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Dear parents / caregivers / ki a koutou e ngā whānau,

Karanga and Whaikōrero Senior Area EOTC

We are in the process of learning about pōwhiri (welcome ceremony) in preparation for our noho marae. We are very fortunate to be able to offer our tamariki the opportunity to participate fully in a pōwhiri at Kirikiriroa Marae (Wairere Drive, behind our kura).

As part of this process, some of our Knighton children may be able to perform the karanga (call on the marae by the girls) and whaikōrero (standing to greet and give your family history in front of the main building and tangata whenua by the boys). It is an opportunity that they may never get again, as these roles are normally reserved for the most senior female or male in a family.

Karanga - girls only

There is an opportunity for 2 girls from each class who would like the chance to learn a karanga as manuwhiri. Any girl who takes this incredible opportunity needs to have permission from either their mother, grandmother or an aunty. If your daughter is interested, please sign the permission slip below and return it to your daughter's teacher.

Whaikōrero - boys only

The chance for 2 boys to learn whaikōrero and represent their class on the marae, exists also. The boys must have permission from either their father, grandfather or an uncle. If your son is interested in accepting this amazing opportunity, please sign the permission slip below and return it to your son's teacher.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Nāku noa Kōkā Materoa mātou ngā kaiako o ngā tuakana



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Karanga Permission - girls only

My daughter, _____, Akomanga _____, has permission to learn the karanga and represent Knighton at the pōwhiri at Kirikiriroa Marae.

Signed _____



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Whaikorero Permission - boys only

My son, _____, Akomanga _____, has permission to learn the whaikorero and represent Knighton at the pōwhiri at Kirikiriroa Marae.

Signed _____