



**KNIGHTON  
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 2 in Akomanga Rima! We have a busy, learning-filled, fun term planned – starting from day 1! Our class trip is happening next week when we are heading to Rangiriri. This is an amazing opportunity for our tamariki to build on the knowledge and learning we have been doing around Pā in Aotearoa and Rangiriri Pā itself, along with the history of the site.

We will be experiencing our first House of Science kit for this year in Week 1 – called What Do You Think? The kit will have tamariki thinking like scientists by making observations and inferences about experiences and scientific happenings.

We will also be continuing our journey with structured literacy, reading and writing. We will continue to learn about words, sentences, punctuation, spelling, sounds, structure of writing, decoding and reading comprehension...the list goes on, and our kete is filling up fast. We also love our read-aloud time and will continue to read Conrad Cooper's Last Stand by Leonie Agnew and will then move on to another cool read.

Maths continues to be cross-grouped, and tamariki are being challenged at the level appropriate to them. For those in my maths class, alongside all the other mathematical concepts and understandings they will be developing, they will have regular reminders about practising and learning their times tables and basic facts off by heart; this is vital for growth in maths. If you want your child to continue practising at home, check out this website: [www.timestables.co.nz](http://www.timestables.co.nz)

We are heading into the months of sniffles, sneezes and colds. Tissues are important. If you would like to donate a box of tissues to the A5 noses cause, we would also dearly appreciate that.

#### EXTRA NOTICES

- **Kindo:** 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.
- **Seesaw:** We use Seesaw in A5 for some communication. I also like to post what is happening in the classroom quite regularly. If you are not connected to Seesaw yet please email me [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) and I will add you to your child's journal. Keep an eye on your inbox/spam for the link which I will share directly from Seesaw.



- **Change of clothes:** Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any medication administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **Cell Phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. If children do bring a cellphone to school this needs to be handed into the office or kaiako until the end of the day.
- **Late:** If your child is late please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is absent please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- **Toys: we do not allow toys at school. Unfortunately they can cause issues in the playground, so it is best to leave the cool things at home**
- **Term Calendar:** The school term calendar will be sent home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the fortnightly newsletter sent home every second week, please visit [www.kns.ac.nz](http://www.kns.ac.nz)

I try to actively check my emails throughout the day so please email me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing: [nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz](mailto:nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz) However, **if it is urgent it is best to contact the office** and they will send a message.

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2025.  
Nga mihi nui, Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

