

Last week was Support Staff Week. It was an opportunity for kura around the country to acknowledge and thank Support Staff for all the mahi they do. Our school currently has close to forty Support Staff. These include Learning assistants, Kaiawhina, Kaitiaki, Office Admin, English Language Learning Assistants, and Caretakers. They all play a significant and important role in the running of the school. We are so appreciative of the work they do and the difference they make to the lives of our tamariki each and every day.

The School Board would like to notify the community that we have, again, opted into the School Donation Scheme. The New Zealand School Donations Scheme allows eligible state and state-integrated schools to receive extra government funding per student if they agree not to ask parents for voluntary donations. Under this scheme, schools cannot request financial contributions from families for any curriculum-related activities, with the sole exception of overnight school camps.

**Sam and His Farmyard Friends Visit**

Last week Sam and His Farmyard Friends came to visit our youngest students. They really enjoyed meeting the chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, Barney the sheep, Marbles the goat, and even got to ride on Sparrow the pony. There was lots to talk and write about in class and some great pictures drawn of the animals.



**Esra & Ashneer - A15**



**Mohamed & Reiko - A14**



**Kalatisi - A15**



**Lachlan - A17**



We were very lucky to have Donovan Bixley come and have a kōrero with us. Here are some tuhituhi and illustrations inspired by him. Akomanga 5 used the show not tell technique to create characters.



“GRR” Mr Muscles eyebrows turned into a V. His eyes are red and his hands are on his hips. He’s poking his tongue out like a frog. Mr Muscles is good at making little kids cry by stealing their lollipops. He is famous because he has the world’s biggest muscles and because he walks in a handstand with undies on. Mr Muscles smells like rotten bananas.

By Kayla

His name is Sans he is as old as a dinosaur (500 years old). Gavel in hand sticking it down on the table “Guilty” he says, prosecuting him to death. He doesn’t have a single hair on his head, almond shaped eyes carved out of his head with his pupils snow white, having a faint glow. His face has a permanent grin. He was as short as an ant, back slightly arched, always wearing a space themed jacket with pink slippers.

By AJ



**Parent Conversations**

Parent Conversations will be held in Week 10, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June. Bookings will open on the 26th May.



**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.



The latest Book Club brochure will come home this week - orders close 12th June.

**Ordering and Delivery**

- Online orders only will be accepted, use the Parents Page linked below.  
***NO orders can be made through the school office***

Parents Page (this includes – how to order)  
<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/book-club-parents/>

Book Club Catalogue  
<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/book-club-latest-issue/>

For every purchase Knighton receives a commission which will go towards purchasing books for the Whare Pukapuka (library).



Last week the Student Council raised \$157 from student and staff gold coin donations for Pink Shirt Day This will go towards supporting the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It’s about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

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Te Kōhao Health Rentals & Optometrist Services – Supporting Whānau Wellbeing  
Looking for a place to call home or need affordable eye care? Te Kōhao Health offers modern 1 and 2-bedroom rental apartments from \$400 per week\*, conveniently located near the town centre, shops, schools, and public transport. Alongside housing, our on-site optometrist provides accessible eye checks and vision support for tamariki and whānau. Everything you need, in one place. Scan the QR code to learn more or register your interest today.

\*Eligibility and criteria apply. 07 856 5479 | 0800 483 564  
[admin@tekohaohealth.co.nz](mailto:admin@tekohaohealth.co.nz)



Housing



Optometrist



**Note your calendar**

- 21 May: Winter Sports Day
- 22 May: 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub
- 25 May: New Entrant Cohort Entry Day
- 29 May: 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub
- 1 June: King’s Birthday Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 5 June: Arbor Day
- 5 June: 9:00 - 10:50am Learning Community Hub

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Andrew Campbell**  
**Principal**