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Room 31

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back everyone, I hope your child enjoyed the Christmas break and is ready for a busy term 1. It feels strange having to wear a mask but I guess it's something that we all need to get used to. To help us adapt, Room 31 will be having regular breaks outside where your child will get the opportunity to take off their mask if they want to. I am looking forward to getting to know the year 5 children joining the senior school. It's great that I have been able to keep most of my year 6 students and look forward to seeing them become the new leaders of our school. There are a number of ways that your child can contribute this year, please encourage them to step up into one of these roles: mediators, wet day monitors, school councillors, librarians, and road patroller. Parents feel free to send me a Class Dojo message if you have any questions.

The Knighton Way: Getting Along / Mahi Tahī

'Getting Along' is the Knighton value during term one

We believe it is essential that children learn to relate to a range of people in a variety of contexts.



- Socially Responsible
- Playing by the rules
- Thinking first
- Accepting others
- Valuing cultures
- Co-operative

Literacy:

Writing will continue to be a major focus in Room 2 this year. During the first term, we will mainly be doing memoir and descriptive writing. This will allow the students to write about their own personal experiences and describe a range of objects.

Each student will work on individual writing learning intentions that are identified during the first few weeks. Your child will also be given reading, grammar and spelling activities to help support their learning.

Reading: Your child will bring home a reader, journal or chapter book daily and will be expected to read one story each night. Please help your child by listening to them read and signing their reading log. Journals and readers will start coming home during week 4.

Maths:

There will be no cross-grouping for maths this term. While we are at red level, tamariki (children) will remain in their normal classrooms throughout the day to keep them and our kaiako (teachers) as safe as possible. Our focus this term will be on developing number knowledge and strategies, which includes quick recall of basic facts.

Topic:

Room 31 will be creating video game characters to represent different cultures. This term we will learn about the origins of different traditional stories from around the world. With the help of whānau, students will then research stories from their own cultural backgrounds and will create a slideshow to present the information they have learnt. The unit will finish off with our tamariki designing their own video game and sharing it with the class on the day of the cultural festival.

Swimming:

Room 2 will be swimming two days a week. Our swimming days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their togs on these days.

PE:

Students will also be learning a range of co-operation games that will help build their communication skills and ability to get along with others.

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo is a website/app that allows teachers to upload photos so parents can see what activities their children have been doing at school. Your own personal sign-in has been sent home with this parent letter if you have not already signed up.

Medical Forms:

If your child requires any medication to be administered by an adult during school hours, please visit the office to complete a permission slip. Any medication will be stored safely and administered by the office staff.

Hats:

A reminder that students are required to wear their **Knighton hat** when outside throughout terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$10 or through the online Kindo shop. If your child does not have a hat, they will be expected to play in the shade during our morning tea and lunch breaks.

Library:

Our library day will be Thursday during term one. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Once we have left Level Red students will be able to issue or return library books during most lunchtimes.

Kind regards
James Penman