



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope your tamariki have enjoyed their first couple weeks back at school. Thank you to the parents who were able to come to the Hamilton Gardens towards the end of last term. Without your support the trip would not have been possible.

During term 4 the senior kaiako here at Knighton have organised an Education Outside the Classroom week for our students. These opportunities, while being both educational and fun, will come at no cost to parents.



1 ADULT: 5 CHILDREN

However we will need at least 6 adult helpers (18+ years) for our beach trip to Raglan as our school EOTC guidelines and NZSL require us to have a 1:5 ratio when the students are in the water.

This term the Knighton Way will focus on confidence / maiatanga an important virtue as students look to become school leaders (year 5's) or begin their new educational journey at intermediate (year 6's).

The Knighton Way: Confidence / Maiatanga

We want our children to know their strengths, talents and weaknesses. They are all unique



- Accepting ourselves
- Being independent
- Taking Risks
- Sense of Belonging
- Identity

Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term 3. As a class we will also revisit learning intentions that multiple students have had difficulty with throughout the year.

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 completing activities that relate to the 6 Knighton values tūrangawaewae (belonging), angituu (success), hauora (well-being), auahatanga (creativity), manawaroa (resilience) and whakaute (respect). As part of our EOTC week, we will be visiting Kirikiriroa marae to learn about our local Waikato history and Māori tikanga during a pōwhiri, visiting Raglan Beach as part of our beach safety programme, and participating in a range of activities at Eastlink Sports.



Our trip to the Hamilton Garden's was certainly a highlight of Term 3. Many students celebrated their heritage during the Cultural Parade.

Hats

A reminder that students are required to wear their Knighton hats when outside in Term 4. Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10 or online using the Kindo Shop.

Swimming

Room 31's swimming days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please remind your child to bring their togs on these days as swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand curriculum.

Ngā mihi
James Penman