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Hi Room 13 families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an amazing break and you are ready to get back into the school routine. Term 4 is going to be very busy but is guaranteed to be filled with lots of fun learning experiences and summer is on its way!





We will begin the term by completing our learning about Maungatautari and how we can all be **kaitiaki** (guardians) of our world, by knowing about, respecting and caring for our environment. We have our trip to visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari in week 4 on Friday 11th November. It is great we can still attend and we are crossing our fingers for fine weather. If you are still able to help please

let me know, or additionally if you can now help we would be grateful to have more whānau helping us on this day.

Reminder: There is **no cost** to families for this trip.



Our Knighton Way focus for term 4 is 'confidence'. We are practising speaking confidently and kindly to others, approaching our work with an 'I can-do it' attitude, being independent (even when the task might be tricky), solving problems and believing in our own strengths and abilities.



Mrs Lyndal Roche will continue to teach in Room 13 every Thursday and some Fridays during this term.

### SWIMMING - Every Tuesday and Friday

Our first swimming day will be Tuesday 20th October, in week 2. You might think it's still a little cold for swimming but our school pool is (slightly) heated. Rain or shine, please help your child remember their togs and towel in a named plastic bag or swimming bag. If your child uses goggles (completely optional) these should be clearly named. Encourage your child to wear clothes they find easy to change in and out of. Long hair should be tied back to make swimming easier.



Swimming is an important part of our curriculum. If your child is unable to swim for any reason please let me know. Email, Dojo or a written note is often easiest.

### **ATHLETICS**

Our Middle School athletic rotations begin in Week 5. Our rotations will be on Monday and Wednesday. These are to practise the skills ready for our Athletics morning - Thursday 8th December (9:30-12:30) week 8. Please encourage your children to wear clothing that is easy to move around in.



# Special Days For Term 4!

- Homework Reading every day not optional!:)
- Swimming Each Tuesday and Friday (starting week 2 Tuesday 18 October, after Labour weekend)
- Maungatautari visit (week 4- Friday 11th November).
- Middle School Athletic day 9-12:30 (week 8- Thursday 8th December)
- End of year reports go home (week 9-Wednesday 14th December)
- Middle School final assembly (week 9- Thursday 15th December)
- Meet and Greet Classes for 2023 (week 9-Friday 16th December)

## **HOMEWORK!**

In term 4, with summer on the way and families getting busy in the lead up to Christmas. I encourage you to make reading each day a priority. Practising basic addition and subtraction facts and times tables is also a useful additional daily activity if you are looking for one. This term we are continuing with our weekly Kiwi Kids Quiz each Friday - this quiz covers news, both in NZ and around the world, so any discussions you have around important happenings at home could be useful.



## **HATS**

Knighton is a Sunsmart school. Knighton hats must be worn in term 4. All children need their own Knighton hat. Hats are kept in tote trays/bags at school. We have sorted hats today. Some children did have missing hats, had their hats at home or are new to Knighton and don't have one as yet. If your child does not have their own Knighton hat they will only be able to play in shady areas during break times. If needed, a new hat can be purchased via Kindo or from the school office for \$10.

### **MEDICINES**

Should your child need any medication during the school day, please visit our office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept safely and administered under supervision.



Many families have donated boxes of tissues during the year. Thank you so much! Along with our hand hygiene practices, it really does help towards maintaining a healthy classroom. If, at any time, you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to Room 13 we will be most grateful.



## Keeping Informed

Do keep a look out for the list of important dates for this term coming home with the school newsletter next week. All notices are also available via our school website <a href="https://www.kns.ac.nz">https://www.kns.ac.nz</a>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to pop in and see Lyndal or myself or you can phone our office and leave a message for me to contact you. Using email or Dojo is often the easiest way to get in touch and you are most welcome to email me at <a href="mailto:jsimpson@kns.ac.nz">jsimpson@kns.ac.nz</a>

It really is going to be an incredibly busy but highly rewarding end to the year.



Kind regards

Jackie Simpson Class Teacher