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E rua tekau mā ono o Hōngongoi, i te tau e rua mano rua tekau mā tahi.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.

I hope you managed to have some whānau time over the past two weeks, have kept warm and dry, stayed well and are ready for yet another busy term. This term is all about 'performing arts' and 'performing fitness'. With both the middle and senior schools showcasing their productions this term and the whole school preparing to race for glory or fun, there's lots to prepare for.

#### PROGRAMME INFORMATION

## Class Foci

This term our focal point will be whaikaha, or persistence. This is a very timely goal considering all that we have on this term. In class we will be using what we have learned in Taku Wairua to set goals: 1. To prepare our fitness for cross country; 2. To build our skills and confidence to perform during production; 3. To continue encouraging the revitalisation of te reo Māori.

## <u>Te Whakaaturanga Mai te Reanga Tuakana - Senior Production</u>

It's all go here at the 'Knighton School of Performing Arts'! Our students will begin preparing for the senior production, A Night-in (Knighton - get it?!) the Museum, in week 1. Twice a week they will work with their production classes, preparing their moves 'n' grooves. Students have chosen a historical era and along with the teacher in charge, will collaboratively create choreography, costumes and props. Keep a look out for further information regarding performance details and potential costume needs.



#### **Cross Country Races**

Week 5 will see our students challenging themselves in our yearly cross country race. Students will race in their year groups, with place-getters moving through to the inter-school event. We will begin training this week, building our fitness towards a 2km goal. You are welcome to attend and support your child, we will send home further details closer to the event.



#### Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week

This term Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is the week of the 13th-17th September. The students will be setting goals to work towards building and sharing their knowledge of te reo Māori. They may bring some learning home to share and practice - I hope you're up for the challenge! Check out the Class Dojo app to see how this kīwaha (idiom or colloquial saying) applies:

Pai tū, pai hinga! Nāwai rā ka oti.

## Class Dojo

It is great to see many of you keeping in touch with what we are doing via Class Dojo. If you are one of the whānau that are not regularly checking in, or do not have the app, it is free to download onto your phone. I will endeavour to have the students themselves be more active in their portfolios this term. I know they would love to have you see the work they post. If you need help accessing this app, please let me know.

## What's on When!

Year 6 Peachgrove Intermediate Visit: Week 3 Monday 9th August.

Cross Country Race Day: Week 5 Friday 27th August.

Teacher Only Day: Week 6 Friday 3rd September

Senior School Production: Week 10. Further details to follow.

Library: Our library time continues to be on Mondays.

# My Duty Days:

Wednesday 12.30pm - 1.05pm Thursday 1.05pm - 1.30pm Friday 8.25am - 8.55am, 10.40am - 11am and 1.05pm -1.30pm

### Important to note...

- → Newsletters: Here is the link to the homepage of our school website, where you will find a section for our newsletters in case you've missed any: https://www.kns.ac.nz/1/pages/2-home
- → Medication: A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- → Cell phones: We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.
- → School Payments: 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 <a href="https://www.mykindo.co.nz">www.mykindo.co.nz</a> 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.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.

Ngā manaakitanga, Kind regards,

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