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Last weekend the Appointments Committee appointed Hilary Milne to the role of Deputy Principal of Knighton Normal School starting at the beginning of next year. Hilary will be replacing Barb Cowie who is retiring at the end of this year. Hilary will be coming to us from Pukete School where she is currently a Year 2 kaiako/teacher and team leader of the Year 1-3 team. She is passionate about education and teaching and is really excited to come to our kura to work alongside staff, whānau, and most importantly our children. Hilary will send a letter out to the community over the coming weeks introducing herself.

Last Tuesday we unveiled the amazing pou for our mara kai that were the creations of our Arts Intensives group led by Nicole Antoniadis and Pauline Gardener Ward. It was a beautiful event and it was great to see the pride the children had in their work. We were honoured to have David Lloyd, of the David Lloyd Foundation, in attendance. David, through his foundation, funded the school to do this project. Following the unveiling, the Arts Intensives children were able to meet with David Lloyd and show him the masks they also made using his funding.

Last week our Year Four team had a successful time visiting Maungatautari Mountain. This was an amazing experience for our ākonga, where they got to see many of our native birds and endangered species thriving in a predator free environment. A huge thank you to Jackie and the Year 4 team, along with all the parents and other helpers for making this possible.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> If your child is in years 1 - 5 and is enrolling at another school next year and not returning to Knighton please let the office know.

<u>Art Intensives Project</u>

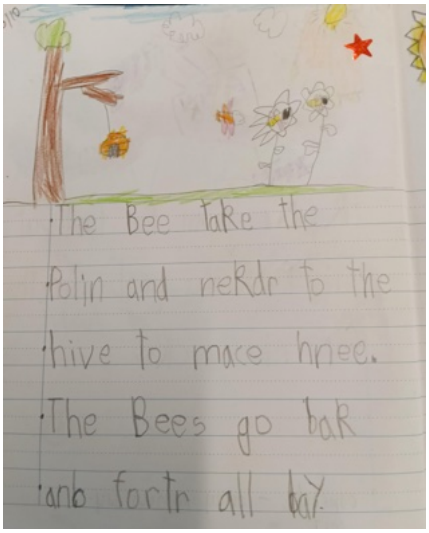
Throughout Term 3, a talented group of tamariki from Years 4–6 came together for our Art Intensives project, generously funded by the David Lloyd Foundation. Selected for their passion and skill in art, these enthusiastic young artists embraced the opportunity to explore new techniques and let their creativity shine.

The children learnt traditional papier-mâché techniques to create masks and painted their pou with designs inspired by Matariki. Their fantastic masks will be displayed in the office area, while their colourful pou now brighten the fenceline of our māra kai.

The project culminated in a wonderful showcase for whānau and classes across the school. Throughout the experience, our tamariki demonstrated outstanding self-management, creative flair and pride in their work. What an awesome group of young artists—they can be very proud of all they have achieved!

Bee Lady Visit

Last week the Bee Lady came to visit the Junior School. She brought a wooden hive for the children to learn about how honey is made and what bees do. They saw the live bees eating some honey. The children enjoyed dressing up in the bee keeper suits. See Aribah, Minh, Kalatisi and Anyi below and Anyi's great piece of writing.



School Enrolments for 2027

Our next cohort entry date is Tuesday 3rd February 2027. If you have a child who will be turning 5 before this date please come and complete the enrolment forms at the office. Contact us to find out what documents are required.

The pre-school visit for this February entry date is Wednesday 2nd December at 1:50pm. Enrolment forms must be completed before this visit.

Walk or Wheels Prize Winners

Walk or Wheels week was a great success. There were a huge number of entries for the prize draw for some awesome prizes from the Hamilton City Council School Travel team. The winners were:

Waterworld Family Swim Pass - Sione A5

Waterworld Individual Swim Pass - Ben T A17, Mahalia A7 and Samuel A31

Ninja Valley Pass - Nikaia A9, Lui A1, Akbarkhon A29 and Chryson A32

Movin' Martin Socks - Mihi Ariana A24, Storm A4, Miran A27 and Lena A30

Duck Island Ice Cream Voucher - Ashley A14 and Matthew A2

Walking or Wheeling to school is great for our bodies and our minds and makes it safer at our school gate. Karawhiua!

Returning sports/event uniforms

Please return Knighton uniforms if your child is no longer taking part in a sports activity this term. If they are in a team this term please return the uniform after their last game of the season.

KNIGHTON SCHOOL HATS

During term 4 Knighton hats must be worn when students are outdoors. This is part of our Sun Safe policy. They can be purchased via MyKindo https://kindo.co.nz/ or at the office for $12.00.

Note your calendar

24 Nov: 11.45 am - 1pm Year 1 End of Year Celebration
25 Nov: 9 - 11am Year 2/3 Final Assembly (Option 1)
26 Nov: 9 - 11am Year 2/3 Final Assembly (Option 2)
27 Nov: Beach Education - A32
30 Nov: Beach Education - A22 & A28
1 Dec: Beach Education - A30 & A33
2 Dec: Beach Education - A27 & A5
3 Dec: Beach Education - A29 & A31

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal