

Newsletter 4

25 March 2025

We are starting to plan and prepare for our upcoming Cultural Festival and Parade which will be held on Wednesday 2nd April starting from 9.00am. This is one of the highlights of our year. Not only is it a time for us to acknowledge and celebrate the many different ethnicities and cultures we have here at Knighton, it is also a time to celebrate our collective humanity. As a school, we are really lucky and fortunate to have so much diversity. This makes us rich in so many ways. Our children will hopefully have the opportunity to grow up with an understanding of different world views and an ability to relate and get along with people from different backgrounds. We would love as many families and whānau to come along to the parade as possible.

Our planned Teacher Only Day for Friday 9th May has been moved to later on in the year. We are aiming to have it in either Term 3 or Term 4 of this year. We will provide extra information as it comes to hand. The planned Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day scheduled for 30th May will still happen.



[Knighton Normal School Cultural Festival](#)

The theme this year is 'One School Many Cultures'

- Making Connections
- Celebrating language, culture, identity and diversity

The students will be spending the week from Wednesday 26th March through to Wednesday 2nd April learning about the amazing cultures in our kura/school. There will be workshops and activities across the classes all week ending with the parade and festival on the final day.

Wednesday 2nd April:

9.00am Cultural Parade & performances

11:00am Kiwiana morning tea in the hall - for adults only

11:50am - 1:00pm Cultural Connection workshops of dance, song or speech

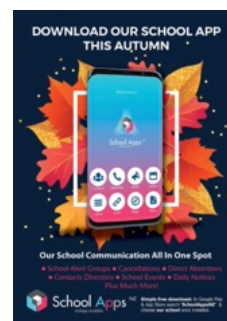
1:00pm "Have a Go" performances & activities



Focus on Attendance

Please be reminded that failure to notify the school of your child's absence can result in them being marked as truant. This information is reported to the Ministry of Education on a daily basis. Therefore, it is essential that you inform us every day if your child will be absent, along with the reason for their absence.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Updating Contact Details

Do we have your most recent:

Telephone number?

Email address?

Physical address?

It is very important we are able to contact families, especially if your tamariki/children are unwell. We also need at least one additional emergency contact person for every student.

Come in to the office to check your details or email us at: knighton@kns.ac.nz



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 clothing and footwear.



Road Safety

Before and after school it is very busy around school and our patrolled crossings. Recently we had an incident where a child was knocked over on Knighton Road so this is a good reminder for those walking and driving around school to be cautious.

Road patrollers are trained so they can assist children to cross on Knighton Road, Clyde Street, Wairere Drive and Henry Street. We ask that parents and caregivers also follow their instructions and cross at the designated area when dropping off and collecting students.

If students are coming to school on scooters or bikes remember they must wear a helmet.

Our year 1 children recently took part in a Safe Walking Programme with Rueben the Road Safety Bear. They learnt how to safely cross the road and look out for sneaky driveways.



Reuben teaching the children how to cross the road safely

Sport

Inline Hockey

We are now taking registrations for Term 2 Inline Hockey. If your child would like to play inline hockey for the school, registration and payment of \$30 needs to be completed and returned to school by 3pm, Friday, 28th March. No late registrations can be accepted.

Field Hockey

We are now taking registrations for Term 2 Field Hockey. Payment of \$30 and completed permissions must be received by Monday, 31st March.

You will find registration forms for all sports on the [myKindo](#) or the website:

https://www.kns.ac.nz/newsletter_sets/2-newsletters/years/2025

Community Notices

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Free health services for school aged children
He ratonga hauora kore utu, mo ngaa tamariki kura katoa

- Public Health Nurses work with schools and communities to promote health and wellbeing
- Public Health Nurses are required to work in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 and section 125 of the Health Act
- Schools have a designated Public Health Nurse who visits on a regular basis. School staff, parents/whanau can refer children with health concerns to the Public Health Nurse

Children learn best when they are healthy and feeling good about themselves. Public Health Nurses can help children, their families/whanau and teachers with:

- Assistance with health concerns
- Assessments
- Information
- Immunisation programmes in schools
- Links with other health professionals
- Access to specialist services
- Links with other services
- Child advocacy

Your Public Health Nurse is:

Diana Loft

diana.loft@waikatodhb.health.nz

027 208 0907

The Public Health Nurse can help if you have concerns about your child's health and development:



Before and After School Programme

If you are interested in booking your child into the Journey Kids before and after school care or the school holiday programme please contact them directly at admin@journeykids.co.nz

You can find out more on their website:

www.journeykids.co.nz



Note your calendar

26 March - 2 April - Culture week

2 April - Cultural Parade - 9:00am

9 April - Year 1 Hamilton Zoo trip

11 April - Term 1 ends - 3:00pm

28 April - Term 2 begins- 9:00am

30 May - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

2 June - King's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal