

## Newsletter 10

### 22 July 2025

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. I can't believe we're already into the second half of the academic year. A special welcome to all the new children and their families who started here this term. We hope your tamariki are settling into school life here well and that you have been made to feel a part of our school community.

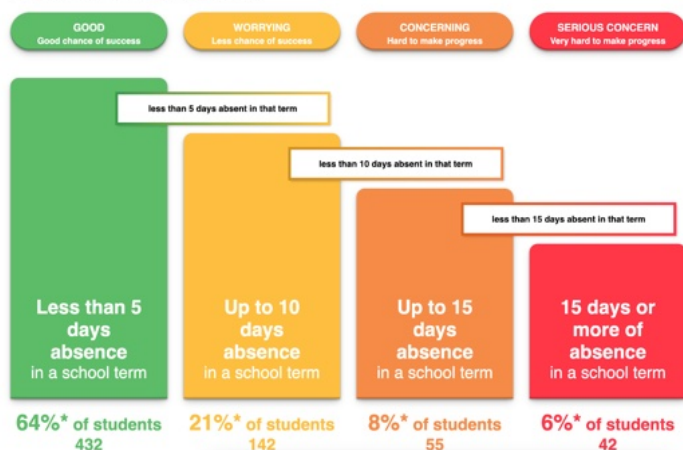
This term we welcomed back Anne Hoare who is taking the new 'Roll Growth' class of New Entrants, Amy Thomas who is working as a Release Teacher in A30 and A31, and Whaea Tee who is working as a Kaitiaki in Te Hihiri.

Late last term a team of approximately 70 students took part in Show Quest, a major nationwide performing arts competition, held at Claudelands Arena. The children spent two terms, in their own breaktimes, rehearsing for this. We're thrilled to say that Knighton Normal School won the Waikato Junior Competition and we are now part of the New Zealand wide competition. The kids were absolutely amazing on the night and represented our kura so well. A huge thank you to Nicole, Pauline, Briar, Jane, Amber, Ally, and Manaia from our staff who all contributed to and worked with the cast. Auahatanga/Creativity is something we value strongly in our Knighton Way. It was great to be able to provide this opportunity for our ākonga to showcase their creativity on this platform.

It was really pleasing to see we had 64% of our students attending school regularly (90 - 100%) last term. This has certainly improved from Term 2 2023 where we had 18% attending regularly and Term 2 2024 where we had 47% attending regularly. While we understand there are justified reasons for children not attending school, we also know that regular attendance helps children with their learning. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this.

Some of you may have noticed roadworks along Knighton Road lately. Over the next few months, Waipa Civil will be putting new pipes underneath the footpath along Knighton Road. You will need to think of alternative places to drop off and/or pick up your children during this time. Using Henry Street and the Hillcrest Baptist Church carpark are two great and easy alternatives.

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



## Board of Trustee Elections

Nominations close soon for the **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. Nomination forms are available at the school office.



### Spare Clothing

We have very limited spare clothing available for children who get wet or muddy at kura or if they have a toileting accident. Please keep a change of clothes in your child's school bag in a waterproof plastic bag at all times. If your child comes home with clothes borrowed from school please wash and return them as soon as possible.

**The Ronald McDonald House fundraiser day organised by the student council last term raised a total of \$408.80. This will help whānau who are going through tough moments in life by accommodating families when they have a child in hospital. Thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause.**

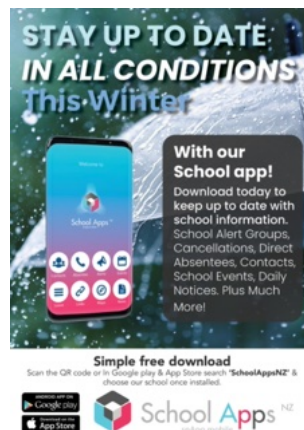


### Lost Property

All lost property will be on display tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd July, outside Mrs Cowie's office next to the courts. Please name all property, clothing and shoes. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated.

### Sports News

If sporting practice or games are cancelled we communicate this via the SchoolAppNZ so it is very useful if you download this to your phone. It is also the best way to let us know if your child is absent.





‘Beep beep beep beep **smack!**’, goes the start of our performance...and there were the leaders: Savannah, Stella, Kayla and Teina.

I was in Grounded. When it was my turn, I was scared and nervous. I knew I had confidence in myself, and I covered my nervousness with a smile. I tried not to mess up, and I didn't! I danced my heart out and had the best time. After a little while, we had a surprise. When the judges were about to reveal the places, surprisingly **we came first!!!**

By Sasmi (Akomanga 5)

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“5,6,7,8!” we heard every time we did Showquest. We would hear that over and over and over again. We experienced nervousness, the exciting parts, and the loudness.

When we found out we were in Showquest this year, we were very excited to be in Showquest, as a first timer and an old timer! It was a very fun experience and life changing for all of the Showquest people.

We had all ages perform from 6 years old to 11 years old.

We are all grateful for all of the help and support from all the parents. And a big thanks to Ms A, Ms GW, Ms Lynch, Whaea Amber and Jane for creating the dance and everything that went with it.

We have loved Showquest and we all really miss it already...like, A LOT! Even though it was 2 weeks ago.

By Savannah and Cassie (Akomanga 5)



## Note your calendar

25 July - 8:45am - Learning Community Hub

28 July - 9:00am - Year 6's go to Peachgrove

28 July - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees hui

31 July - 5:30pm - Whānau hui

31 July - 6:00pm - Berkley School open evening

1 August - 8:45am - Learning Community Hub

6 August - Board of Trustees election, nominations close

8 August - 8:45am - Learning Community Hub

11 - 14 August - Pāngarau (Maths) Week

14 August - 9:15am Senior Recitation Finals - Year 5  
11:40am Senior Recitation Finals - Year 6

18 August - New Entrant cohort start date

20 August - School cross country, fun run/walk

4 September - Interschool cross country

10 September - Board of Trustees election held

12 September - Ministry Accord Teacher Only Day  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

19 Sept - End of term 3 **School closed for the holidays**

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Andrew Campbell**  
Principal