

22 October 2019

Kia ora/Greetings

Labour Weekend

SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 28th OCTOBER, 2019 A reminder school will be CLOSED for this Labour Day Public Holiday School opens again on Tuesday 29th October, 2019

Visit from Matt Elliot

Last Friday a group of middle and senior school children had the opportunity to have a writing workshop with Matt Elliot. Matt is the author of a wide range of books, including the children's book of the year for 2012, 'Nice Day For a War', Kieran Reid-Tribute to a great eight, and the recent book about our native bird the kiwi. The children enjoyed the sessions and the opportunity to share their writing. Keep an eye out for Matt's new book coming out this week!

Immunisation Update

Thank you for the 55 replies from last week's newsletter. We now have **150** students for which we have no documented evidence of their immunisation status. If you are one of these families your child will have already brought home a letter requesting this information. We need certified confirmation that your child has been fully immunised or at a minimum, that they have had two measles vaccines. These immunisation certificates are required to be presented to school urgently. If you have chosen not to immunise your child please also let us know. Please be aware that should we have a confirmed case of measles, then the Medical Officer of Health will advise us on excluding students that haven't had two measles vaccines. This could potentially mean a prolonged period of absence from school.

For further information on measles, how it is spread, and the signs and symptoms of measles go to <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

Sun Safety

During terms one and four we focus on sun safety. We enforce a 'no school hat, play in the shade' approach to break times and ask our teachers to use their common sense in regard to being outside during class time. You can play your part by ensuring that your children have had sunscreen applied before school.

Swimming Season!

Swimming season has begun. Please support this very important part of our learning by making sure that your child(ren) pack their togs and a towel.

Achievements of our children

It was wonderful to catch up with a wide range of parents last week to have a chat. Please remember if you would like to share any of your child's achievements we would love to include them in our newsletter! An example of our amazing students is the recent performance of our inline hockey children.

Waikato Touch

Congratulations to Arieta Atatoa Carr, Riley Heta and Ngataua Karena for being selected for their respective Waikato Touch Representative teams. Well done! We wish you all the best for your preparation towards the Inter-provincial series tournament in January 2020.

E poho kererū ana mātou.

Inline hockey club

Representing Hamilton in the U10's

Raphael Keast

Jay Joseph-Cash

Nathan Lu

- 2nd place at Nationals

- Jay Joseph-Cash U10 MVP for tournament.

Representing Hamilton in the U12's

Benoit Keast

Jay Joseph-Cash

Nathan Lu

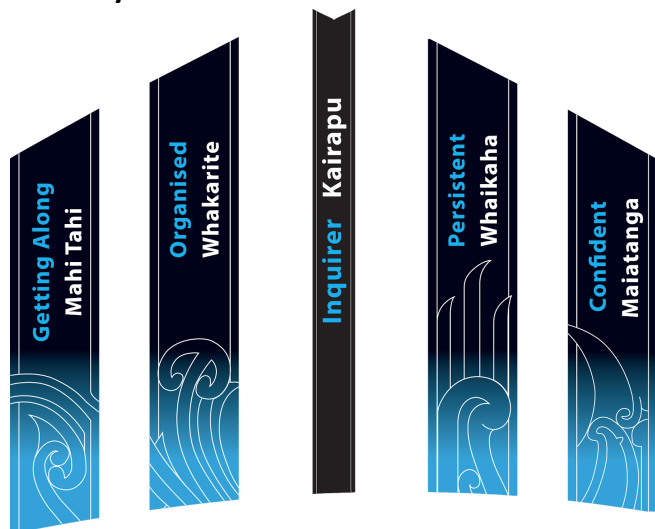
- 4th place at Nationals.



Well Done!

Inline Hockey School League - There are no games this week as there has been a flood at the rink. School league games will start next week, Wednesday 30th October. Notices will be sent home with game times early next week.

KNS Way



Four of the five pou (pillars) has a tohu (design) depicting each aspect of the KNS Way.

Our Knighton Way dispositions come from the New Zealand Key Competencies.

- thinking.
- using language, symbols, and texts.
- managing self.
- relating to others.
- participating and contributing.

At Knighton we believe the development of the KNS Way is as important as success in reading, writing and mathematics. Each classroom teacher is constantly giving children opportunities to practice these skills and values.

We are working with our children and staff in creating some characters that show some of these dispositions in action.

These will be placed throughout the school to mind and encourage children to become powerful learners.

Communication

There are many ways to keep in touch with what your child is doing at Knighton! Obviously nothing beats face-to-face catch-ups with their teachers. Next steps can be:

-The school website- www.kns.ac.nz

-The school Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/knightonnoraml/>

-The school newsletter

-The school app (this is only for essential communication).

Knighton Normal School Free App

On an iPhone or Android device, go to: <http://onelink.to/mnfdrg> or search Knighton Normal School at the App Store or Play Store.

App Features:

- Advises absences.
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups.
- View and add school events to your phones Calendar.

Absences

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school, for any reason, prior to 9.00am. You must tell us your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence. If the absence is for more than one day please also advise this in your message. If a child is absent from school without notification they may be recorded as truant.

There are several options for an absentee notification:

- School App: <http://onelink.to/mnfdrg>
- Text 027 352 2089
- Phone (07) 856 5393 (voicemail)

Lateness

Children arriving at school late (even by a few minutes) must be signed-in at the smiley window. Children will be signed in electronically by the office staff. All children's names are preloaded into our system. Children will be asked why they are late and their reasons will be entered into this system.

Leaving School Early

If you are taking your child away from school prior to 3pm, please sign them out on the VisTab located in the office reception area.

Uniforms

There are still quite a lot of uniforms to be returned. If you could return these to the office asap please it would be greatly appreciated.

Parking and Traffic Concerns

Of particular concern is the number of people stopping on the yellow lines or across the path and driveway. Our road patrollers find it difficult to see past these vehicles and children are going unseen by these vehicles backing out.

In the past some parents have found that parking at the church on the corner of Knighton Road and Clyde Street has been a great solution for picking up and dropping off your children safely.

Community Events

- Hillcrest Baptist Church are having a Light Part on Thursday 31st October 5:30pm - 7:30pm as an alternative to halloween. Gold coin donation entry with chances to win prizes! NO SCARY COSTUMES please.

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead

Principal