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Akomanga 29

Ayubowan, assalam u alaikum, sidee tahay, namaste, sat sri akal, talofa, malo e lelei, tēnā koutou e te whānau, vanakkam, mabuhay, selamat datang, nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei akomanga toru tekau!
Welcome to Akomanga 29 ❤️

As we begin an exciting new year in Akomanga 29, I would like to welcome those of you who are new to our whānau akomanga (classroom family) and welcome back those we already know.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Hāmoa me Kōtirana te whakapaparangi mai

My ancestry is Samoan and Scottish

Ko Kirikiriroa te whenua tupu

Kirikiriroa is where I grew up

Ko Kirikiriroa te kāinga

Kirikiriroa is my home

Ko Christopher Cant tōku matua

Christopher Cant is my father

Ko Kathleen Cant tōku whaea

Kathleen Cant is my mother

Ko James Forrester tāku tane

James Forrester is my husband

E rua aku tamariki

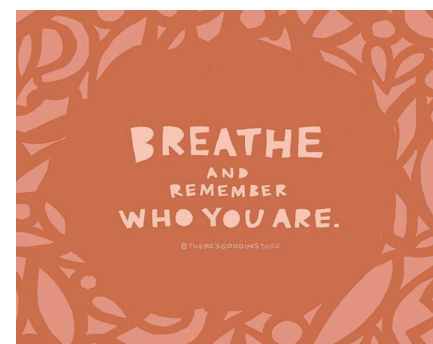
I have two children

Ko Scarlett me Stella a rāua ingoa

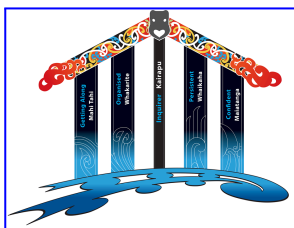
Their names are Scarlett and Stella

Ko ahau tēnei, ko Deborah e mihi atu nei.

This is me, Deb, giving acknowledgment to everyone



This term, our Knighton Way focus is Mahi tahi - Getting Along. We will spend time exploring what this means for us as a whānau. If you would like to find out more about the Knighton Way and our values, please visit our school website www.kns.ac.nz



- I use my manners and show respect to others.
- I am a role model.
- I work well with others, no matter what our differences might be.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga

In Akomanga 29, learning te reo Māori me ōna tikanga (Māori language and customs) is an important part of our daily routine. We are all learning together, with the goal of 'normalising' the use of te reo Māori within our kura (school) and community. You can join us on this journey by asking pātai (questions) about what we are doing in class and practising the kupu (words) you know with your tamariki.

Looking ahead to Week 6, we have a special learning opportunity at our local Kirikiriroa Marae (Wairere Drive, behind our kura). This experience connects directly to the NZ curriculum and gives our tamariki a chance to participate in a pōwhiri (welcome ceremony) and learn the history of the whenua (land) our school is built on. More details will be sent home soon, including information about a whānau evening to answer any questions you may have.

Reo Matatini / Literacy

We learn and practise literacy skills - reading, writing and oral language - every day. This is done in class, and also includes the English Language Learning hub and the Literacy centre for some of our tamariki. Enjoying conversations together as a whānau (family) and encouraging your child to read books at home is a great way to support their literacy learning.

Pāngarau / Mathematics

We are excited to begin using the Oxford Maths Programme this year, for all year 2 - year 6 students. In the senior kura, we have maths each afternoon, beginning in week 2. Most children will remain with their usual classroom kaiako, while some will join another class to ensure we can best meet the needs of each student.

ADMINISTRATION



We use the **Seesaw** platform to keep you updated on classroom activities. I will send an email invitation to whānau within the next week so you can get signed up.

Please note that during teaching hours (9:00 am – 3:00 pm), my full focus is on the students. Therefore, I check Seesaw and emails **Monday to Friday between 8:00 –**

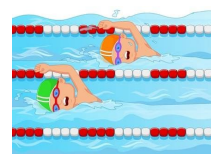
9:00 am and 3:00 - 5:00 pm. If you have an urgent message during the school day, please contact the office directly to ensure it is handled in a timely manner. You can also reach me via email at **dforrester@kns.ac.nz** during my available times.

Whare Pukapuka (Library)

Our library day is Rāpare (Thursday). Tamariki can issue one book each week that they can take home to read. Please remind your child to return their pukapuka (books) each week.

Class swimming

We swim every **Rātu/Tuesday** and **Rāpare/Thursday**. It is an important part of the New Zealand Curriculum and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, Seesaw or send a note to kura (school). Information about senior swimming sports will come home later in the term.



AP release day

We are delighted to have Carol Morris teaching in Akomanga 29 one day a week (on alternating Thursdays and Fridays). Carol is an experienced kaiako who loves teaching and learning. She already knows many of the students and is excited to get to know the rest of the tamariki.

Important to Note...

→ **We are now a Cashless School** To avoid office queues, please pay for school costs (sports fees, stationery, hats) online via our **Kindo shop**.

- **How to join:** Visit www.mykindo.co.nz or use the link on our website.
- **Why use it?** It is the most efficient way to pay and requires no paper forms—meaning nothing gets lost in school bags!
- **Cost:** Kindo is fee-free (unless using a credit card).
- **Don't want to use Kindo?** EFTPOS is available at the school office during school hours.
- This cashless system ensures a faster experience for students, whānau, and staff. Any questions? Please contact the office—they're happy to help.

→ **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any medication administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.

→ **Stationery:** A stationery notice has just gone home. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please don't hesitate to contact the office to work something out - they are more than happy to do this as we understand this can be a very expensive time of year.

→ **Cell phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home, but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. If children bring a cellphone to school, this needs to be handed into the office until the end of the day.

Thank you for entrusting me with your tamariki. I look forward to getting to know you over the coming year and building a partnership that provides the best possible care and support for their learning.

Ngā mihi nui

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