

Thank you to everyone who completed the latest community survey around our Knighton Way value of Angituu - Success. We asked the community for their thoughts of what Angituu/Success means for them and the role our kura can play in promoting and enabling our children to be successful. While there were a variety of responses, some common threads were:

- Having a strong identity and sense of self.
- Having the confidence to give things a go and take on challenges.
- Developing a love of learning and aspiring to grow as a person.
- Having the ability to set goals and strive to meet them.
- Being kind, compassionate, and thinking of others.

Much of the community saw the role of the school as encouraging and supporting our tamariki to strive and take on new challenges.

At this time of the year, our school roll is always at its highest which means there are more cars on the road around our school at drop off and pick up time.

To stop congestion around the Knighton Road entrance, we encourage whānau to use the carpark at the nearby church on the corner of Knighton Road and Clyde Street and to use Henry Street which is accessed through the Wairere Drive entrance. Both options are a short walk to school and are easier to use. We are still getting a number of parents parking up our neighbours driveways and on the curb near our school entrance. Please don't do this. It is unsafe for our children if they have to walk past a car that is parked up on the curb. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Term four always means the Enviro Kids are busy tending to our school garden because of the gorgeous sun filled days! They have grown a variety of vegetables (broccoli, cabbage, beetroot, kale and carrots) from seed, through to harvest and have learnt how to support the vegetables at every stage of growth. We have enjoyed celebrating our harvests by making a range of recipes, but have also cherished being able to supply some of our whānau with our surplus kai. In the pictures you will see how proud we are to harvest what we have learnt to grow!



Focus on Attendance

At Knighton Normal School, we know that working together with whānau is the best way to make sure your tamariki/child is attending regularly. Here are some questions to consider:

- Do you know how often your child is absent or late?
- Do you talk to your child about their attendance?
- Do you let us know when your child is away?



Lost Property

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost by children is unnamed. Please remember to name swimming togs and towels too. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated to a second hand shop.

SPORT

Weetbix Kids TRYathlon, Sunday 10th December - Registration closes 8th December. Participation is optional and children who take part must be entered by their parent/guardian.

To enter your child online, follow the steps below:

1. Got to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> and Click on "Register"
2. Select "Hamilton"
3. Click "Register as an individual" then click "Yes, Join my school" and search for 'KNS'.

This event takes place at the University of Waikato Fields.

Returning sports/event uniforms: Please return Knighton uniforms from Term 1, 2 & 3 if your child is no longer taking part in an activity this term. They must be returned so they can be used for other students

**If you still have a Knighton football uniform please return to the office with the child's name attached.*

Year 2 Zoo Trip

At last the Year 2 classes got to go to Hamilton Zoo after the trip was cancelled earlier in the year. It was raining when they left school but luckily the weather improved and they had a fabulous day. Nihira from A8 wrote about her experience:

The biggest animal I saw was the giraffe because of the long neck. The funniest animal I saw was the howling siamang gibbon because they were going mo mo mo mo mo mo! The weirdest animal I saw was the chimpanzee because he was in an ice cream tub.



BeachEd

As part of our swimming and water safety programme four senior school classes have attended beach education days at Wainui Beach, Raglan. Trained lifeguards from the Surf Lifesaving Club gave instruction on how to be safe both in and out of the water in a beach environment. The remaining four Year 5 & 6 classes will go before the end of term.

They had a tour of the Surf Lifesaving Club, were shown the first aid kits and learnt how to identify rips in the water. Following this they played beach games before having time in the water. The water activities were rescuing a friend with a rescue tube, practising duck diving under waves before finishing with some free time in the water.



Browse school websites free via Zero Data portal

To encourage everyone to access school/kura websites on their mobile devices **without being charged for data**, the multi-agency Zero Data initiative has added over 2,000 kura and school websites to the updated Zero Data portal. You can access important updates from school, regardless of whether you have data credit or not.

To learn more information about this initiative, visit:

[Zero Data Portal – New Zealand Government](#)

For more information, contact support@zero.govt.nz



Note your calendar

17 November - Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

5 December - Board of Trustees Hui

7 December:

* 9am - 12.30pm Middle School athletics morning

* 9.30 - 10.30am Senior Service assembly

* 6.30 - 8.30pm Year 6 disco

15 December - **1.00pm** - END OF TERM 4

1 February 2024 - 9.00am TERM 1 BEGINS

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal