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2 September 2025

This week is the annual Koroneihana held at Tūrangawaewae Marae in Ngaruawāhia. This year is particularly important because it marks the first anniversary of the coronation of the new Māori Queen, Te Arikinui Kuīni Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō. Over the week, people from all over the country and even the Pacific Islands will gather to celebrate and remember loved ones who have passed away. Our Year 6's from Te Hihiri are at Tūrangawaewae today helping in the Whare Kai.

A reminder that our second Ministry of Education Accord Teacher Only Day is next Friday September 12th. **School will be closed for the day.** These days are spent working on the new curriculum changes. We're fortunate to be working with Emma Nahna for the day, and our wonderful Support Staff will be working with experts from Altogether Autism. Journey Kids will be running a full day programme at school on the day. Please contact them if you would like your child to attend.

As you will be aware, voting for our school board election closes at 4:00pm on Wednesday 10th September. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the current Knighton Normal School Board for their work in ensuring our school is operating effectively over the last three years. Maro Arcus, Sam Douglas, Nicole Antoniadis, Jesse Brown, Sanjeev Kumar Arya, Tumai Tumutoa and Yumi Hughes have done an outstanding job around the governance of the school and helping navigate the school through the great times and challenges that any school faces. Your time and effort that you have put in to ensuring our tamariki get the best education they can has been very much appreciated.

THANK YOU



HILLCREST

Thank you to Grant Hill, the owner of Four Square, Clyde Street, for generously donating food for children's lunches.

Each week he donates at least:

- 50 loaves of bread
- 10 kg of cheese
- Lots of fruit!

Please support this business to say thank you for their koha to our kura.

Gecko Adventures in Year 4!

Last Monday, David from *Kids in Nature* (a Hamilton City Council initiative) brought some very special guests to visit our Year 4 classes—geckos! We discovered lots of amazing facts about these clever little creatures. You might even spot them in your garden, although it's not easy since they're masters of camouflage. One of the most fascinating things we learned is that when geckos feel threatened, their tails are specially made to painlessly drop off! The tail keeps wriggling to trick predators while the gecko makes a quick getaway—and the best part is, most geckos can grow their tails back. The highlight of the visit was definitely getting to gently hold the geckos. They were soft (not slimy at all!) and their sticky feet tickled our hands as they showed off their climbing skills. A huge thank you to David for visiting Knighton—what an unforgettable experience!



Archer, Henglong and Marlie - Akomanga 3

Parrots at Knighton

We are so lucky at Knighton to have such beautiful grounds for our tamariki to play and learn in. Last week the junior play pod was visited by two Rosellas much to the delight of Akomanga 17. They took the opportunity to write about them in class.



The birds were swimming in the water on the tyre behind room 17. The colourful parrots were playing, splashing, and drinking. We were excited and happy to see the birds.

By Akomanga 17

Cross Country Results

Year 4

Kayin Muir (A4) - 1st
Logan Kong (A3) - 2nd
Dennis Takaidza (A3) - 3rd



Gursaanjh Kaur (A3) - 1st
Mila Angel-Hemopo (A3) - 2nd
Marlie Clark (A3) - 3rd



Year 5

Noah Cooper (A5) - 1st
Sohail Hamza (A32) - 2nd
Isaac Rajan (A28) - 3rd



Miiya Cooper (A28) - 1st
Harper King (A22) - 2nd
Leanna Quipit (A22) - 3rd



Year 6

Mateus Shayo (A28) - 1st
Daniel James (A28) - 2nd
Saif Shaqirat (A30) - 3rd



Mila Wilson (A22) - 1st
Roma Praveen (A27) - 2nd
Piri'anga Marsters (A22) - 3rd

Yummy Sticker Promotion



Your tamariki will have brought home a flyer about Yummy Apple stickers. We are collecting Yummy fruit stickers and labels so we can claim some FREE sports gear for our kura! The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear we can get.

You can download New Variety Sticker Collection and Cut-Out Label Collection and more Sticker Collection Sheets from www.kns.ac.nz or www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/

Sticker sheets will need to be returned to the Frog Box by Friday 10th October.

Please return Knighton uniforms if your child is no longer taking part in a sports activity this term.

This includes the Knighton Junior Football team uniforms as the organiser collects them from the office. Please label with the students name, team name and room number.

BOT Elections - VOTING CLOSES SOON!

A reminder to cast your vote in the Knighton Normal School Board of Trustees Election. Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September.

Have your say, every vote counts!

Check your email from Election Pilot Mission Control or drop your voting papers to the school office.



Lost Property

All lost property will be on display tomorrow, Wednesday 3rd September, 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.

Before and After School Programme

If you are interested in booking your child into the Journey Kids before and after school care or the school holiday programme please contact them directly at admin@journeykids.co.nz

You can find out more on their website: www.journeykids.co.nz



Note your calendar

4 September - Interschool cross country

8 September - Board of Trustees meeting

10 September - Board of Trustees voting closes 4pm

10 September - Hearing & Vision testing

8-12 Sept - Te wiki o te reo Māori - Māori language week

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

17 September - New Board of Trustees take office

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

6 October - 9:00am Term 4 begins

Ngā mihi nui

**Andrew Campbell
Principal**

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?



**Send me
to school**

- Mild cough or runny nose with clear discharge and no other symptoms
- No fever or fever reducing medicine in 24 hours
- No vomiting or diarrhoea in 48 hours



Keep me home

- Sore throat with a fever
- High fever
- Vomiting or diarrhoea in the past 48 hours
- Runny nose with a green or yellow discharge and a fever
- Skin infections

If your child's health does not improve or if you have any concerns, please call your healthcare professional or Healthline

HEALTHLINE - Free Health Advice 24/7
0800 611 116