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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te Ruma Wha!

Welcome back everyone. Term 3, 2020!

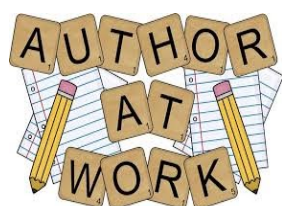
I am excited to be back with the Ruma Wha whānau, hopefully for a full term! We have heaps of fun things happening within the school this term and some awesome learning in the classroom.



DRAMATIC INQUIRY

Last term we began thinking and learning within a Mantle of the Expert dramatic inquiry. This approach to teaching and learning involves the children forming a team of people who work together in an imagined world to solve a problem for a fictional client. In our case, we are a team of event managers called Te Kohinga Mārama - Gathering of Light and Understanding. We coordinate historically significant events for clients. As we work to find the "descendants" of the people in our imagined world, we will also learn about Aotearoa's migrant communities throughout our country's history.

LITERACY



This term Ruma Wha and Ruma Toru will work with Miss McLean and myself on a variety of needs based writing workshops. The children will work either with myself or Miss M throughout the term at different times, however their reading programme will continue to be with me. I am excited to be able to work closely with Miss M and have the Ruma Wha children access even more specific writing ideas.



We have our annual speech competition at the end of this term, which means all the children will be writing and presenting a speech - some will be informative, some persuasive and others entertaining! I am looking forward to helping some of our children write a full speech and overcome the fear of presenting one to an audience. Undoubtedly the tamariki will be bringing their speeches home to practice also.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We will be working with Ruma Toru for PE too. Our learning will involve fitness activities for cross country and skills for specific games and sports, such as Ki-o-rahi, which will be supported by Mr Hannah. Some of the other skills we will focus on are sprinting, team work, aiming at a target, throwing and catching, and kicking, amongst other things.

MATHS

This continues to be taught through the PR1ME programme and is cross-grouped across our entire senior team. We have maths every day 1.30-2.30pm. If you have any questions around your child's maths it is best to contact their maths teacher directly. If you are unsure who that is or how to contact them please let me know and I can forward on your questions.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR - THE ARTS - IMPORTANT DAYS EACH WEEK

Please help your child(ren) to remember the ones they are involved in:

- Knighton Chorus (school choir) is on a Monday lunchtime - this is open to all children
- Knighton Rock Band is on a Tuesday lunchtime - these children have auditioned
- Knighton Drama Club is on a Wednesday lunchtime - this is open to all year 4-6 children
- Knighton Showquest practice is on a Thursday lunchtime - these children have auditioned

Some of these may change from week to week but the children will be told. There may also be extra practices on Friday lunchtimes - as called.

EXTRA NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late**, please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school.
- Please visit www.kns.ac.nz for school information or notices you may have missed. Also feel free to download the Knighton app which is available through any app store

Thank you for being so amazing in term 1 and 2. You did a fantastic job with your tamariki and they have returned to school after lockdown ready to learn and be collaborative.

I enjoyed seeing those of you that I did during parent-teacher conversations. If you have any more questions or did not receive the print out of the notes from our meeting please let me know.

I regularly add to the Class Story, including reminders, on Class Dojo and send messages on there so please check it regularly, or download the app.

A reminder to please return your child's Pukapuka Miharo if you have it at home.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.

Nicole Antoniadis

Proud teacher of Ruma Wha/Arts Coordinator

