1/2 c edam cheese, grated
- chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 190°C. Brown onion and mince in pan with oil. Add baked beans, tomatoes and frozen veges, and heat until thawed. Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender, drain well and mash with milk, cheese and chopped parsley. Spoon mixture into individual dishes or a large pie dish and top with mashed potato. Bake for 25mins until golden.

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Ngā mihi nui

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