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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Room 11,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all enjoyed a nice relaxing break with your children. My name is Grant Miller and I have been lucky enough to meet quite a few of you already. I am very excited about working with the students in Room 31 this year and I'm sure we will enjoy a wonderful year of learning together.

I have been teaching for 15 years, across various levels. This will be my tenth year at Knighton Normal School and my first in the Year 5/6 team. I enjoy sports, the outdoors and love animals. I live in Cambridge with my family, which includes my wife Angela, my 9 year old daughter Harper, 7 year old son Escher, our Labrador Bailey and our cat Cece.

In Term 1 we will be learning about 'Ourselves and our own personal journey' This will include a strong emphasis on the children themselves, identity and learning about their own family history and journey to Aotearoa. We will spend time learning about the significance of where we are now and some local history. We will also investigate the notion of Kotahitanga (Unity) and its importance to our class and our Knighton value of 'Getting Along'.

Some important information for the first term:

#### Stationery

We hope to get started in our books at the beginning of Week 3 (Monday 12th February)

To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Alternatively you can use one of the options suggested on the stationery notice.

#### Swimming and Library

The swimming days for Room 31 are Tuesday 11:55-12:15, and Thursday 12:35 -12:55. Please help your child to remember their togs and towel in a named bag on each of these days.

Library day is Monday, please ensure your child brings their book or books on this day. Library visits will start in Week 4. (19th February)

#### Hats

**School hats** must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased from the school office for \$10. If your child does not have a school hat, they will only be able to play in the shade at break times.

### Medical Needs

Should your child need any medication 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 and administered when needed.

### Tissues

To help maintain a healthy classroom we use tissues for runny noses and sneezes. If at any time during the year you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to our class we would be most grateful.

### Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a 'meet the teacher' picnic in Week 3, on Tuesday 13th February. Details of the evening will come home in the school newsletter.

Class Dojo has been set up in a way that it is easy for you to communicate with me through an online platform. I will share important information there as well as children's work and achievements. Hopefully you have received the invitation and have managed to join, so you can enjoy the benefits of this. Let me know if you are having difficulty connecting.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open. You are also welcome to contact me via email; my address is [gmillier@kns.ac.nz](mailto:gmillier@kns.ac.nz)

Kind Regards

Grant Miller, Classroom teacher Room 31