



**KNIGHTON  
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Kia ora,  
Welcome back to school!

## What did we learn in Term Two?

Wow! What a jam-packed term we had. We learned about chemical change in science, and how scientists conduct and record experiments. We investigated and completed experiments about leaves, popcorn and yeast. We even successfully made our own soft pretzels. Yum! We learned how skipping is good for the heart and learned different skipping techniques. During Matariki, we joined 3 other classes to learn more about Māori New Year. We also had 2 training teachers Mr Yang and Matua Gareth, who completed their 5 week practicum in Room 3.



# What's happening THIS term?

This term we are learning about unusual animals and native NZ creatures. Students will be learning how to write, edit and revise instructional reports and create an oral presentation about an unusual animal of their choice. We are also learning about birds and flight, and the different layers of the forest. This term, our mental health focus is 'how to deal with complex emotions' with an emphasis on recognising the differences between scared, worried and anxious. We are recognising who we can express these feelings to. Based on the Guatemalan Worry dolls, we have designed and created our own worry warts, that we can keep next to our bed and tell our worries to.



We have just begun our in-class cross-country training (Mr Hannah also runs training during break 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the students who are interested). Also coming up this term is the annual Year 4 indoor soccer tournament, which will begin in week 6. It is much easier for students to wear comfortable running shoes to school for this term.

## ***Key Dates***

Week 4 - Wonderful World of Lizards Talk

Week 5 - Maths Week

Week 6 - Indoor Soccer Tournament Begins

Week 6 - Wednesday 20th August Cross Country & Fun Run

Week 8 - Wednesday 3rd September Year 4 Tree Planting at Hillcrest Stadium

Week 9 - Māori Language Week

Ngā mihi nui,

Katie McLean (Miss M)