26 Hōngongoi 2024   Akomanga Toru Tekau - A30

Kia ora e te whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Akomanga 30! Welcome back to term 3.
I hope you all enjoyed a great break.

The Knighton Way Focus for Term 3: Whaikaha / Persistence

This term at Knighton, our focus is on whaikaha.
We are looking at how we deal with challenges in the classroom, with our peers and at home.

★ Kia Kaha
★ Trying our best
★ Knowing what to do when things are hard
★ Problem-solving

An excellent way for you to help your child is to check in with them each day about what challenges they faced or that they saw others face and how they overcame them.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Literacy

Our literacy programme continues to be adjusted to suit the different needs and abilities of A30 tamariki. We are focusing on a range of literacy skills that help us develop as authors. These include continuing to look at different ways sentences can be structured and how paragraphs are organised. As readers, we will be focusing on summarising and how we infer when we read by taking notice of the clues the writer has given us. This can then be carried over to our writing, where we will look at how we can leave our readers with clues to do some inferring of their own.
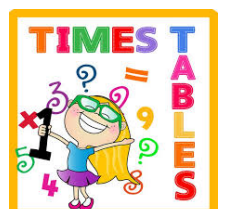
Children will continue taking home library books each week, so your support and encouragement to get them reading at home for **30 minutes each day** will go a long way towards helping them develop as both a reader and a writer.

Mathematics

Cross-grouping continues this term. While all maths classes use Prime as a key resource, the focus in each class is different, so do take the time to ask your child about their learning. A great thing to do at home to help is to encourage your child to **learn their times tables** by heart.

Te Reo Māori

We continue our important daily routine of learning to listen to, speak and understand te reo Māori. We are all learning together as we try to 'normalise' the use of te reo within our kura (school) and community. You can join us on our journey by asking pātai (questions) about what we are doing in class and practising using the kupu (words) that you know in your everyday life and with your tamariki (children).

Oral Language

The Senior Speech Competition is on at the end of this term. Our focus will be on speaking to an audience with confidence, and we will do this in a way that ensures each child gets to experience success.

Dramatic Inquiry (DI)

This term, we will use dramatic inquiry skills and strategies to continue exploring Aotearoa histories. DI helps us connect stories, history and our imagination to learn about important moments in Aotearoa.

Library Day - Friday

Reminders

- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **Change of clothes**: Please make sure you have a change of clothes in your bag if you like to get wet and muddy playing on the field at break times.

Online Kindo shop

To avoid office queues and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to 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. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need assistance setting this up.

I am always available via email or Seesaw, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi i tō āwhina

Whakarongo Tauranga

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Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths.

ETTY HILLESUM

Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is another paradox: what is soft is strong.

LAO TZU

"The truth is that falling hurts. The dare is to keep being brave and feel your way back up."

—BRENÉ BROWN