



**KNIGHTON**  
NORMAL SCHOOL

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Welcome to Term 4 e te whaanau. We have many exciting opportunities this term, including:

- Beach Education at Whaingaroa (Raglan) - Monday 2nd December
  - we need adult helpers (18+) 🤝
- Y5/6 Service to School assembly - Tuesday 10 December 11:30 - 1pm.
- Senior Fun Day Wednesday 11 December
- Senior awards assembly - Thursday 12 December 9:30 - 11:00am
- Y6 disco - Thursday 12 December 1:30 - 3pm (school hall)
- Y6 Leavers and final Y5/6 assembly - Monday 16 December 11:30am

## The Knighton Way

Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Maiatanga/Confidence'.

Being confident means...

- I am enough as I am.
- I know who I am and where I come from.
- I honour my family history and where I come from.
- I know that being different is okay.
- I know my strengths and weaknesses.
- I learn from my mistakes.
- I do what is 'right' not what is popular.
- I think for myself - I am my own leader.
- I own my actions.
- I try to make things right when I mess up.

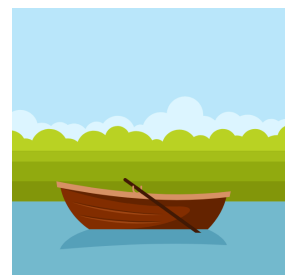


## Classroom Programme

### Keeping Safe - navigating the journey

We begin a focus on:

- Healthy relationships - Ngā Whanaungatanga,
- Growing and changing - Te tipu me te huri o te tangata
- Being safe online - Te noho haumarū.



This kaupapa (topic) is very important for our tamariki. It initiates conversations that help them learn

- to communicate effectively and safely in a range of situations,
- to advocate for themselves and others
- to understand that their tinana is precious
- to take care of themselves as they grow and change
- to investigate and practice strategies that keep them safe online

### **Te Reo Maaori me ngaa tikanga** (Maaori language and customs)

We continue to learn important customs, phrases and kupu (words) that will allow us to extend our daily use and normalisation of Maaori language and customs.

### **Literacy, Reading and Maths**

We continue our daily practice of reading, writing and mathematical thinking. Students will continue to work towards their personal goals in each curriculum area as well as working together as a class to explore more complex learning.

### **Year 6 Transitions and Year 5 Team-building**

The year 6 students will have several workshops this term to support their transition to intermediate next year. In these workshops, students will explore specific resilience strategies, create a profile sheet about themselves to share with their new kaiako/teacher and get the opportunity to have questions answered by other students from Peachgrove and Berkley in focus groups.

This time will give year 5 students the chance to work together, focusing on the Knighton Way (values and dispositions) and what makes a good team member and leader.

### **Swimming/Beach Education**

Term 4 sees the return of weekly swimming on Monday and Wednesday. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day that we swim, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, seesaw or send a note to school. While the days are still warming up, students may need some warm clothes to change into.

There will be a focus on beach education towards the end of the term with our visit to the beach in week 8. This will be an exciting day to put into practice what we have learned and to enjoy the day together at the beach. Parent helpers will be vital to the success and enjoyment of this day, so please join us if you can.

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