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Dear Parents and Whānau

Kia ora koutou katoa nau mai haere mai - a warm welcome to Room 9 for 2022. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us, with many fun and engaging activities designed to stimulate our learning and thinking.

I aim to quickly settle the children into their new classroom so that they are happy and excited about the term ahead. Our hygiene processes will include sanitising upon entry to the classroom, hand washing before eating times and disinfecting tables during the day.

Our class will have morning tea at 10.00am with the children from Rooms 6,7 & 8. Our designated play area will be the play pod, junior play space and junior playground. This is a large area that allows the children to spread out and enjoy their break. Our outside lunch play will be from 12.00pm - 12.30pm with the same rooms in the same play areas. Two teachers from Rooms 6,7,8 & 9 will be on duty at each break time.

Being Ready for Learning:

To ensure a great start to each day please arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.55am. This allows me to spend time with the students and gives them time to settle in, complete their before school jobs and play with their friends.

Swimming:



Our swimming days are **Monday** and **Friday at 9.10am**

- Please send your child to school *wearing their togs under their clothes* as we will leave for the pool after the morning bell. If you are late your child may miss their swim.
- As we are limiting interactions with other year groups we will return to Room 9 to get dressed - please send your child to school in clothes that they can easily dress and undress themselves with.

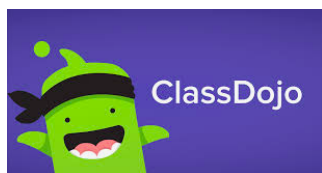
Library:



Our weekly visits to the Library will be on Wednesday afternoons and will begin towards the end of February. To bring a library/school reader book home your child will need a book bag. These can be purchased from the Kindo or the school office for \$6.50 if needed.

Class Dojo:

I would love to have all families registered with Class Dojo - it is the main platform for sharing messages or photos from our day. This is only available to the parents within our class and we would like to be able to share group photos, videos and messages with you.

**Staff Change:**

Catherine Daniels will no longer be teaching Room 9 each Thursday this term as she will be teaching full time in Room 8. It will be lovely to have her as our neighbour.

Administration:

- If your child has any medicine this will need to be handed in to the office.
- If you are returning permission slips or money please place them in our Frog Box which is located at the smiley face office. Please write your child's name and room number on the outside of the envelope.
- Our school newsletter (also found online at www.kns.ac.nz) is available each Tuesday afternoon. Our website and school app will also have term dates and upcoming events.
- Absences: please advise the office by text 027 352 2089 if your child is away, or use the phone app.
- Any child arriving at school after the 9am bell must sign in at the office first.
- Knighton School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00. These must be worn in terms 1 and 4.

A message from the office ladies:

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 www.mykindo.co.nz 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.

School stationery packs will be issued after payment is received.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Thank you!

Kind Regards

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