



KNIGHTON
NORMAL SCHOOL

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Akomanga 12 Newsletter - February 2026

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to Term 1, 2026. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break with friends and family. We will be straight into learning school routines and exploring our new environment. This term we will be learning about:

The Knighton Way: We will talk about getting along with each other and being a responsible class member. This includes being kind to others and respectful of our shared working space.

Cultural Celebration: We will learn about some of the different cultures represented at Knighton and come together to celebrate during our Cultural Festival at the end of the term. We are exploring a unit called Tūrangawaewae which is all about belonging.

Talents of the Pacific: We are so lucky to attend the Talents of the Pacific Academy (TOPA) sessions each Friday, where we learn waiata (songs) and dances of the Pacific.

Literacy: We are focusing on hearing, identifying, recognising and writing letter sounds. We are using a structured literacy approach called 'Better Start Literacy'.

Numeracy: We are continuing with the Oxford maths programme. This programme is a comprehensive and structured approach to numeracy, and will extend your child's knowledge and skills in maths.

Mitey: Mitey is designed for NZ children. Mitey supports schools to deliver an evidence based approach to mental health education for Years 1-8. The Mitey slogan is "Healthy minds, mighty kids."

The arts: Our Stories in Colour, exploring how line, shape, and colour (warm/cool) express our identity and stories.

This year all kaiako (teachers) have 5 release days a term, for planning and assessment. I have taken these days once a fortnight. Whaea Amy will be teaching and following my plans on those days, she will also be teaching a drama unit.

Important days/dates:

- **Cultural Celebration:** Wednesday 25th March
- **End of Term 1:** Thursday 2nd April
- **Student kaiako/teacher joining us:** Monday 16th Feb (2 week practicum and then every Wednesday)
- **Whānau picnic (Whānau meet the teacher):** Tuesday 17th Feb



Swimming days: Every **Monday** and **Thursday** in Term 1. Please ensure your child packs their togs and a towel in a waterproof bag. Please make sure they are wearing clothes they can change in and out of independently.



Library days: Every **Tuesday** the tamariki can select a book to take home in their bookbag. If the book

doesn't come home don't worry, it will be in our class library and used for silent reading. Old books must be returned in order to issue a new book.

Change of clothes: Please make sure your tamaiti (child) has a change of clothes packed in their bag each day in case they get wet/sandy/muddy. Please ensure they are wearing shoes they can independently put on and take off.

Please feel free to contact me via email or message using ClassDojo.

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