Kia ora/Greetings

NO TEACHER ONLY DAY THIS FRIDAY! As school has only just returned to some normality, school will be open as usual.

Level One at Knighton Normal

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that the country is moving back to level one. What does this mean for life at Knighton Normal School?

- All children should be at school. The school will be contacting agencies to support children who are not attending school.
- Parents are able to come on site without signing in. Our staff will no longer be at the gates at 8.30am or 2.45pm.
- We will continue with the usual practice of having a visitor and an attendance register - please sign in at the front office if you visit during the day.
- there are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or at physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.
- We will still focus on hygiene by encouraging hand washing.



Whilst we are not asking you to sign in at the gate you will see that at each gate there is a QR code displayed. This has been created by the Ministry of Health and will enable you to track your movements if there is another outbreak of Covid.

Some habits we would like to keep

- -Children coming to school at 8.30am- this means that children are not waiting outside in the cold and it provides time for teachers to prepare before 8:30 for the day.
- -Parents not picking up children before three o'clock, it interrupts valuable learning time.
- -Parents organising a place to meet their child rather than the front gate- this avoids the school being too busy at pick up time.
- -Hygiene we will continue to promote hand washing habits.
- -Lost Property children taking responsibility for their clothes means no huge piles outside Mrs Cowie's office.

Sports notices

If your child has expressed interest in doing Inline Hockey, Hockey or Netball then the forms for this will be sent home this week. These forms will also be available from our website www.kns.ac.nz.



Talanoa Ako app

Launched this week, the Talanoa Ako app provides Pacific parents with ongoing access to education and learning information. The content is in plain English and 10 Pacific languages. The app provides core information for Pacific parents and families to build their knowledge and confidence about education in their own time and in their first language.



Free to download on both Android and iOS devices, the app is part of the Talanoa Ako programme that will be delivered in Ako Centres later in the year.

Hearing and Vision testing

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on 30th June.



The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects for students who have not previously been tested.

If any parents/caregivers <u>do not</u> want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school office know.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test)
Tympanometry – middle ear function test
(only carried out when hearing test is not
within a normal range)

Eves

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.



Congratulations to Hania Karim for placing 1st and 2nd in the WAIKATO SHOW'S Autumn Arts and Cookery Competition for the 7 - 10yr age group.



Road Safety

With University starting back, the roads around school are very busy again. Please discuss some of these key rules with your children:

When out walking on the footpath... Look out for sneaky driveways. At sneaky driveways when you cannot see if any vehicles are coming, remember to Stop, Look, Listen and Link as though you are crossing the road.

Before crossing the road ...
Stop back from the curb Look for vehicles and bikes, Listen for vehicles and bikes, Link hands with a safe person and walk quickly across the road, still looking as you go.
On your bike... Ask a big person to help you be safe by checking your helmet is buckled up and does not wobble loosely on your head.

When out and about ...
Wear bright clothing when walking so that other road users can easily see you.
Wearing gear with reflective strips is even better, especially on bicycles. If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember it must have lights.

In the car ...

Children, you are safest sitting in the back seat of the car. Children, if you are less than 148cm tall you should use an approved child restraint (car seat or booster seat) on every trip.

Ngā mihi nui

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