



**KNIGHTON  
NORMAL SCHOOL**

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## A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ROOM 4

Kia ora e te whānau,



I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing holiday. I am really looking forward to all that this year has in store for everyone in our class, and I am delighted to say that we have made a wonderful start!

Alongside our core curriculum areas such as reading, writing and maths we will explore the following topics through quality discussion, questioning and hands-on learning.

**The Knighton Way - Getting Along.** We will be practising kindness as we get to know each other and learning about the impact that showing kindness to

others can have on our own well-being and the overall well-being of others (we call this 'bucket filling').

**Cultural Celebration,** we will celebrate the diversity of our classroom as we learn about the cultures represented in Akomanga Wha (Room 4).

### **People in Room 4**

This year we are lucky to have Candace Andrews and James Collins in our class. Our wonderful learning assistants will be helping us at various times of the day. We have also welcomed Miss Mareli, a student teacher into our class this week, for a two-week practicum. Once her practicum is completed, she will then be joining our class every Wednesday for the remainder of term 1 and some of term 2.

### **Important Days For Term 1**

- **Library day** – Monday
- **School Newsletter** – Sent via email every second Tuesday, starting Tuesday 10th February
- **Swimming** – Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday in term 1** (please ensure your child brings their named togs and a towel in a separate named waterproof bag)
- **Year 4 Assembly** – Thursday 12:30pm, parents are always welcome to join us!
- **Year 4 Team Building morning**– Week 3, Friday 20th February
- **Cultural Parade**– Week 8, Wednesday 25th March



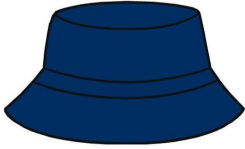
### **Book Bags**

Book bags are needed for protecting our library books and students are responsible for putting their books away in the morning **before** the school bell rings.



### **Swimming**

We will swim every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the term. We expect all children to participate unless they are sick and they bring a note. Please ensure they wear suitable clothing for easy changing and bring a named, waterproof bag for wet togs and towel.



## Stationery and Hats

Thank you to all those who have organised stationery. If you need another form, please let me know and I will organise a replacement form for you. We encourage families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Alternatively, you can use one of the payment options on the stationery list. A reminder the office will **not** be accepting cash payments.

**School hats** must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased via the Kindo shop or from the school office for \$12. Hats must be worn when outdoors. If your child does not have a school hat they will only be able to play in shaded areas during break times. Other hats such as caps are not permitted.



## Tissues and Medical forms

To help maintain a healthy classroom we use tissues for runny noses and sneezes. If at any time during the year, you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to our class we would be most grateful.

Should your child need any medication during the school day, please visit our office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept and administered safely.

## Year 4 team building morning

Tomorrow, Friday the 20th of February, the Year 4 classes will be having a fun block of team-building activities. This is to help children get to know their new classmates and for the Year 4 teachers to meet all the children in our team. The activities will include a swim in the pool. Your child will need their togs, towel, sunscreen and an extra snack in their lunch box.



## Class Dojo

You will be able to share in your child's learning adventure through our sharing site 'Class Dojo'. This is an excellent app you can download onto your phone for you to then enjoy finding out about your child's learning and comment on some of the things you might see. Dojo is a private and safe forum and only the students and parents of Room 4 can access the site.

I want you to know that I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year and I know we will have an excellent year together. If you have any queries during the year, please do not hesitate to privately message me on Class Dojo or you can email me at [dbrydon@kns.ac.nz](mailto:dbrydon@kns.ac.nz)

Warmest regards,

Danielle Brydon ☺  
Room 4 teacher