



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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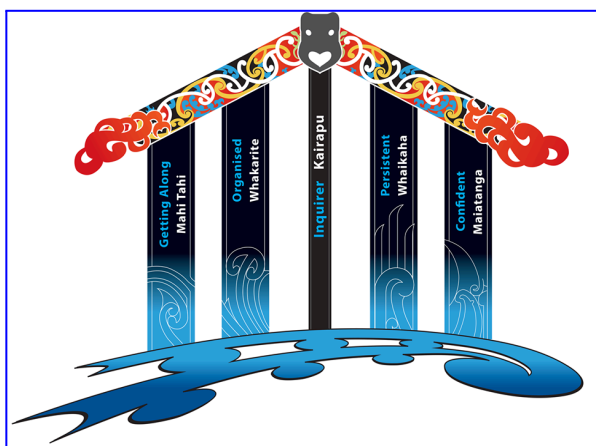
Room 32

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It was great to meet some of you during Parent Conversations and share the progress your child has made. For those of you that were unable to make it, I hope you found their report informative.

We've got another busy and exciting term coming up! Our main focus will be life skills, teaching our tamariki important skills they can use in the future. We're also looking forward to the Knighton senior recitation finals in week 5 and the school cross country in week 6, which promise to be highlights. ClassDojo will remain my main form of communication. Please ask if you have any questions about using the app.

The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha



Many of life's failures
are people who did not realise how close
they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas A Edison.

F.E.A.R has two meanings
Forget Everything And Run or
Face Everything And Rise;
it's your choice.

Being persistent means...

- We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- We gain strength from our whaanau and friends when we need help.
- We know that being persistent doesn't mean we are alone.

Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to other curricular activities. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term two and discussed during parent conversations.



School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child. If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.

This term students will be expected to do a recitation of a chosen text and say their pepeha in front of the class. I know some students find this task daunting, however it does teach them important skills that they can use in the future. A year 5 and a year 6 student will then be chosen to represent our class in the senior recitation finals in week 5 (Thursday 14th August).

Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Topic

The focus for the term will centre around our class unit on life skills. The tamariki will be learning how to tie knots, mahi whai/string games, hunting and fishing knowledge, camping, navigation and financial literacy. Our unit will come to a conclusion with the tamariki taking part in an outdoor education day at school where they will be given practical challenges to use the skills they have learnt.

Library

Our library day has been changed to Thursday during term three to accommodate our T.O.P.A students. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunchtimes.

Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Classdojo. I will continue to upload a photo every couple of weeks during term 3. If you haven't received a Class Dojo login please let me know and I will arrange one for you.



Pink Shirt Day 2025



Our pen pals wrote to us a number of times.

Ngā mihi
James Penman