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Akomanga 29

Welcome back to Term 2 e te whaanau,

I am looking forward to another enjoyable term, working with everyone in Akomanga 29.

The Knighton Way

Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Whakarite / Organisation'.

Being organised means...

- → I am ready to learn.
- → I am determined.
- → I know success looks different for everyone.
- → I always try my best.
- → I take a deep breath and get started.
- → I accept responsibility for my learning.



Classroom Programme

This term we will continue to focus on Aotearoa's critical history from multiple perspectives. We will be exploring early navigation, voyaging and migration, reflecting on how our own sense of identity fits within this.

Recognising how diverse groups of people see the world according to their backgrounds and beliefs is always our main goal. Our goal is to comprehend that while differences must be acknowledged, they are not necessarily better or worse than what we already know or think.



Te Reo Maaori me ngaa tikanga (Maaori language and customs)

We continue to learn important customs, phrases and kupu (words) that will allow us to extend our daily use and normalisation of Maaori language and customs.



Literacy

Senior school speech recital competition is in week 10 - Raapare 29 Pipiri (Thursday 29 June).



Everyone participates in developing the oral language skills needed for the effective recital of a text BUT participation to enter the school finals competition is optional.

Tamariki are able to select any text (eg: poem, story, memoir) that they believe will be interesting to their audience and will allow them to practise and show their great oral language skills. The text could be chosen from a favourite book, it could be a piece they have written themselves or a piece an adult has helped them write.

It should be between 1 min 30 secs - 2 minutes long.

We are then allowed to nominate 1 year 5 finalist and 1 year 6 finalist from our room to enter the senior school speech recital final.

You can help at home by listening to your child read a story out loud to you each night or tell stories about their day so that they develop confidence to talk in front of an audience.

Reading

We continue our daily practice of reading, whether it be listening to more complex texts, independently reading, or reflecting on our reading for comprehension and meaning.



Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross group classes every afternoon. The tamariki are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of maths concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Ball Skills

This term we will be learning and practising techniques and skills that will help our ball skills when participating in games and sports.

Food for Thought - 23 - 25 Haratua (23 - 25 May)

This is a **free nutrition education programme** that takes place at kura and helps Year 5 and Year 6 students make healthier food and lifestyle choices. A qualified nutritionist will visit each class and teach 3 lessons. The first lesson is about food groups and the second lesson is about label reading (what's really in our food) and sugar in drinks. Our third lesson sees us participating in an online and practical inquiry session, putting into practice what we have learned about label reading. Pams support this programme and sponsor a supermarket gift card for each class to then design, budget and buy ingredients for a healthy lunch.



Important Dates

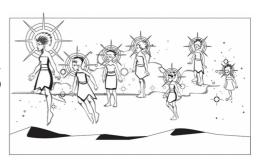
King's Birthday - 5 Pipiri / June. Kura is closed

Class Photo Rāpare 15 Pipiri (Thursday 15 June)



Whakanuia a Matariki 19-23 Pipiri / June

This term we celebrate the Māori New Year as a kura, which involves exciting learning opportunities in week 9 for all tamariki.



Parent Conversations - 26 - 28 Pipiri (26-28 June, last week of term)

This is an opportunity to share valuable learning gains made by your child and set future learning goals for the remainder of the year. You will be notified in the school newsletter when appointments can be made through the school website. (www.kns.ac.nz)

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