Kia ora/Greetings





It has been wonderful to see such a large number of our families parking further from the school and having their children walking to meet them. This really helps with the congestion around the school gates.

Spring?



It was very disappointing to have six of our nine middle school classes miss out on a trip to Maungatautari last week. Unfortunately the nature of the trip is reliant on good weather and bookings at the site were full, allowing no reserve days.

We are hopeful the weather is much more kind for our senior classes this week as they take part in the range of activities planned for them in and out of the classroom.

Parent Survey findings

This week our Board of Trustees has it's last meeting of the year. One aspect we will focus on is reviewing the results of our parent survey. Thank you to the large number of parents that completed this survey. Some quick findings from the survey were:

97% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they felt welcome at KNS.

100% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that KNS promotes respect for different cultures.

96% of respondents are happy with the teaching and learning programme at KNS.

96% of respondents view the staff at KNS as positive role models.

Thank you to the parents that provided some feedback about ideas for KNS to continue to improve- our staff and board will consider these ideas. Finally, thank you for the many kind words acknowledging the passion, care and hard work of our staff- we really appreciate it!

Play Time at Knighton

The last 'Knighton Kids Play Time' sessions for 2020 will be this Thursday 3rd December **1.45 to 2.45pm.**

For those enrolled to start in Term 1
2021 you are invited to visit your child's
class on

Tuesday 15th December 10.10am *Remember to sign in at the office.*

If your child is starting next term and you would like to organise a preschool visit, please contact ahoare@kns.ac.nz.

Schools in Hillcrest

Last week I attended a meeting with the principals of Hillcrest High, Berkley Normal Middle School and the surrounding primary schools. The discussion centred on how the schools can work more collaboratively so that we do the best for the children in the community.

Property at Knighton

Over the next couple of weeks you will see site preparation begin for the two new senior classes that will be brought on site in mid December. This will see some parts of the back field fenced off to ensure it is safe for our children. The main access point for the workers will be the gate by the turf, so please be aware of keeping the access free when parking cars.

We expect that the new classes will be ready to move into by the beginning of term one next year, which will mean we will be asking some classroom teachers to move so that we can work collaboratively in teams.

When this is complete we will refresh school signage to make our room numbering system a little easier to understand!











Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



Term Dates 2020

1st Dec **BOT Hui**

7th Dec Music House Concert: 12.45pm

KASP Christmas Party

8th Dec Senior Service Assembly: 1.30pm

10th Dec Awards Assembly: 11.10am

Year 6 Disco: 6-8pm

11th Dec 2021 Classes announced

> Poroporoaki Te Hihiri School Patrol Party

Reports go Home

14th Dec Final Assemblies:

> Junior 9.15am Middle 10am

Senior 11.10am

Students meet their 2021 classes 15th Dec

at 10.10am.

School closes @ 1pm on this day!

Term 1 2021 starts on Thursday 4 February

Uniforms

All sports uniforms must be returned to the smiley face office before the end of term please!

Library Books and Readers

All books are now due back at school. There is a box at the smiley face window for these to be returned this week please.



'Here to help u'



Created by the community for the community, social service support is now just a click away with 'Here to help u.' You can request support across a range of categories including free assistance with food parcels, prepared meals, collection of items service, mental health support, and safe social connection.

More info here:

http://www.heretohelpu.nz/

Hats

Knighton School Hats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1. These can be purchased online through my kindo and are now \$10. You may also come into the office to

purchase them by eftpos or cash. Your child will be sent to sit under some shade if they don't have a hat while outside.

Holiday Programmes

Edventure Summer Camps

This summer **Edventure** is hosting a range of outdoors based SUMMER CAMPS. With activities from surfing and snorkelling to rock climbing and archery, our camps have it all. Based in Coromandel & B.O.P but with pick ups throughout Hamilton, Auckland and B.O.P. Planned and run by teachers, Safe and Fun! Camps for 8-13 yrs and 14-18 yrs, OSCAR available.

KASP Holiday Programme

Reminder that bookings are now open for the holidays from the 4th to the 29th of January.

Full Day -Onsite 7:30am-5:30pm. \$45.00 **Full Day -Excursion** 7:30am-5:30pm. \$60.00 **Half Day Morning** 7:30am-12:30pm. \$30.00 Half Day Afternoon 12:30pm-5:30pm\$30.00

Longer Half Day 9:00am-3:00pm. \$35.00

Longer Half Day - Excursion 9:00 am-03:00 pm \$50.00

For more info, call 021 819 111 or email supervisorhp@kasp.co.nz

Book now at kasp.aimyplus.com

Ngā mihi nui **Stuart Armistead Principal**