



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back, it has been a strange start to the year with staggered breaks, no sports practices and compulsory mask wearing. Thankfully some of the restrictions are beginning to lift and we are now able to offer a wider range of extracurricular activities this term.....fingers crossed. Students will have the opportunity to involve themselves in Showquest, Morrinsville Fun Day, Mid-Winter Sports Tournament, Kī o Rahi exchange and the Rippa Rugby Tournament.

One of the positives of having staggered lunchtime breaks during term one is the number of friendships students have made within our class. It was great to see so many of our tamariki showing the Knighton value of getting along/mahi tahi. The highlights during term one were the senior swimming sports, 'kids on bikes', and athletics day. I look forward to meeting many of you during parent conversations in week 10 (Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th July).



Term two school focus: Be organised / whakarite

- Come ready to learn.
- Have your stationery organised.
- Look after your belongings.
- Keep the classroom and playground tidy.

Literacy:

During term two writing will cover a range of different genres that are compatible with our topic studies (The Wonder Project, transportation). Each student will also continue to work on their individual writing learning intention that was identified during term one. Your child will be given reading, grammar and spelling activities to help support their learning.

Maths:

The senior school will begin having maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon (1.45-2.35pm) during term 2. The children are in class groups that; suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Topic:

The main focus for topic studies centres around the Wonder Project. The Wonder Project is Engineering New Zealand's free programme for schools, designed to get young Kiwis excited about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Students have to complete a 6 module unit with an end goal of creating their own bottle rocket. Room 31 is lucky enough to have our very own engineer Dr Kate Sizeman coming into class each week to help with the design process.

Medical Forms:

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

Hats:

Hats are not required to be worn during term 2 or 3. Please put your child's hat in a safe place so you can find it easily at the beginning of term 4.



The students showed off their skills during 'kids on bikes'.



The handball tournament was a term 1 highlight.

Classdojo:

I will continue to use Classdojo to upload photos and keep parents informed during term two. Please make sure you check Classdojo regularly to keep yourself informed.

PE:

As we work towards the first Matariki holiday, students will learn a range of traditional Maori kemu (games) to build their hand eye coordination, strategies and teamwork. During week 8 students that were interested will participate in a KĪ o Rahi exchange with other local schools.

Parent Interviews

I look forward to seeing you at parent interviews during week 10 (4th - 6th July)

Kind regards
James Penman