



## Kia ora/Greetings

This is the last week of term one!  
See you all back **Monday 3rd May**.

### Term Two Dates

**3rd May - 9th July**

**Monday 7th June** - Queen's birthday

### **T.O.D (Teacher Only Days)**

**4th of June-** All staff are going to Rangiriri. Critical Histories of Aotearoa.

**21st of June-** Whole staff professional development with Dr Viv Aitken.



## Inter school swimming

Thursday, 1st of April saw the following 8 students head along to Tamahere School to represent Knighton at our annual Interschool Swimming Competition.

Te Ara W, Rm22	Jackson C, Rm22
Mateo C-S, Rm27	Carla W, Rm27
Ayla R, Rm30	Knightyn W-C, Rm30
Grace C-D, Rm30	Tawa M, Rm32

This was Knightons best year with a number of students making the finals in their respective races. Congratulations to the following for making their finals:

Mateo C-S: 10 year-old boys (finalist)  
Ayla R: 9 year-old girls (finalist)  
Grace C-D: 9 Year-old girls Freestyle (3rd overall), backstroke (finalist), breaststroke (2nd overall), medley (2nd overall)

It was a fantastic day and the students represented Knighton well. You can all be proud.

## Touch Tournament

This year the school touch module held at Steele Park was cancelled.

James Penman was determined to ensure that our students still had the opportunity to play and enjoy this awesome sport. Last week the training sessions ended with an inter school tournament at Jansen Park. KNS's two teams played with real skill and a positive attitude with one of our teams unbeaten on the day. A special thanks goes to Whaea Ringi for taking her time to train our children and coach on the day. Our staff look forward to playing these teams tomorrow lunchtime!

## Whatever Wednesday

What a great turn out for Whatever Wednesday we had last week for Autism Awareness NZ.

We saw all sorts of "whatever's" on the day having fun with hair styles, clothing and toys to name a few ! The total amount raised was **\$275** . FANTASTIC effort Knighton.

## Biking Programme



A huge thanks to Cam and his team from Hamilton City Council. For the last two weeks, they have taken all 10 of our senior classes through three bike safety sessions. This has been a huge undertaking, but it is an important one for our kids as many of

them prepare to head off to intermediate next year.

The session has covered basic biking skills, intermediate biking skills, and finished with a session down at the pump track and velodrome. Kids loved the sessions and it was obvious to see the improvements made by so many!

## Indian cultural group next term

We are excited to share that beginning next term Shailaja Sridharan is going to be taking lessons based on Indian culture including song and dance.

These sessions will be held on a Friday 9.30- 10.30. Your child may bring a permission slip home early next term if they are interested.



## Work on our Native Bush...

Recently KNS has put some focus on getting our native bush back and in use for our students to enjoy. After a working bee to clear out the weeds we had some whanau from our community come forward with contributions...



## Donation of Native Plants for our Ngahere...



A HUGE thanks to Lois Carter who has generously donated 20 native plants suitable for our native bush. Lois, also known as The Plant Lady, sells all kinds of native trees for very reasonable prices (\$5 a plant). You can email Lois for a list of the plants she sells at [loisc217@gmail.com](mailto:loisc217@gmail.com)

Lois's expertise and help in our school's native bush restoration has been invaluable. Children have been fully involved in planting Lois's plants in the native bush area, offering a karakia to welcome the plants with a wish that they grow strong and flourish in our school.

Thank you Lois!!!!!!



**Also ...A BIG thank you** to Justine and her beautiful daughter Kimihia for gifting 2 Kohekohe plants for our ngahere (native bush). We are so lucky to have these taonga, as well as Justine's knowledge of the medicinal properties of plants to learn from.

## Getting Along Mahi Tahī

This term the major focus of our Knighton Way has been on 'getting along'. Yesterday I completed two duties and was very impressed with the level of care and co-operation I saw our children displaying.



Bookings are now open for this Holiday Programme starting April 19th, 2021.

Please make your bookings **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so we can work out how many staff we need to roster on.

You **MUST HAVE PAID** your Term fees and previous Holiday Programme fees (or be on track to) before we can accept your booking for April.

*Please log onto your Aimy Plus profile to check what outstanding fees you have, and/or to select any Holiday Sessions you wish your children to attend.*



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