

# Newsletter 4

## 24 March 2026

It's hard to believe this is the final newsletter of the term. It seems to have gone very quickly. We are looking forward to our upcoming Cultural Celebration and Parade tomorrow. It's one of our favourite days of the year. We are a very multicultural school. This is something we cherish. Wednesday is an opportunity for our ākonga to celebrate their culture or cultures and, in some cases, showcase some of their culture to the community through song and dance or by sharing some of their customs and ways of living. We would love to see as many of our community come along as possible.

At the end of the term we will be farewelling Nell Harrison, one of our office administrators. Nell will be retiring after thirty years of service to the school. Whether it's been the setting up of the school website, organising photocopying, or attending to sick or injured children, Nell has been instrumental in the smooth running of our office and a key person in our Knighton team. We will miss her a lot and at the same time are excited for what lies ahead of her. Amber Daniels, who is currently kaiawhina in Te Hihiri, will be our new office administrator starting next term.

### Cultural Celebrations

This week our tamariki have been having a great time learning about the many cultures that make our kura such a special place to be.



Putiputi (flowers) by our tamariki inspired by cultural colours or flags



Display of Japanese Hina Ningyo (Hina dolls) by Yumi Hughes in A23



Rohini, Mahi & Varalakshmi created this beautiful Indian hindu rangoli

**Knighon Normal School**  
**Cultural Celebration**  
*A focus on community and connection*  
**Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

Programme	
9-11am	Block One - Cultural Parade
11am	Morning Tea for adults (Hall)
11am-11:50am	Break 1 and kai time for tamariki
11:50am-1:00pm	Block 2 - own classes
1:00-1:30pm	Break 2 performances
1:30pm	Break 2 and kai time for tamariki
1:40-3:00pm	Block 3 - own classes

### New Zealand Opera

NZ Opera in Schools came to perform RED! for us on Monday 9th March. It was a wonderful mix of audience participation, world class opera singing, visual artistry and innovative composition. The year 2, 3 and 4 tamariki watched as a unique version of the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' unfolded before them. During the show our tamariki were able to join in with the singing, as the opera singers had taught several songs to us before beginning their performance. We were able to incorporate this year's Opera in Schools performance into subsequent learning experiences within the classroom. Tamariki comments included; "I laughed when the wolf and granny did a battle with boxing gloves"; "I thought the big instrument with strings (double bass) was so cool", I liked how we got to sing "put it in your backpack" lots of times.





**Ministry of Education**  
Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga

Knights School participate in the Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata - period products in schools initiative.

Ikura (periods) are a fact of life for half the population. Through this initiative, the Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads) to support students in managing their ikura. There is enough product to support a student's full menstrual cycle and we would like to encourage students to take product home with them during school term and school holidays.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to receive regular supplies of free period products.



Thanks to everyone who dressed up and donated to our **Go Green for Mitey** fundraising day last week. We collected **\$241** and this will go to Mitey to extend their vital work to more schools across Aotearoa.

*Student Council*



**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.

**SUBSIDISED EYE CHECKS AND GLASSES FOR TAMARIKI**

**CRITERIA**  
CHILDREN AGED 0-15 YEARS WHO HOLD A COMMUNITY SERVICES CARD AND ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED WITH AN OPTOMETRIST.

TO BOOK IN, SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON 0800 822 547

ADULT LENS REPLACEMENT ALSO AVAILABLE AT LOW COST. EVERY CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS OUR TAMARIKI TO KEEP ACCESSING SUBSIDISED GLASSES.

Te Kohao Health

## HOW SICK IS TOO SICK TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?

**Send me to school**

- Mild cough or runny nose with clear discharge and no other symptoms
- No fever or fever reducing medicine in 24 hours
- No vomiting or diarrhoea in 48 hours

**Keep me home**

- Sore throat with a fever
- High fever
- Vomiting or diarrhoea in the past 48 hours
- Runny nose with a green or yellow discharge and a fever
- Skin infections

If your child's health does not improve or if you have any concerns, please call your healthcare professional or Healthline

**HEALTHLINE - Free Health Advice 24/7**  
**0800 611 116**

**7<sup>th</sup> APRIL - 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL WEEK 1**

**TUESDAY \$59.99**  
Bunny Burrow Builders & Easter Egg Raiders  
Hop into a day of Easter fun! Kids will race to collect eggs in a hilarious Bunny Burrow Raid game, create colourful string and soil art, make fluffy pom-pom bunny crafts, and roll easy 'bunny pong' bilbo balls to enjoy.

**WEDNESDAY \$59.99**  
Easter Workshop & Golden Egg Hunt  
Celebrate Easter with baking, crafts, and a magical egg hunt! Kids will bake & decorate cupcakes, search for the hidden golden eggs, create an Easter craft to take home, and enjoy a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

**OUT DAY \$139.99**  
GOLD Panning + Waikī GOLD centre  
Kids will head to the Waikī GOLD centre before heading to the beautiful Karangahake Gorge to try gold panning, and discover hidden treasures in the river.

**THURSDAY \$59.99**  
Mermaid Mocktails & Ocean Explorers  
Dive into an ocean adventure! Kids will mix colourful ocean-themed mocktails, create shell and pearl bracelets, build model boats to test on the water, and design beautiful sea-inspired artwork.

**FRIDAY \$59.99**  
Jellybean Engineers & Jewellery Test Lab  
Time to invent, build, and create! Kids will put smart old gadgets to reuse parts, design balloon-powered cars, make real jewellery with proper attachments, and finish the day with a hilarious robot dance and freeze game.

**11<sup>th</sup> APRIL - 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL WEEK 2**

**MONDAY \$59.99**  
Yoga + Frozen Yaggs  
Kids will enjoy a fun yoga session, make delicious frozen yogurt fruit pops, create sparkly diamond art designs, and learn simple sewing skills to make their own project.

**TUESDAY \$59.99**  
Face Dressing & Storytelling  
Feel the rhythm and join the adventure! Kids will take part in an energetic group drumming session, play Zorro-themed dot-marker and scavenger hunts, and send down with a fun movie and popcorn.

**WEDNESDAY \$59.99**  
Wild West & Gold Bonanza  
Saddle up for a Wild West adventure! Kids will bake Oscar ANZAC biscuits, pan for gold and hidden treasures, tackle activity obstacle course, and create their own Wild West-style wanted poster.

**THURSDAY \$59.99**  
Trap Making & Creature Encounters  
Think like an inventor and a problem solver! Kids will work together in a journey! Kids escape room challenge, meet some amazing winged animals, make fun mobile hovercraft snacks, and design creative traps as a team.

**OUT DAY \$139.99**  
EXTREME Edge  
Kids will challenge themselves on exciting climbing walls with different levels of difficulty.

**FRIDAY \$59.99**  
Meadow Detectives & Treasure Hunters  
Put on your detective hat and solve a wildlife mystery! Kids will follow clues to uncover which meadow animal raised the nest overnight & test their survival skills with fun challenges.

To book please head to [www.journeykids.co.nz](http://www.journeykids.co.nz) & click **BOOK NOW** and select KNIGHTON SCHOOL before booking. We are WINZ registered and OSCAR SUBSIDY supported. Children must bring their own lunch and snacks.

Programme Run time: 7:30am - 5:30pm  
Programme location: Knights School  
Phone Number: 0272501211

JOURNEY KIDS



## Note your calendar

- 25 March - Cultural Parade: 9:15 - 11:00am
- 26 Mar - Akomanga 21 & 22 Noho Marae overnight visit
- 30 March - Board of Trustees Hui
- 2 April - Term 1 ends 3:00pm
- 20 April - Term 2 starts 9:00am (New entrants cohort entry day)
- 27 April - ANZAC Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4 May - Ministry Accord Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 15 May - Photolife school photo day

Ngā mihi nui  
**Andrew Campbell**  
Principal