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Room 2

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Talofa lava, mālō e lelei, tirike svāgatam, chào mừng trở lại, nau mai haere mai, welcome back to Term 3! We have so much to look forward to and be grateful for this term... production, Food for Thought, cross country fun run with whaanau, Peachgrove Intermediate visits for Y6's and a whole lot of learning.

# 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...

- $\rightarrow$  We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- $\rightarrow$  We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- $\rightarrow$  We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- ightarrow We gain strength from our whaanau and friends when we need help.
- $\rightarrow$  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.



Individual spelling words will continue to be sent home each week in students spelling books. They will contain words that have been spelt incorrectly in their writing book or words of an appropriate level. Please assist me by making sure your child knows the meaning of these words as they are not meant to pick ones they are unfamiliar with. Students will be tested on these words on Friday of every week. Students can also use the website <u>www.spellingcity.com</u> as it has a number of activities that they will find useful.

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.

## 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, challenges their thinking, extends their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourages them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

#### Library

The library will be closed during Term 3 due to this space being used as a classroom. We patiently await the building and refurbishment of a number of classrooms around the school.

#### 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.



I look forward to seeing the students make use of our corn hole boards!



## Senior Production: KNIGHTON'S WHOLE NEW WORLD

Auditions were held last term for main speaking and acting parts. Congratulations to Aishleen and Timera who auditioned and won a part. This term our production rehearsals for the senior classes will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings. All children will be involved in the production in some way. The majority will be involved in a group performance of their choice. Each teacher, with the help of the children, will put together a performance that adds to the story told by the main cast members. There are so many options that there is definitely something for everyone. A small number of children will form the backstage crew. These children will design and make programmes, the sets, props and welcome people to the shows as part of the front of house crew. This is the last primary school show that your children have the opportunity to be involved with. Please encourage them to step up and out of their comfort zone, take a chance and give it a go - you never know it could be the beginning of a whole new passion.

# **Important Dates**

**Peachgrove Intermediate visiting Knighton Senior School Assembly** Week 2 - Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm

**Peachgrove Open Morning - Year 6's only** Week 4 - Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> (Mr Armistead and Ms Tauranga supervising)

Food for Thought - R2's supermarket visit Week 3 - Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> (we need 5 adult helpers)

School Cross Country and Whaanau Fun Run. Week 6 - Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> (Please run, walk, skip, jump with us - it'll be fun!)

**Senior school production (night shows)** Week 10 - Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>

Ngaa mihi James Penman