



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Room 31

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It was great to meet some of you during Parent Conversations and share the progress your child has made. For those of you that were unable to make it I hope you enjoyed reading their report instead. As usual, we have another busy term ahead and lots to look forward to such as... a trip to the Hamilton Gardens, speeches, school photos, cross country, fun run with whānau, Peachgrove Intermediate visits for Y6's and a whole lot of learning.

The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha



Many of life's failures
are people who did not realise how close
they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas A Edison.

F.E.A.R has two meanings
Forget Everything And Run or
Face Everything And Rise;
it's your choice.

Being persistent means...

- We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- We gain strength from our whaanau and friends when we need help.
- We know that being persistent doesn't mean we are alone.

Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to other curricular activities. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term two and discussed during parent conversations.

School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child. If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.



Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross group classes every afternoon. 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

This term we will be focusing on how New Zealand can entice tourists to come to the country now that international travel is possible. Our local case study will be on the Hamilton Gardens. Students will have to research different New Zealand insects, plants, birds, trees and symbols before designing their own Aotearoa garden. I am also planning a class trip to the Hamilton Gardens in week 7 to enrich the learning experience of this unit.

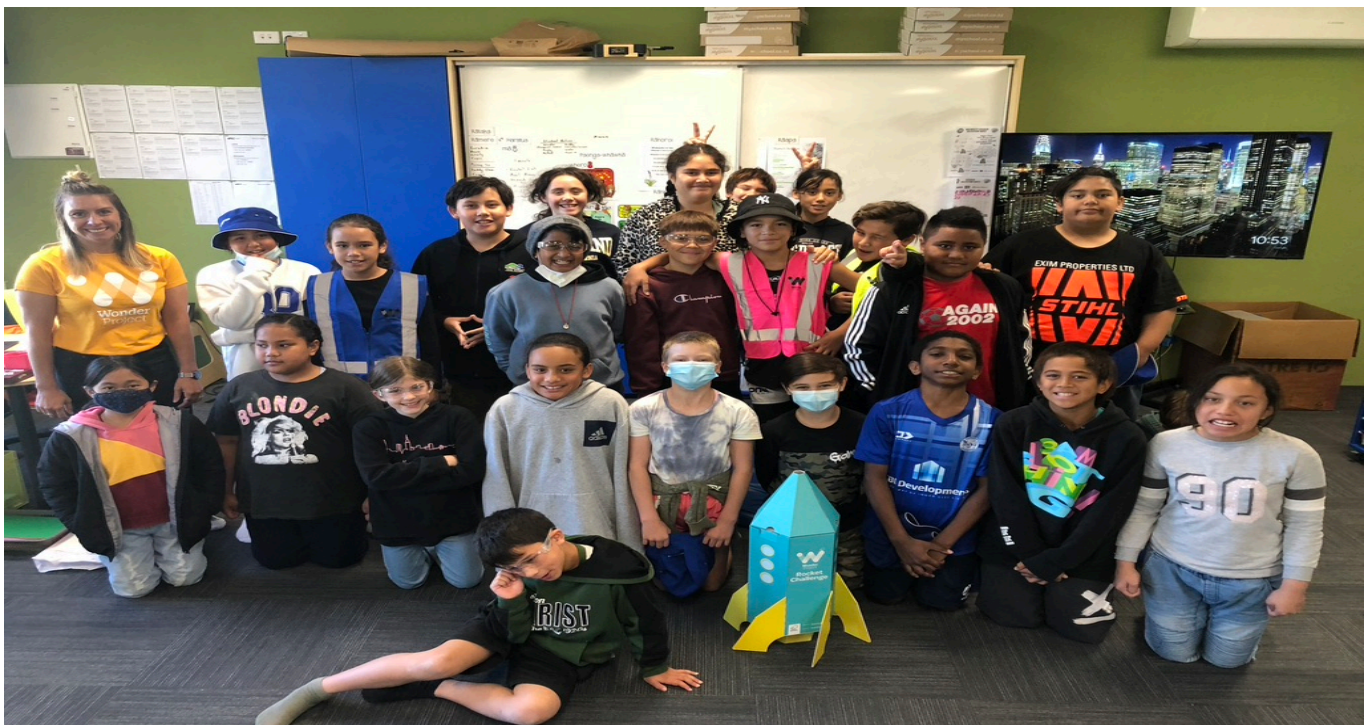
Each class here at Knighton will also be participating in the Keeping Safe Programme. There will be a meeting at school at 5.30 on Tuesday 9th August for parents that are interested in learning more information about this new programme.

Library

Our library day will continue to be Thursday during term three. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunchtimes.

Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Classdojo. I will continue to upload a photo every couple of weeks during term 3. If you haven't received a Class Dojo login please let me know and I will arrange one for you.



A big thank you to Katie Sizeland a local engineer who helped us complete the Wonder Project

Ngā mihi

James Penman