

Tena koutou katoa

Firstly, our thoughts go out to everyone who was and still is affected by the recent cyclone. There will be people in our community who have family and friends in the badly affected areas. Our school grounds also had some damage. One large limb from one of our Plane trees came down, a few trees on the edge of the walkway by the senior field came down, and a neighbours fence fell into the Native Bush area.

We're looking forward to our 'Meet the Teacher Whānau Picnic' this evening. It looks like the weather is going to behave itself and it's a really nice opportunity for everyone to come together.

Yesterday, we welcomed our graduate teacher trainees who will be with us for the coming year. As a 'Normal School' we work alongside the university and other providers helping out with the Initial Teacher Education programme.



A friendly reminder that all children need to be wearing the blue Knighton Normal School hat when outside this term. Even though the weather has been far from sunny, it is still important that our children protect their

heads and faces from the sun.

Reminder:

Due to a teachers paid union meeting on

Wednesday 1st March
The school will be closed for the
afternoon from 12:30pm

A green notice was sent home last week, please return the completed notice to your child's teacher *as soon as possible*.

If you have misplaced the form you can download it from www.kns.ac.nz,

Meet the Teacher Whānau Picnic

TONIGHT

Tuesday 21st February

5:00pm to 5:55pm

Come along and enjoy a picnic – bring your own food to share with your whānau (family) There will be some games and sports equipment for you to use. Staff will be available for a chat.

5:55pm

Andrew Campbell, our school principal, will speak briefly.

6:00pm to 6:20pm

Families can visit their child/ren's classes and meet the teachers.

6:30pm

Gates are locked



Middle School Team Building Day

this Friday 24 February 11:00am -1:00pm

A fun morning of team building activities is planned for the Middle School classes this Friday. It is to help children get to know their new classmates and for the Middle School teachers to meet all the children in our team. The activities will take place from 11 am – 1.00pm and includes a swim in the pool.

Your child will need their togs, towel and an extra snack in their lunch box. You are welcome to join us on the senior field from 11:00am



Free Sanitary Products in Schools

Knighton School is part of the government's Free Period Products in Schools programme.

If you would like your Knighton student to receive free sanitary pads please contact your child's class teacher, someone at the office or a preferred staff member. Then, at the beginning of each month, we can give your Knighton child a supply of free sanitary pads.

Opportunities at Knighton

Many of our tamariki (children) have already taken up some of the fantastic opportunities available to them.

They are giving amazing service to the school and community as;

- **Road Patrollers**
- **Traffic Wardens**
- **Librarians**
- **Envirokids and**
- **Cool School Mediators.**

Our **Pasifika, Indian and Kapahaka** cultural groups have started and practise every Friday.

Many activities are offered during break times, including;

- Choir
- Drama
- Art
- Chess
- Library quiet time and Story-Time
- Sports and various outside play activities



Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office. Tomorrow, if fine, it will be displayed on the courts.

Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost by children is unnamed.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed by the end of the day will go to a second hand shop.

Community Notices

- There are **NO school inline hockey** teams or games this term, but the club is running **Learn To Play** sessions at the rink for anyone interested. These start tomorrow Wednesday 22nd February, 5:30-6:30pm (4yrs - 9yrs) and 6:30 - 7:30pm (10yrs +). All skill levels are welcome. Just pay \$10 at the rink when you arrive, no need to book. Equipment provided if required. The school league games will start again in term 2
- **5-6-7-8 Dance:** Jazz, Tap and Musical Theatre dance classes. Contact tess@5678dance.co.nz; Facebook = 5678Dance
- **Parentline** offer the Incredible Years programme - Practical skills & parenting advice for parents and caregivers of children aged 3-12years. For more info call 839 4536

Nga mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal