

# Newsletter 6

6 May 2025

Welcome back everyone to Term 2. I would like to give a special welcome to the new ākonga and whānau who joined our school this term. We hope you are all settling in well.

Last term we had 60% of our students attending school 'regularly'. Regular attendance is anything between 90 - 100% attendance for the term (equivalent to 5 days or less absence in a usual 10 week term). This was really pleasing for us as it was a big improvement on Term 1 last year where we had 45% regular attendance. While we understand there are valid and justified reasons for some tamariki not attending regularly, we know that regular attendance can be a significant factor in a child's academic and social success at school.

A friendly reminder that our upcoming Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day is on **Friday 30th May**. Our staff will be joining the other schools in our area for a day of Professional Development at Claudelands Events Centre. **School will be closed** for instruction on this day.



## KidsCan Jackets

Every student at Knighton School will be given a FREE, named jacket, supplied by KidsCan. They have been given these jackets so they can come to school warm every day (especially during winter when it is wet and cold!).

These jackets are very special, because they are only for the child that receives it - they aren't for parents, brothers or sisters or any other family member, and they are not to be sold. We are sure the children will enjoy their new jackets.

***\*We are looking for volunteers who would be able to come in and help to label the jackets with the students' names.***



## 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.

## ANZAC DAY



### Savannah & Eva at Memorial Park **Lest We Forget**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 I attended the 110th ANZAC Commemoration Service at Memorial Park. We went there to lay a wreath on behalf of Knighton School to remember the men and women who went to war and gave their lives so that we could live freely in this beautiful country that we call Aotearoa, New Zealand.

It was a very big privilege to represent Knighton School at the ANZAC service and to carry the wreath up to the cenotaph and place it down in front of everyone.....I was a little bit nervous.

*Savannah Allen-Borota A5*

### **Kei Wareware Tātou**

The parade was one to remember, important people gathered, the girls brigade, the air force in training and even Ryan Hamilton - MP attended.

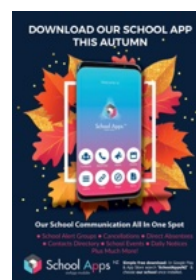
Whānau from different kura came, from our very own, to Hillcrest High and Peachgrove Intermediate; so many lovely hearts and souls.

After all the kura laid their wreaths, the monument stood tall, sparkling in the sun, draped in a burst of colour.

We will never forget those who gave their lives for our country.

Tēnā koutou, nā koutou tā tātou ūkaipō i whakangungu.

*Eva Ratsey A30*



## Sport

### Football

Knighton Junior Football Club still has places available for the Lion Cubs team (**children aged 5 & 6 only**).

If anyone is keen to join they can get in touch with Stephen Hine the club manager at:

[stephenhine@actrix.co.nz](mailto:stephenhine@actrix.co.nz)

Registration forms can be collected from the school office.

### Uniforms

Please return any Knighton sports uniforms you have at home if your child/ren have finished playing cricket, touch or miniball.

## Showquest

We are well underway with our incredible Showquest performance 'Hononga' (which means connection). This show will be performed at Globox Arena on the evening of Thursday 26 June, 6:30pm. Tickets have already been released through Ticketek on this website:

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/Show.aspx?sh=sqwaikat25>

Tamariki who are in the show do NOT need a ticket as they will be backstage but whānau wanting to attend will need to purchase tickets.



### Note your calendar

6 - 10 May - Senior school visits to Rangiriri Paa

12 May - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

15 May - 5:30pm - Whānau Hui

20 May - Morrinsville Netball & Rugby Tournament

23 May - Photolife School Photos

29 May - Winter Sports Day - University & St John's

30 May - Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

2 June - King's Birthday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

3 June - Cohort entry day - new entrants

20 June - Rā Whakanuia a Matariki **SCHOOL CLOSED**

27 June - 3:00pm - End of term 2

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Andrew Campbell**  
Principal

School drop off and pick up can be a stressful time. Please can our school community be mindful of the following as we head into the wetter winter weather:

- Be patient, stay calm and be respectful of others
- Respect our neighbours, please do not park on grass berms/footpaths or over driveways
- Do not use the staff car park unless you hold a valid disability permit
- Only use the 5 minutes parking area at the front of our kura for drop off and pick up, not longer parking times

We really appreciate our school families who continue to park further away than the busy school gates (Henry Street and Hamilton Baptist Church car park), or who walk, bike and scooter in all-weather.

Thanks for playing your part to ensure a safe and stress free school pick up.



## The Knighton Learning Community Hub

### Are you new to the New Zealand school system?

Come along to the introduction of our Knighton Learning Community Hub to find out about our exciting ethnic community education programme.

- ❖ Experience a Māori welcome
- ❖ Enjoy a cuppa and a snack
- ❖ Have a chat with others
- ❖ Make connections with different ethnic communities

**When: Friday, 9th of May**

**Time: 9:15am**

**Where: Knighton School Hall**

### Community Notices

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand



### Child Immunisation Clinic

Hamilton East Medical Centre are hosting Drop-In Child Immunisation Clinics

- Every Tuesday evening – 5.00-6.00pm
- Saturday 10 May – 8.00-12.00 noon
- Saturday 24 May – 8.00-12.00 noon

No need to book

No need to be enrolled with us

All welcome, **JUST DROP IN**