18th October 2022

<u>Public Holiday</u> Labour Day - Monday 24th October *No School*

Kia ora/Greetings

Welcome back to our last term for 2022 everyone. I hope you all managed to get some sort of a break. We're really looking forward to this term. It was lovely having the children back yesterday. They were very settled and happy to be back. I am reminded everyday of how happy, kind, respectful and appreciative our children are at this school.

This week we will be putting out our annual community survey. We were unable to do this last year due to Covid Lockdown. The survey will help inform the staff and Board of Trustees of how we are progressing as a school, what we're doing well, and what we can possibly do better.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in our Cultural Parade at the end of last term. Diane Cooper and her team did a fantastic job. It was wonderful watching the pride our tamariki had in their culture and identity. The diversity at our school is something we cherish and take great pride in. Thank you to everyone who managed to come along to watch and participate. The performances were awesome. We are already looking forward to next year's parade.

This term we focus on:



Maiatanga ~ 'Are Confident'

School Hats, Sunscreen and Togs

We have been really lucky with a sunny start to our spring. Please remind your children to wear their hats - no hat, and they will have to play in the shade.

It is also a good idea to put <u>sunscreen</u> on before your children go to school.



TERM DATES

19th Oct - Shelter in Place Drill 12:00pm 21st Oct - Maungatautari TripRooms 10 + 11 24th Oct - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL 26th Oct - Maungatautari Trip Rooms 3 + 4 3rd Nov NE Open morning 9:30am - 10.40am 4th Nov - Maungatautari Trip Rooms 21 + 2 11th Nov - Maungatautari Trip Rooms 12 + 13 21st - 24th Nov - Senior school EOTC Week 25th Nov - Road patrollers pool party 29th Nov - Senior Beach Ed - Rooms 22 + 32 30th Nov - Senior Beach Ed - Rooms 31 + 28 1st Dec - Senior Beach Ed - Rooms 5 + 30 1st Dec - Year 2 teddy bears picnic 2nd Dec - Senior Beach Ed - Rooms 27 + 29 4th Dec - Weetbix TRYathlon 7th Dec - Senior EOTC - FUN DAY 7th Dec-Jnr End of Year Picnic & Celebration 5-7pm 8th Dec - Middle School Athletics Morning 9-12.30 8th Dec - Y6 Disco 9th Dec - Senior EOTC - Uni pool 10:30 - 2:30 12th Dec - Awards assembly @ 11.40am 14th Dec - 2023 classes announced and Reports go home 15th Dec - Final assemblies -MIDDLE 10am SENIOR 11.40am 16th Dec - Children meet new classes @ 10:10am 16th Dec - School finishes @ 1pm

Swimming

Swimming sessions have started for our children! Please support our



teachers and your child by making sure they pack their togs and towel on their swimming days.

Lost Property

There is **a lot** of lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office. Please come and claim it! Tomorrow if fine, the lost



property will be displayed on the courts. Please check this for your children's clothing. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost is unnamed and we end up sending it to the op shops. *Please name your child's clothing!*

New Entrant Open Morning

Once a term we have an open morning and it is happening @ 9.30am **Thursday 3rd Nov**. The Principal and junior school Assistant Principal outline the school's philosophy and policies and give parents a chance to ask questions about life at school. This is also an opportunity for parents and caregivers of preschool children to see the new entrant classes in action.

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Billy can be seen around the school with a parent here at KNS. He is training at the moment and is adjusting to being in our environment.

Marcus has asked that you please not pat Billy so he can stay focused on his job, however Marcus is happy to answer any questions you may have.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon 2022

Sunday 4th December University of Waikato Fields We are excited to announce that Knighton Normal School will be participating in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.If your child has indicated they would like to register, please follow these instructions:

1. Got to <u>https://tryathlon.co.nz/</u> and Click on "Register"

2. Select "Hamilton"

3. Click "Register as an individual" then click "**Yes**, Join my school" and search for Knighton Normal School.

Term 4 Cricket and Touch Tournament

Information would have gone home with children who showed interest in participating in either of these activities.

If you require any further information, it can be found at the office or via our website<u>kns.ac.nz</u> Note: Forms are due back this Friday 21st Oct.

Learn To Play Inline Hockey

All skill levels welcome - Ages 4+ Start date: 17th October - 8 weeks Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm \$10 per session. No booking needed, just show up! Skates, Sticks and Helmets provided. Players are encouraged to bring their own other protective equipment (elbow and shin pads, wrist guards etc)

Hearing and Vision testing

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on 15th November. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects for students who have not previously been tested.

But if any parents/caregivers <u>do not</u> want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school office know.

Andrew Campbell Principal