

# WELCOME BACK

## Term Dates:

**Term One** : 3rd February to 14th April

**Term Two** : 2nd May - 8th July

**Term Three** : 25th July - 30th September.

**Term Four** : 17th October- 16th December

## Kia ora/Greetings

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to school for 2022. While it's certainly not ideal to be starting the academic year in Red Level settings, it certainly is nice to have the kids back in the school after such a long break.

I would also like to put out a very warm welcome to all of our new families and whanau. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

I hope you all had a wonderful Waitangi Day and weekend and that you managed to acknowledge the day in your own way.

It's looking like another year of disruption with Covid so communication between the school and home is really important. We put updates out on a number of platforms including email, dojo, seesaw, the school app and our website. Please ensure your contact details, especially your email, are up to date.

Many of you may have noticed the new mural on the side wall of Te Hihiri. A huge thank you to Simone and Ryo Ishinabe, two parents at our kura, for doing this, and to Pauline Gardener-Ward for coordinating the project.



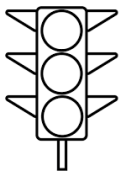
We are so excited to announce the addition of a beautiful new artwork in our school created by Simone Ishinabe, who is both a highly talented artist and a parent of Knighton pupils Nyahrose and Ziontaro.

During the Christmas holidays, Simone and her husband Ryo spent countless hours creating a spectacular and colourful mural on the side wall of Te Hihiri. It is packed full of meaning relevant to Te Hihiri, local tāngata whenua and Knighton.

A special thanks to Simone and Ryo for our new taonga. ka nui te pai!

*Pauline Gardener Ward  
School Beautification*

## Red Setting reminders:



During COVID 19 Red Level settings, school staff and students from Year 4 and up must wear masks at school when inside and in close contact with others.

*All visitors (including parents and whanau) must wear a face covering when onsite at any time.*

Public health advice is that an appropriate mask will fit snugly, seal well around the facial contours and attach to the head either through an ear loop or head loop. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and reusable fabric masks. Parents are asked to take responsibility for supplying their child with a mask.

Resilience  
Manawaroa

Belonging  
Tuurangawaewae

Respect  
Whakaute

Success  
Angituu

Creativity  
Auahatanga

Wellbeing  
Hauora

## General School Reminders

- ALL toys are to remain at home please. This includes collectable cards.
- We are trying to promote healthy eating habits here at KNS therefore lollies, bubblegum and chewing gum stay at home along with Fizzy, sugary drinks and energy drinks. WATER IS BEST!
- Knighton hats are the only hats to be worn at school so please no caps from home.
- Please pack a change of clothes with your child everyday.

### Covid Case at KNS

As you will be aware, we have had a confirmed case of Covid in our school. Updates and advice will continue to be sent out as we receive it from the Ministry of Education. Now would be the time to get the school app if you do not already have it and update the office with your current email address.



### Swimming

Swimming sessions have started for our children! Please support our teachers and your child by making sure they pack their togs and towel on their swimming days.

### School Banking

First Credit Union has advised that they will not be collecting banking this Term due to the current Red setting. They are hopeful to resume school banking in Orange setting. ASB school banking can still be processed online.

### Uniforms and Library books

There are some uniforms and library books that have not been returned from 2021 yet. Please have a look at home and get your child/ren to bring them to the smiley face window.

### Miniball and cricket

Notices should come home today with children who have already expressed interest in playing miniball or cricket. Important to note payment is due THIS Friday 11th Feb.



### Do you have time to volunteer?

The Kick Start breakfast club is on week mornings between 8.30-8.55am. Children receive a free breakfast of Weet-bix and milk to ensure the

best start to their day possible. We currently need some amazing adult volunteers to support this initiative. Please contact the office if you are able to help one or more mornings per week between 8:20-9:00am.

[knighton@kns.ac.nz](mailto:knighton@kns.ac.nz)



music house

### music lessons at your school!

Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling out the online enrolment form at [musichouse.co.nz](http://musichouse.co.nz)

guitar, bass, drums



[www.musichouse.co.nz](http://www.musichouse.co.nz)

### Learn to Play Inline Hockey

Learn to Play will be running during Term 1 at 5:30pm on a Thursday evening at East link sports rink - this is an hour of fun activities for those wanting to learn or improve their skills.

**Andrew Campbell**  
Principal