

# Newsletter 19

## 3rd December 2024

This is the final school newsletter for the year. A special 'Staffing and Classes Newsletter for 2025' will come out next Tuesday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to a successful year of teaching and learning this year. We have a truly wonderful community of parents and whānau who are so supportive of our school, a committed, skillful and caring staff who work tirelessly for all ākongā, and of course a fantastic group of tamariki who light up our days and who are the reason why we do what we do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Board of Trustees who oversee the governance of our school. They are a great group to work with and always have the children's interests at the centre of all decision making.

We have had a very good year this year. Our data in reading, writing and mathematics is continuing to track in the right direction, as is our attendance. We are well prepared for the changes to the curriculum next year and also look forward to continuing many of the initiatives we have been running over the last few years.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and manage to spend time with the people you love.



### [Year 6 Leavers Assembly](#)

The final assembly for the senior tamariki is on **Monday 16 December at 11:30am**. This assembly honours our Year 6 leavers, who will be presented with their graduation certificate. All whānau are asked to wait outside the hall until they are welcomed in by the senior school tamariki. We hope to see you there.



### 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 and shoes that are lost by children are unnamed. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated. PLEASE name ALL your children's clothes and footwear.

## Touch Tournament

This term, touch rugby was very popular, we had six Knighton School teams entered into the competition. The Knighton Cheetah's (Year 1 & 2 mixed team) won the AWHI trophy.

This award promotes the positive support of our players, referees, coaches, managers, and administrators. All those involved with this team have upheld the AWHI Promise values showing respect to and celebrating all those involved in the sport of touch. They cheer for all players, including their opposition, and keep negative communications and actions away from the environment.

Ka pai to Frankie, Kaha, Te Kohutahi, Rangikaharuru, Kyon, Kaha, Blue, Codie, River, Devansh, Joshua and all the coaches, managers and supporters of their team.



Knighton Cheetah's trophy

## Gymnastics Trip

On 21 November the children who have been doing Kiwi Gym through terms 2 & 3 had the opportunity to visit the Hamilton City Gymnastics Centre. 70 students got to experience the amazing equipment that they have out there.



Abishek - A23



Zena - A3

### Important Returns

- **All library books must be returned by THIS Friday 6th December.**
- **Please return any Knighton shirts/uniforms to the team coach or to the Smiley Face window by Tuesday 10th December.**

### Recycling Centre Trip

Akomanga 25 had a very exciting trip to the Recycling Centre in Te Rapa. This was to further their learning about recycling and sustainability.



Abdurrahman, Nishav, Najma, Summer & Aliyah

Poppy's story:

I liked the conveyor belt. We put the rubbish on the conveyor belt and sorted the rubbish into the right recycling bins. I liked doing that.



Tu, Glenn, Rangī & Summer

Aania's story:

"I liked when we were watching the trucks coming into the Recycling Centre. I saw so many plastic bottles and things that people recycle. I also saw things that were not meant to be there like pizza boxes!"

## Community Notices

### Weet-Bix KIDS TRYathlon

Sign-ups are now open for Weet-Bix KIDS TRYathlon <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hamilton/> taking place on Sunday 8th of December. Knighton has a group link to enter - you can use [bit.ly/KNSTRY2025](https://bit.ly/KNSTRY2025) to go straight to the signup page.

Participation is optional and children who take part must be entered and supported throughout the event by their parent/guardian. Look for the Knighton flags and gazebo where you can hang out during the day.

**Please note: The venue has changed to St Peter's, Cambridge. Please allow extra time to travel, find parking, and organise getting your bike to the transition station.**

### Knighton After School Programme (KASP)

KASP Christmas Party will be happening on the last day of school (Tuesday 17th December) from 1pm. Bookings are essential.

KASP Summer Holiday Programme - we will be running a programme 18-20 December, as well as 6-10 January, 13-17 January, 20-24 January and 28-31 January. Bookings will be available soon.

For further information contact Lyndal Mathews, KASP Operations Manager - 027 361 7879

### Note your calendar

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2 - 5 Dec - Year 5 & 6 Beach Education in Raglan

9 Dec - 6:00pm Board of Trustees Hui

5 & 10 Dec - 9:15am Yr 2/3 End of Year Celebration

10 Dec - 11:30am - 1pm Year 5/6 Service Assembly

11 Dec - 9:00am - 1:00pm Senior Fun Day

12 Dec - 9:30-11:00am Year 5/6 Awards Assembly

12 Dec - 1:00 - 2:45pm - Year 6 Disco

13 Dec - 5:00 - 6:00pm Poroporoaki Year 6 Te Hihiri

16 Dec - 10:00am - Year 4 Final Assembly

16 Dec - 11:30am - 1:00pm Year 5/6 Final Assembly

**17 Dec - 1:00pm - Term 4 Ends - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

29 & 30 Jan - Office open for 2025 enrolments

3 Feb - 9:00am - Term 1 Starts for 2025

6 Feb - Waitangi Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Andrew Campbell**  
**Principal**