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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to Room13. We have had a busy start to the term.

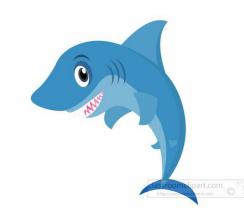


Our Knighton Way focus for term 4 is '**confidence'**. We are practising respectful words and actions, speaking confidently and kindly to others, approaching our work with an 'I can-do it' attitude, being independent (even when the task might be tricky), solving problems and believing in our own strengths and abilities.



Mrs Lyndal Roche will continue to teach in Room 13 every Thursday and some Fridays during this term.

It's also going to be a super sporty term!



SWIMMING

We will swim every <u>Tuesday and Thursday</u>. **Our first swimming day will be tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd October.** You might think it's still a little cold for swimming but our school pool is slightly heated. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel in a named plastic bag or swimming bag. Encourage your child to wear named clothes they find easy to change in and out of. It is a good idea for long hair to be tied back.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum. If your child is unable to swim for any reason please pop in and let me know, email me or send a written note.

ATHLETICS practice will happen daily from Week 6 (18th November) onwards. Your child will need to wear suitable clothing for running, jumping and throwing activities. Middle School Athletics day is in Week 8, Thursday 5th December. We will celebrate the athletic skills we have learned during the term. You are welcome to attend.

A WONDERFUL STORYTELLER is joining us in week 4 on Thursday 7th November. This will be an exciting opportunity for your child and Middle School to work with Tanya Batt, a NZ storyteller. Her workshops are always interactive, engaging and exciting. Leading up to this we will be exploring story telling and finding interesting and expressive ways of sharing some stories of our own. You can find our more about Tanya Batt and her work here... <u>http://imagined-worlds.net/</u>

HOMEWORK often becomes a challenge in term 4 with summer on the way and families getting busy in the lead up to Christmas. I encourage you to make reading each day a priority. Practising basic addition and subtraction facts and times tables is also a useful additional daily activity.



Knighton **HATS** must be worn in term 4 for all outside activities.Knighton is a Sunsmart school. At the end of term 1, I collected any hats that were in Room 13. These have been washed and returned to the children. Hats can be kept in tote trays/bags at school. Some children did have missing hats or took their hats home. If your child does not have their own school hat they will need to play in the shade during break times. If needed, a new hat can be purchased via the Kindo shop <u>www.mykindo.co.nz</u> or directly from the school office for \$5.

For any **MEDICINE** your child needs during the school day, please visit our office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept safely.

Many families have donated a box of **TISSUES** during the year. Thank you so much! It really does help towards maintaining a healthy classroom. If, at anytime, you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to Room 13 we will be most grateful.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to pop in and see Lyndal or myself or you can phone our office and leave a message for me to contact you. Email is often the easiest way to get in touch and you are most welcome to email me at jsimpson@kns.ac.nz

It really is going to be an incredibly busy but highly rewarding end to the year. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

