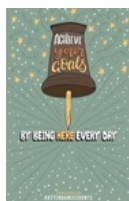


Last week we held our annual Cultural Parade and Festival. It was a really special event showcasing the rich diversity within our school and celebrating the customs and traditions of the many cultures here at Knighton. As a staff, we feel really fortunate to work in such a place. Our goal is to help every child feel proud of who they are and who they represent. A special thank you to Diane Cooper and her English Language Learning Team for coordinating the event and to all the staff, parents, and graduate teacher trainees who helped out on the day. Knighton is truly a 'great place to be'.

This term our levels of 'regular attendance' where children are at school for 90% or more of the term is at 63%. While this is pleasing and progress from last year, we would love to be over 70%. Attending school regularly (five or less days off school a term) gives our tamariki a significantly better chance of success in their learning. We know that children learn best when they're building on what they've learnt from the previous day's learning so literally everyday at school matters. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

I'd like to wish everyone a restful and fun break over the next couple of weeks.



Focus on Attendance

The table below shows the Knighton statistics for attendance during term 1 so far as calculated by the Ministry of Education. We will put these in the newsletter regularly so you can see how we are tracking as a school.



Sport Uniforms

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their uniforms. If your child still has a uniform at home please return them to the office by the end of term 1.

Netball

Registrations for year 5 & 6 netball are now open, and close on Thursday 10th April. You can pay via <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login> or at the office. Registration forms are on our website https://www.kns.ac.nz/newsletter_sets/2-newsletters/years/2025



Knighton Breakers Year 3 & 4 Miniball Team

Miniball & miniball is one of many sports played here at Knighton normal school. I play for the breakers there are about six players in my team. I play on wednesdays and I practice on mondays. my favorite thing about miniball is getting rebounds or scoring. my coach is Yumi. the team has been going very well and I love it.

By team member Caden - Akomanga 4



Lost Property

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing and shoes that are lost by children are unnamed. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated. PLEASE name ALL your children's clothing and footwear.

Cultural Festival



Mani, Lakshmi & Veera

We have this beautiful rangoli on display outside the office that was created by the ladies in the photo above. Rangoli is traditional Indian art and the designs are believed to bring good luck. They welcome the goddess Lakshmi.

Everyone had a fabulous time during the week learning about each other's cultures and dressing in their traditional clothing.



Kaylen, Mila, Chiyo & Tina



Scarlett & Chidvi

Celebrating Cultures Book For Sale

You can order copies of the book Celebrating Culture from the office at the special price of \$10.00. Orders and payment need to be in by Friday 9th May.

There is a copy at the office if you would like to look at it.



Community Notices



We just wanted to send a quick reminder to book for our upcoming holiday programme. We have lots of awesome activities planned, including fish gutting, lolly making, loaded pancakes, and miniature model painting.

To book, go online to www.journeykids.co.nz, click "Book Now", select your programme venue, and choose "Holiday Programme"

For more information contact Rebecca at Journey Kids - rebecca@journeykids.co.nz or go to the website - www.Journeykids.co.nz



Note your calendar

- 9 April - Year 1 Hamilton Zoo trip
- 11 April - Term 1 ends - 3:00pm
- 28 April - Term 2 begins - 9:00am - Cohort Entry
- 5 - 8 May - Senior school visits to Rangiriri
- 12 May - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui
- 15 May - 5:30pm - Whānau Hui
- 23 May - Photolife School Photos
- 30 May - Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 2 June - King's Birthday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 20 June - Matariki - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal