

Room 16, Term 4 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 4!

Thank you for being such wonderful supportive parents last term.

These next 8 weeks of school are going to be action packed with lots of fun and learning!

This term we will be learning about:

- **The Knighton Way: Maiatanga / Confidence** - I try new things. It's okay if I make a mistake. I can do things for myself. I am special.
- **Shakeout** - In week 2, we will learn about earthquakes and what to do to be safe. On Thursday 27th of October, at 9.30 we will join in the NZ wide Earthquake drill to drop, cover and hold.
- **Science** - We are learning about plants and seeds. We are also learning about a honey bee's life.
- **Celebrations** - How we celebrate special occasions.
- **Te reo Māori** - We will be continuing with welcome and farewell phrases, classroom commands, counting and numbers, naming colours, responding to how we are feeling (Zones of Regulations), saying what day it is today, and favourite stories, waiata and dance.
- In **maths** we will be covering numeration and direction and position.
- In **literacy** we are focusing on developing early literacy skills, phonics and alphabet, handwriting and the reading and writing processes.

Swimming - Our swimming days are Tuesday and Friday (weather dependent). At Knighton we are very fortunate to have a heated pool. Room 16 will swim in the afternoon. The children will need to bring their own swim-suit (togs), a towel and have a bag to put them in. Please make sure that your child wears clothes that they can easily dress themselves in. We hope to begin this Friday 13th of October.

Swimming at Knighton is about having fun, keeping safe and gaining confidence in the water.

Sunhats - Just a reminder that all children have to wear a Knighton school sunhat this term when they are outside. If your child doesn't have a school hat, these can be purchased at the school office.

Food at School - What beautiful lunches our children have in Room 16. We will continue to have 3 eating times a day- A fruit snack time, lunch break 1 and lunch break 2.

Last term the dental van was at our kura and reminded us of the importance of no sweets and lollies at school. Also, we are a 'water only' school, and so this means no juice or energy drinks. We have children at school that have severe nut allergies and so **nuts are not allowed**, this also includes Peanut butter and Nutella.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

19th October - Shakeout

Friday 8th of December (Week 9) New Entrant/Year 1 End-of-Year celebration (time to be advised)

Reading Together Workshops -27th Oct, 3rd Nov, 10 Nov, 9.30-10.30am
16th December- Last day of school



Do you want to know how you can help your children with reading?



- Come along to the **Reading Together** workshops.
- Reading Together will help your children to become readers who understand what they are reading.
- Workshops will be held on Friday the 27th October, 3rd of November and 10th November from 9.30-10.30am. Workshops will be held at Knighton school.

There are limited places.

See your teacher or Carmen Johnstone (cjohnstone@kns.ac.nz) in Room 16, for more information.