

Kia ora/Greetings

I hope everyone is holding up well in these unprecedented times. Like a lot of schools, we have significant numbers of students and staff at home in isolation at the moment. We are sending our love and aroha out to all those who are affected by Covid at this time.

At this stage, the school is able to remain open for instruction. As I mentioned in last week's update, we will need to 'double up' or 'combine' two classes together if we have insufficient staffing available. This means a class of students will spend the day learning in their buddy class with that teacher for the day. This is manageable while our student numbers are low.

What else we're doing at Knighton

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

What you need to do

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, **AND until you or your child is symptom free.**
- Wear a face mask when out and about. *Parents are asked to take responsibility for supplying their child with a mask.* 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.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

Covid Cases at Knighton

As the number of positive covid cases within the school continues to increase **it is very important that we are able to contact you and/or communicate information to you.**

If you have not received any of our Covid communications please contact the school urgently so we can update our database with your current phone number and email address.

Please check your emails, your child's class Dojo or Seesaw app, our school website and the school app regularly for any updates.

Knighton Normal School **FREE** App

Simply download '**SchoolappsNZ**' from the Google Play or App Store and search Knighton Normal School once installed.

App Features:

- Receive school covid updates
- To advise student absences
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups, including sport practice and game changes
- View and add school events to your phones calendar
- Links to school newsletters
- Links to Sports Notices

Senior Swimming Festival

As the Senior school dribbled out in smaller numbers than we've ever seen before, the sun strained to break through the early morning clouds. The few that were left standing decided to make the most of the swimming sports day. The cloud cover was welcomed, walking to Boy High School otherwise would have been unbearable in the heat of the day before. Once the races were completed, the festival began!

It was so amazing seeing our tamariki taking up the challenge - some of them never having been in a pool as deep as the one at Boys High. The look on their faces as they realised that they could do it. That they could float, swim, kick and make their way down the length of the 25m pool. Thank you to all students who took part in both the competitive swimming and those who had a go at the festival activities. You can all be proud of your achievements.

Ostler Cup:

3rd: Milly Paenga
2nd: Ayla Ratsy
1st: Grace Craig-Dyer

Thompson Cup:

3rd: Caiden Barnes
2nd: Harper Coffin
1st: Tkeelar Booth



Knighton Junior Football Club still have some places available in their teams. If you missed the registration day please contact Stephen Hine at stephenhine@actrix.co.nz or phone 0274 726 141

Parking Violations



Local residents have expressed concern about the number of school parents / caregivers that park in driveways within private property.

If you are unable to find a park at the roadside, within the council road markings, you may find it easier to park in at the nearby church at the Knighton Road/Clyde Street round-a-bout.

Stationery

Thank you to those families who have paid for their children's stationery. If you have not already paid for your child/ren's stationery the following options are available to you:

- **Payment Arrangements:** If you are having difficulty meeting the cost, please call at or phone the school office to make arrangements for a time payment with us, so your child can be issued their stationery straight away. NZ Income Support may also be able to offer support in this regard.
- **Online:** We prefer to receive payment using our **online Kindo shop** at www.mykindo.co.nz. If you don't already have an account it is easy to open a new account using your name and email address, and list your children's names for delivery. Your account can then be used for all future payments you need to make to school.
- **Cash:** place your payment with the form in an old envelope with name and room number on the outside and ask your child to post it in the Frog Box at the Smiley Window;
- **Eftpos:** at the school office

Do you have time to volunteer?

Please contact the office if you are able to help at our Breakfast Club one or more mornings per week between 8:20-9:00am.
knighton@kns.ac.nz

Andrew Campbell
Principal