

Newsletter 9

17 June 2025



This week we are celebrating Matariki. We have a number of events and activities planned for the week including vertical learning groups getting together to learn about

Matariki, opportunities for shared kai,

Whāngai i te Hautapu, and Hui - a - kura/matariki moment on the courts on Thursday. Matariki marks the beginning of the Māori New Year (Te Tau Hou Māori). It represents a time of renewal and new beginnings, a time when we remember those who have passed away since the last Matariki, a time to plan for the future, and a time to connect with the environment.

There will be a Ministry of Education Accord **Teacher Only Day on Friday 12 September**. Please put this date in your calendar. School will be closed for instruction on the day. This is the last Teacher Only Day for the year and will be used for professional development around the new curriculum. More information and further reminders will come out next term.

Next term there will be **elections for school boards**. Every three years, all New Zealand state and state integrated schools hold elections for their school boards. The school board has an important function in governing the school. Nominations for the school board close on Wednesday 6 August with elections being held on Wednesday 10 September. The new board will take office on Wednesday 17 September. We have engaged with SchoolEd to oversee the election process. More information will be out soon.

At the end of this term we will be farewelling Briar Lynch who will be taking up a permanent teaching role at Hillcrest Normal School. Briar started teaching at Knighton at the beginning of 2013 and has recently been doing teacher release in the Senior School. We wish Briar all the best for her new adventure and we will miss her a lot.

We are looking forward to our annual **Parent Conversations** next week. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher face to face and share the wonderful learning they have been taking part in and discuss next steps for them.

As this is a nine week term, this newsletter will be the last one for Term 2.



Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser Day

A message from our student councillors

On **Thursday 26 June** the student council is organising a **Pyjama Day**.

Wearing your pyjamas and bringing a gold coin will support Ronald McDonald House. They help whānau who are going through tough moments in life by accommodating families when they have a child in hospital.

Lets help give families a home away from home.

So remember wear your pj's and bring a gold coin (if you can)

Parent - Teacher Conversations

23rd, 24th and 25th June

School Interview bookings will close tomorrow, June 18th

To make a booking, click the link below:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/df7t4>

If you are asked for a code, it is: df7t4



Lost Property

All lost property will be on display tomorrow, Wednesday 18th June, outside Mrs Cowie's office next to the courts.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated.

School Individual & Class Photos

Class and individual photos were taken last month. You will have been emailed a Photo Access Keycode from Photolife.

Go to the [Photolife](https://www.photolife.co.nz/) website, click 'Order Online' then enter your photo access keycode.

You will then be able to see the photo/s of your child/ren and decide if you wish to purchase a pack.

*Payment is made directly to Photolife



More than 70 students are involved in the Knighton Showquest performance 'Hononga'. This show will be performed at Globox Arena on Thursday 26 June, 6:30pm.

Tickets can only be purchased through Ticketek:

<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 who want to attend will need to purchase tickets.



Mariah-Lee, Aavya, Khiana, Tharagi
with Geraldeen Te Huia

Enviro Kids Take Action on Arbor Day 2025!

This year, our Enviro Kids proudly took part in a successful Arbor Day planting at Minogue Park. Alongside other schools from across Kirikiriroa, our students helped plant an incredible 10,000 native plants!

Despite the heavy rain the ground was tough to dig, but our students showed amazing resilience. They worked together, digging, planting, and doing their part to restore nature and support a greener future for generations to come. It was a meaningful day of teamwork and environmental action.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers — without your support, this trip wouldn't have been possible.

Morrinsville Sports Fun Day

written by two senior students

"Morrinsville Netball.

It's today! I was so excited to go to the Morrinsville netball tournament. I was all rested and ready to go. I hoped everyone was too! When I got to school, everyone who was going to the tournament was wearing a Knighton uniform. I was so excited to play I was jumping with my friends before we left. All my friends went on the bus while I went with my mum in the car. I was so excited when we got there. It was when we were against the school from last time, Aberdeen school. I think we won but I also had fun, we did so good! "

By Paea A32



"Morrinsville Netball

At the Morrinsville tournament on Wednesday it looked fun but when we got off the bus my heart was beating fast like a rabbit. We got closer to the courts then I got confident when it was our time on the courts. I thought that it won't be fun. When we were playing I was happy, a lot of people were cheering. The schools we versed were Aberdeen, David Street, Puketaha. They were all good schools. I was proud when they kept on making in the goal shoots. Because it is not all about winning."

By Ella A32

FREE Childhood Immunisation Clinics

Hamilton East Medical Centre are continuing with their dedicated Childhood Immunisation Clinics.

There is no need for the child (or their parent/caregiver) to be enrolled with the practice.

Please share with your family and friends, the clinics are open to everyone!

Sports News

- **Netball** draw Wed 18th June:
- Wizards 4pm Court 12: Gems 5pm Court 6
- Term 3 **Miniball**. Payment due Tues 24th June
- Term 3 **Inline Hockey**. Payment due 3 pm, Wednesday, 25th June

School Holiday Programmes

See programme fliers following this newsletter for more information

- Journey Kids - held in the school Hall 30th June - 13th July
- Cup Cake Workshop; Sweetpea Parties, 70 Rostrevor St
- Netball - Year 3-6 skill programme. Year 3-4: Tuesday 1st July and/or Wednesday 9th July
Year 5-6: Wednesday 2nd July and/or Tuesday 8th July Cost: \$50.00 per day, 9:00am - 3:00pm each day and will be held at the Hamilton City Netball Centre. For more information or to register [click here](http://click.here) or email admin@netballhamilton.org.nz
- School Holiday Baking Challenge. FREE fun from the comfort of your own home. Register: www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking
- Youthtown will be running their Girls Just Wanna Kick programme www.youthtown.org.nz

Hamilton City Council
Maanawatia a Matariki **FREE** event

Rally your whaanau and friends to enjoy a night of rekareka (fun) and entertainment at the fourth annual Maanawatia a Matariki event! See flier below for more information

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal

Note your calendar

18 June - Parent Conversation bookings close

19 June - 1:45pm Mānawatia a Matariki -

Whole school Matariki Moment on the courts

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

23, 24 & 25 June - Parent Conversations

26 June - 6:30pm - Show Quest - Glowbox Arena

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

11 July - 9:00am - 2:00pm Office open for new enrolments

14 July - 9:00am - Term 3 starts

JOURNEY KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

30TH JUNE - 6TH JULY

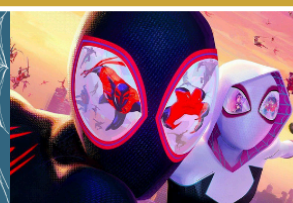
WEEK 1

MONDAY \$59.99

Into the SPIDERVERSE + Iced Boba



Step into the multiverse and discover your inner Spider-Hero! Swing through epic challenges, create your own Spider mask, and train your spidey senses with obstacle courses, games, and crafts inspired by Miles Morales and friends. Then mix up a refreshing iced boba drink with your favourite flavours.



TUESDAY \$59.99

Goosebumps + Flax Weaving

Dive into creepy-cool challenges inspired by Goosebump then get hands-on with traditional flax weaving, creating your own woven masterpiece.

OR

OUT DAY \$99.99

Waingaro Hot Springs

It's cold, so let's get warm in the iconic Waingaro hot pools. Soak, slide, and splash at this retro gem!



WEDNESDAY \$59.99

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu + Creative Cupcakes

Flip the vibe with an epic intro to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu! A day of sweet treats and serious moves. Then head to the kitchen to decorate wild, wacky cupcakes that are (almost) too cool to eat. It's a full day of imagination, icing, and hands-on fun!



THURSDAY \$59.99

Cubeeeee + Pineapple Lumps

Build, bend, and craft! The pixelated world of Cubeez—magnetic block-building inspired by Minecraft—then create a delicious kiwi icon in the afternoon



FRIDAY \$59.99

Make your own TEDDY/Plush toy + Purses

Create your own plush toy—stuff it, decorate it, and bring it to life! Then in the afternoon create your own custom purse to take home.



7TH JULY - 13TH JULY

WEEK 2

MONDAY \$59.99

Bruno + Mars

We don't talk about that Bruno... or do we? Jam out with Bruno Mars hits, explore the mysteries of the planet Mars, and dive into Encanto-inspired games and crafts. Music, space, and a little bit of magic—this Bruno's got it all!



TUESDAY \$59.99

Fight Soap Club + PiccARTso

The first rule of Soap club is we don't talk about soap club. You'll make your own squishy soap—just like fun Play-Doh from Lush. Then dive into a wacky Picasso-inspired art session, full of colour, creativity, and imagination.

WEDNESDAY \$59.99

Once Upon a Time Machine

Step into the time machine and journey through magical realms! Craft your own magic wand and become portal jumpers—leaping through time and imagination in a fun, fast paced game. A day of spells, stories, and time travelling fun

THURSDAY \$59.99

Chocolate Fountains + Pottery

Dip, drizzle, and devour all things chocolate—Then get your hands messy in the best way—with clay, Sculpt, shape, and paint your own mini pottery masterpiece.

OR

OUT DAY \$99.99

Movies + Excite Museum

Come join us with a fun filled day! We will head to Metro by Hoyts to watch a movie and then we will head off to the Excite Museum for an enriching and interactive afternoon.



FRIDAY \$59.99

Glow and Flow Tech Day

Join us for a hands-on day of glowing lights and flowing code! Create light-up dough creatures and make a binary bracelet that spells your name in computer code.



To book please head to www.journeykids.co.nz & click **BOOK NOW** and select KNIGHTON NORMAL before booking We are WINZ registered and OSCAR SUBSIDY supported. Children must bring their own lunch and snacks.

Programme Run time: 7:30am - 5:30pm

Programme location: Knighton Normal School

Phone Number: 0226420726



Secret KIWI KITCHEN THE CAKE DETECTIVE FUNDRAISER

CUPCAKE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

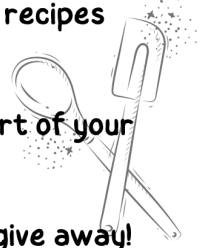
Where: Sweetpea Parties, 70 Rostrevor Street, Hamilton
 When: Tuesday 1st July 10am & 1.30pm
 Price: \$50

All proceeds go towards celebrating kids on their birthdays.
 With the help of Secret Kiwi Kitchen

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$350 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.



Mon 7th to Wed 9th July



REGISTER NOW:

www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking

Sponsored by Bin Inn,
Caliwoods & Bake with Me



YOUTHTOWN SINCE 1932

GIRLS JUST WANNA KICK!

30th June - 11th July
 AGES 7-15
 FROM \$20 PER DAY
 8:30am - 3:30pm
 Horsham Downs School



www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566

Hamilton East Medical Centre

Child Immunisation Clinic

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

No need to book
 No need to be enrolled with us
 All welcome, **JUST DROP IN**

Tuesday evening (10th and 17th June) - 5.00-6.00 pm
 Saturday 14th June - 8.00-12.00 noon



Poipoia le Manawa

Year 3-6 Skill Camp

WWW.NETBALLHAMILTON.ORG.NZ




MAANAWATIA A MATARIKI

* 20 June | 3pm - 7pm *

INNES COMMON

FREE EVENT



Hamilton City Council
 Te Kaitiaki & Te Kōwhiri