



**KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Room 31

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back, I hope you enjoyed the school break and were able to spend some quality time with your child. It was great to see so many of the Room 31 tamariki giving new things a go during term 1. We have another busy term ahead of us with many exciting activities already planned. Students will have the opportunity to involve themselves in Food for Thought, Morrinsville Fun Day, Mid-Winter Sports Tournament, Kī o Rahi exchange and the Rippa Rugby Tournament. I look forward to catching up with many of you during parent conversations in week 10 (Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th June).



Term two school focus: Be organised / Whakarite

- Come ready to learn.
- Have your stationery organised.
- Look after your belongings.
- Keep the classroom and playground tidy.

Literacy:

During term two, writing will cover a range of different genres that are compatible with our topic studies (designing the senior playpod). Each student will also continue to work on their individual writing learning intention that was identified during term one. Your child will be given reading, grammar and spelling activities to help support their learning.

Maths:

The senior school will continue to have maths in our cross-group classes every afternoon (1.45-2.35pm) during term 2. 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:

Room 31 has been given the opportunity to help design the new senior play pod that is getting built this year. This is an exciting opportunity for the students to work on their research, planning and design skills with implications in the real world. Our class will be interviewing Mr Campbell, junior teachers and senior students to ensure we come up with a play pod that fits the needs of our school.

Medical Forms:

If your child requires any medication during school hours you are asked to please visit the office to complete a permission slip. Any medication will be stored safely and administered by the office staff.

Hats:

Hats are not required to be worn during term 2 or 3. Please put your child's hat in a safe place so you can find it easily at the beginning of term 4.



Regan Ware (NZ 7's) visited R31 during Taku Wairua.



Miss T taught us yoga skills to improve our hauora (well being).

Classdojo:

I will continue to use Classdojo to upload photos and keep parents informed during term two. Please make sure you check Classdojo regularly to keep yourself informed.

PE:

As we work towards Matariki Māori New Year, students will learn a range of traditional Maori kēmu (games) to build their hand eye coordination, strategies and teamwork. During week 5 students that were interested will participate in a Kī o Rahi exchange with other local schools.

Parent Interviews

I look forward to seeing you at parent interviews during week 10 (Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th June).

Kind regards
James Penman