

16th May 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

It's been great talking to the students about their weekend or week day sports games they're participating in. While we encourage our tamariki to get involved in a variety of 'out of school' activities, we find that sport can provide a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their sense of teamwork and resilience along with making friendships and just having fun. Children often need explicit teaching, from key adults in their world, around self regulation strategies that enable them to cope or 'be the boss of their behaviour' when something doesn't go their way. This is an essential skill for children to learn in life and can play a huge part in setting them up for success. As we all know, playing sport comes with its highs and lows so it is essential that we, as adults, praise and acknowledge our children for giving things a go and dealing with frustration in effective ways.

Many of you would've noticed that our old rooms 19 and 20 were demolished last holidays. The Ministry of Education oversees this process when they deem the buildings to be too old. These two classrooms have already been replaced by Rooms 31 and 32 over on the Senior Field. After the Ministry of Education contractors finish with the underground cabling, we will be embarking on a three year project which will turn the vacated land into a Garden to Table area. We are hoping to create a space where food can be grown, processed, and eaten. We will keep you up to date with how this is developing.

A friendly reminder that school will be closed for instruction on Friday 16th June as our staff will be involved in our Hillcrest Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day held at Hillcrest High School. This is an annual event where staff from all contributing Kahui Ako schools join together for Professional Development. A further reminder will come out closer to the time.

This morning I had the privilege of meeting Norma Perry, who is 100 years old, when she visited a couple of our classes to talk about her association with Knighton Normal School. Norma lives locally and her children attended Knighton Normal School when it was first established back in 1956. The children enjoyed listening to Norma's life story and it was a real treat for us.



Winter sickness

There has been an increase in illnesses with change of seasons so we encourage you to test for covid if your child is symptomatic or if someone in your household is positive.

Free test kits are available via this link -

<https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/>

If your child is away sick please let us know what it is as we have several immune compromised children at school who may need to stay at home if bugs are prevalent.

Playtime Visits

Enrolled preschoolers can attend Playtime sessions with their parents/caregivers. These sessions are held each Wednesday from 1:50pm to 2:45pm for up to 10 weeks prior to starting school

Visits for Wednesday 17th May are cancelled as all the new entrants and year 1 classes will be visiting the zoo.

Literary Quiz

Braving the elements (and traffic) last Rāapa/Wednesday night, two brave Knighton teams faced around 50 other teams at Southwell School. This is a long standing event, run by Quiz master Wayne Mills and the Lit Quiz team. Our two teams included returning participants as well as new recruits - Paige, Sofiya, Amna, Ayva, Dayna, Benjamin, Lukas, Ezra and Amelia. They all did a fantastic job and both teams did well to answer some difficult questions that tested their reading knowledge in a number of different categories. It was a great experience for everyone involved - mixing and competing with fellow book lovers.



If you have any spare pants, leggings or shorts with elasticated waists in good condition we would appreciate donations to the office.

VIP Visiting Knighton

As part of A8 and A9 learning about ANZAC and the King's Coronation we had a very special visitor to the school. The children were very interested in seeing a birthday card from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Norma's Story

Norma is 100 years old and she got a card from the King and Queen. She worked at a school. Her children were the first kids to be at Knighton Normal School in 1957. She is lucky to be 100 years old. She came to school to show us what she looked like when she was young.

by Abdulrahim Sheikmohamed aged 6 years old



Andrew, our Principal meeting Norma Perry



Tahlia King A9 with Norma Perry

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 19th May



On Friday it is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. The student council is promoting this day and would love children to wear anything pink. This could be socks, headband, face paint or clothing. Pink Shirt Day is funded by your gold coin donations. By donating to Pink Shirt Day, you're supporting the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying; through raising awareness about bullying prevention, funding education workshops and supplying thousands of free resources that promote inclusive workplaces, schools and communities.

Important Sports Notices

- **Morrinsville Rugby & Netball Tournament**
Tuesday 23rd May (postponement date Thursday 25th May). If your child has been **selected** they must **return a completed permission slip by tomorrow, Wednesday 17th May.**
- Coming up in week 9 of this term: Wednesday 21st June, is the annual **Tough Guy and Gal Challenge**. Registrations will be open soon.
- If you have uniforms issued for sports and school activities please return them to the smiley face window as soon as possible after the event.

Reminders

- **Change of clothes:** Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their school bag, they may get wet and muddy playing on the field in the break times.
- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any medication administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website www.kns.ac.nz or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- Our school has a **No Sweets** and **No Nuts** policy. Please refrain from including these items in your child's lunches.
- We are a **Water Only** school. Please encourage your child to bring a drink bottle filled with water and to drink regularly during the day.

Valuing and Making Space for Heritage Languages at Home and at School - [Online event](#)

Thursday, June 1st 2023 6:30-8:00pm

Further information available at the school office.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal