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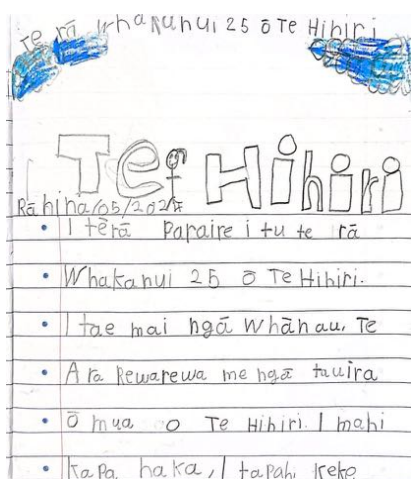
7th May 2024

It's been lovely welcoming back the students this term. They have made a great start and we are looking forward to another good term of learning and growing. I'd especially like to welcome the new families to our school and community.

Late last term we celebrated the 25th birthday of our bilingual unit, Te Hihiri. We had a pōwhiri for guests in the afternoon followed by the unveiling of a special tohu tracing the Waikato Awa from its source. We also had a wonderful performance by the students from Te Ararewarewa, Peachgrove Intermediate. Later in the evening we gathered in the hall and listened to some speeches and performances from past and current students of Te Hihiri. It was really special to see students and staff from past and present reconnecting and sharing their stories of their time in the unit. Thank you to the organising committee and staff for all your mahi leading up to the day and on the day and to Hayley and David for the catering.



Māreikura Amos A24 & Te Wehi Preston - Inaugural Student



Writing by Halo Hepi - Akomanga 21

Absence Notifications

If your child is to be away from school please notify the school office before 9:00am each day by using one of the following options, stating your child's name, room number and reason for their absence:

● Send a message via our free App. (Simply download 'SchoolappsNZ' from the Google Play or App Store and search Knighton Normal School). This is our preferred method of communication or...

● Text 027 352 2089 or...

● Phone 856 5393 to leave a message

For your child's safety we endeavour to contact parents/caregivers if your child's absence is unexplained, however this is not always possible. It is vital that contact phone numbers are kept up to date.

Children arriving late need to go to the 'Smiley Window' 😊 to have their attendance registered and to get a late slip, before going to class.



There is a new 30km/h speed limit around our school with the aim of helping to keep our tamariki safe. This came in into effect around all Hamilton schools from Monday 29 April 2024, You can find out more at: hamilton.govt.nz/saferschoolspeeds



Yummy School Sticker Programme

Knighton School is involved with the Yummy School Sticker Promo again this year. This is something we really value being part of, we appreciate receiving the free sports gear from this programme. You can start collecting now (if you haven't already started). You can collect a sheet from the office to stick your yummy stickers on. 😊



Pink Shirt Day - Friday 17th May

The Knighton student council will be promoting Pink Shirt Day with a Wheels Day on Friday 17 May. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

The first break will be for years 1, 2, & 3 and the second break will be for years 4, 5, & 6. Tamariki must remember their helmet. They can bring scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades but NO bikes because the court is too small for bikes.

Pink Shirt Day is funded by donations to support the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying. Please bring a gold coin to be donated to this cause.



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. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated to a second hand shop.



Spare Clothing

We have very limited spare clothing available for children. We ask that you keep a change of clothes in your child's school bag in a waterproof plastic bag at all times.

If your child comes home with clothes borrowed from school please wash and return them as soon as possible.



School Photos

Class and individual photos were taken yesterday. In a few weeks PhotoLife will email a Photo Keycode to you. You will then be able to see the photo/s of your child that were taken and decide if you wish to purchase a pack. Payment is made directly to Photolife.

ANZAC Day

In the holidays Shamik and Richa went to the ANZAC Service at Memorial Park to represent our school. They placed a wreath on behalf of Knighton Normal School.



Enrolments / Visits / Pre-enrolment

We have a cohort entry policy for our new entrant students at our school. We believe this brings numerous benefits to our students and their families / whānau. Cohort entry refers to the practice of having children of a similar age group start school together at set intervals throughout the year. In this regard, we offer two entry points per term, specifically during weeks 1 and 6. This means your child will start school on the first entry date after they have turned five and they have been enrolled.

We ask parents of new entrants to enrol children at the school office up to 10 weeks prior to their fifth birthday, where possible in order to help make their transition to school as successful as possible. This also assists us with class placements and allows plenty of time for Play Time visits.

Enrolled preschoolers can attend Play Time sessions with parents/caregivers. These sessions are held once a week on a Monday at 1.50pm for up to 10 weeks prior to starting school.



Note your calendar

13 May - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

16 May - 5:30pm - Whānau Hui

17 May - Wheels Day - Pink Shirt Day

3 June - King's Birthday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

4 June - MOE Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

5 June - New Entrant Cohort Day

17 June - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

24 - 28 June - Te Wiki O Matariki

28 June - Matariki - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal