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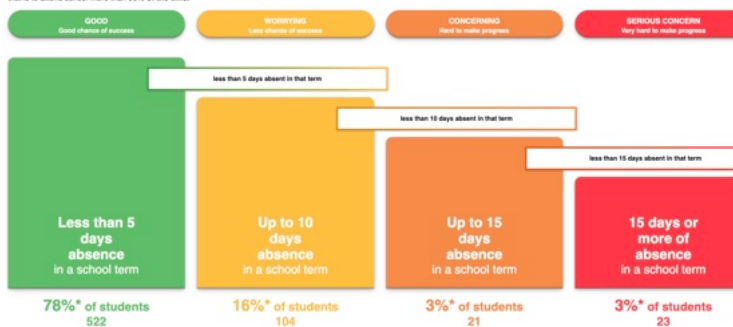
We recently had a professional development day at school with Emma Nahna working with us all. This year Emma is partnering closely with our staff helping us make sense of the new English curriculum and bringing it to life in our classrooms. These training days are awesome for keeping our teachers inspired and on the same page.

It was a super practical day, with Emma getting right into the thick of things. She spent the first part of the day in a Year 5 and 6 class, modelling a live lesson so our senior teachers could see her strategies in action with our own kids. Afterward, she teamed up with our Year 1 teachers to focus on teaching reading and writing in the early years. They spent time looking at how crucial those first steps are, reminding us just how important our junior teachers' role is in kicking off the kids' reading and writing journey with confidence.

We are already seeing the benefits of Emma's guidance popping up in our classrooms every day. By connecting what we do from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6, we're aiming to ensure your kids have a consistent and cohesive path as they grow as readers and writers.

Below are the latest attendance numbers from half way through term 2, we are tracking well:

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



★ Matariki Star Competition ★

We are running a creative competition for students who are keen to get involved. Students have the opportunity to design their very own Matariki star, featuring their favourite book character, a scene from a book, or even a book cover.

Entry forms are available at the Smiley Window and completed ones need to be submitted by the 18th June.

Te Hihiri



Te Hihiri performing at World Smoke Free Day

Our Te Hihiri classes were invited to perform at the Pinnacle Hauora Day to celebrate World Smoke Free Day 2026 at the Settlement Centre in Claudelands. As usual the tamariki gave outstanding performances in waiata, poi and haka. There was a fun pūkana competition which was won by Maui from A22 and Teringa from A21.

Photolife student photos are now live and ready to view and order.

You should receive a keycode via email today. Please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered. If you have not received a code we have copies at the school office.



All orders, payments and enquiries need to be directly with Photolife - enquiries@photolife.co.nz

*Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 14 June 2026.

Whānau Conversations

Bookings are now OPEN! (bookings close June 17th)

Whānau/teacher conversations will be held on 22nd, 23rd and 24th June.

To make a booking, go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/bkgx2>

If you are asked for a code, it is: bkgx2

Teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you, so if you are unable to find a time that works for you, let them know and they can find a time that does.



Morrinsville Rugby & Netball Tournament



Knighton Gems

On a cold Tuesday morning we got on a bus so we could head to Morrinsville for the tournament. It was exciting and comfortable on the bus and we even saw a train on the way there! We had 3 games and we won 2 out of 3 of them. We played amazing! We all got to play different positions and our defence was amazing, we stopped lots of goals. Some of us got fair play tickets and got to choose a prize but not everyone got one. This was disappointing for some people but makes us want to play again next year. Thank you to our coaches, umpires and managers that helped us, they did an excellent job. I feel lucky that I am Year 5 so I can come back and do it again next year!

By Arielle Moeke, Akomanga 32

Kickstart Breakfast Club



The KickStart Breakfast team recently visited our breakfast club and shared some lovely feedback, noting the strong sense of manaakitanga and caring, inclusive environment created by our kura through this important routine.

It was especially meaningful to welcome back Caitlin, a former Knighton student who volunteered at our breakfast club during her time at our kura and is now part of the KickStart Breakfast team.



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.

Community Information



Hamilton City Council is excited to bring back Bike to Sport this year, encouraging more kids and parents to bike to their Saturday sports games. They will be at Gallagher Hockey Centre on 13 June, Discovery Park on 20 June, and Elliott Park on 27 June rewarding everyone who turns up to their game by bike. The team with the most members who bike will win Ninja Valley passes for their team to enjoy!

Gordon from Alba Bikes will also be at Gallagher Hockey and Discovery Park offering basic bike checks. For more information and to see riding route suggestions click here:

<https://hamilton.govt.nz/parking-and-transport/transport/biking/bike-to-sport>



Note your calendar

5 June: Arbor Day

5 June: 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub

8 June 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

12 June 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub

19 June 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub

22nd - 25th June - Scholastics Book Week

25th June - Book Character Parade Day

22nd, 23rd & 24th June - Parent Conversations

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal