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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable break and are prepared for a super busy term 4!



This term our main learning focus is all about being **kaitiaki** (guardians), by knowing about, respecting and caring for our environment. We are very excited about our visit to Maungatautari Mountain (week 7). As part of this, we have a paper mache project planned, so if you have any spare newspapers/newsprint we would really appreciate you sending it to school this week.

Our Knighton Way focus for term 4 is 'confidence'. We are practising speaking confidently and kindly to others, approaching our work with an 'I can-do it' attitude, being independent (even when the task might be tricky), solving problems and believing in our own strengths and abilities.



Mrs Lyndal Roche will continue to teach in Room 13 every Thursday and some Fridays during this term.



Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari Visit

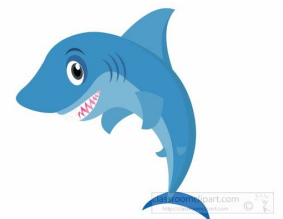
During week 7 all Middle School classes will visit **Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari**. Room 13 will go on Tuesday the 24th of November. We will travel by bus to the mountain and with our trained guides we will experience an ancient, vibrant, pest-free forest, alive with native wildlife including many of New Zealand's most rare and endangered plants, insects and birds. You can find out more information about the mountain at

<https://www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz> Further details for our trip, permission slips and parent helper requests will come home in week 4. There is **no cost** to families for this trip.

SWIMMING - Every Tuesday and Friday

Our first swimming day will be in week 2 on Tuesday 20th October. You might think it's still a little cold for swimming but our school pool is slightly heated. **Rain or shine, please help your child remember their togs and towel** in a named plastic bag or swimming bag. If your child uses goggles (completely optional) these should be clearly named. Encourage your child to wear clothes they find easy to change in and out of. It is preferable for long hair to be tied back.

Swimming is an important part of the curriculum. If your child is unable to swim for any reason please let me know. Email, Dojo or a written note is often easiest.



ATHLETICS

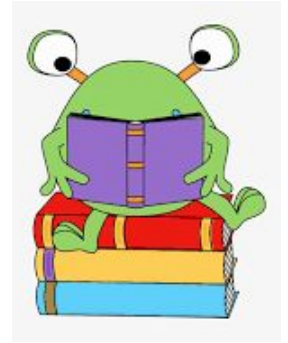
Early in the term we will be focusing on athletic skills. Your child will need to wear clothing suitable for running, jumping and throwing activities on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Our **Middle School Athletics morning is in Week 5 on Wednesday 11th November**. We will celebrate the athletic skills we have learned and parents are welcome to attend.

Special Days For Term 4!

- **Homework** – Reading every day - not optional! :)
- **School Newsletter** – Every Tuesday
- **Swimming - Each Tuesday and Friday**
- **Middle School Assembly** – Friday 1.30pm in our school hall

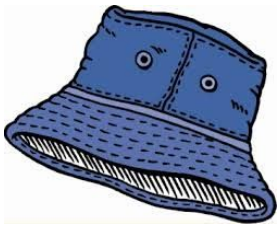
HOMEWORK!

In term 4, with summer on the way and families getting busy in the lead up to Christmas. I encourage you to make reading each day a priority. Practising basic addition and subtraction facts and times tables is also a useful additional daily activity. This term we are continuing with our weekly Kiwi Kids Quiz each Friday - this quiz covers news, both in NZ and around the world, so any discussions you have around important happenings at home could be useful.



HATS

Knighton is a Sunsmart school. Knighton hats must be worn in term 4. Hats should be kept in tote trays/bags at school. As we went into the Lockdown in Term 1, I collected up any hats that were in Room 13. These have been washed and returned to the children. Some children did have missing hats, had taken their hats home or can't find them. If your child does not have their own school hat they will only be able to play in the Playpod during break times. If needed, a new hat can be purchased from the school office for \$10. All children will need their Knighton Hat from this Wednesday.



MEDICINES

Should your child need any medication during the school day, please visit our office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept safely.

TISSUES

Many families have donated boxes of tissues to us over the year. Thank you so much! Along with our hand hygiene practices, it really does help towards maintaining a healthy classroom. If, at any time, you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to Room 13 we will be most grateful.



Keeping Informed

Do keep a look out for the list of important dates for this term coming home with the school newsletter. These are also available via the calendar on our school website <https://www.kns.ac.nz>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to pop in and see Lyndal or myself or you can phone our office and leave a message for me to contact you. Using email or Dojo is often the easiest way to get in touch and you are most welcome to email me at jsimpson@kns.ac.nz

It really is going to be an incredibly busy but highly rewarding end to the year.

Kind regards

Jackie Simpson
Class Teacher

