



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Wow we are already into term 3! This year is flying by! I am so pleased to be back with the tamariki.

We have a lot of things happening this term. Two big events for our team are the School Cross Country and Fun Run, and also the Senior Recitation Finals. The tamariki will be working on practising reading texts aloud for an audience. All tamariki will participate at a class level for the Recitation Competition with the top Year 5 and Year 6 speaker going into the school finals. Cross

Country is optional, but everyone will be participating in the Fun Run. We will be doing some huff and puff activities in our class. The term dates with the dates for these events will be coming home soon.

We will be continuing with our structured daily literacy review every morning along with handwriting. Maths will still be after lunch and some children are cross-grouped into other classes for maths, but most remain with me. We will also be using dramatic inquiry to dig into some big ideas linked to Aotearoa NZ history. Reading and writing will be part of our inquiry and be suited to each child's needs. We will continue our daily journey with te reo Māori - filling our kete with more language and understanding. We also look forward to Te Wiki o te reo Māori where we get to spend time with our teina buddies working on our te reo Māori language skills together.

We farewelled our first 'graduate teacher' at the end of last term - Matua Patricio. This term we have two new graduate teachers join us each Wednesday. They are both from Korea - Whaea Daye and Whaea Jeongbin.

We are still in the months of sniffles, sneezes and colds. Tissues are important. Thank you to those whaanau who have donated us some well used tissues, if anyone else would like to donate a box of tissues to the A5 runny nose cause, we would also dearly appreciate that.



EXTRA REMINDERS

- **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 or via the link on our school website.
- **Seesaw:** We use Seesaw in A5 for communication. I also regularly post what is happening in the classroom. If you are not connected to Seesaw yet please email me 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 phone 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:** This will be sent home soon. If you want to access this online, along with copies of the fortnightly newsletter that is shared every second week, please visit www.kns.ac.nz

Congratulations to the tamariki from A5 who participated in Showquest. Savannah, Kayla, Cassie, Kiah, Johandri, Sasmí, Lillian and Hone are now proud Waikato Junior Champions - awesome! 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 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 in term 3.

Nga mihi nui, Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)

