



# KNIGHTON NORMAL SCHOOL

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- *He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua. He maungārongo ki te whenua. He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata*
- *katoa*
- *Ka tika me mihi ki Te Ārikinui e te Kuini Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, me te kāhui Ariki. Ka tika, nei rā te*
- *mihi ki te Whare o te Tūmuaki anō hoki. Paimārire ki a rātou.*
- *Ki ngā mate o te wiki, o te marama, o te tau, rātou kua huri atu ki tua o te arai, moe mai, moe mai i*
- *raro i te korowai o Hine-nui-te-Pō, o Papatūānuku hoki.*
- *Ki a tātou te hunga ora, ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.*
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Rāapa 4 o Huitanguru 2026

E te tii, e te tā, nau mai ki tēnei tau hou o tātou. Nau mai ki te marumaru atawhai o Te Hihiri e whakamana ana i ngā uara o tō tātou kura.

Ka oti, he mihi tino nui tēnei ki ngā tamariki hōu me ngā whānau hōu kua rumene mai i tēnei tau, ki ngā whānau maha, nau mai, whakarauika mai. He pānui tēnei hei whakamohio atu i ngā whakaritenga mo tēnei wāhanga. He mihi whakatau ki a Matua Rawiri e mahi ana i roto i te rūma o Te Kūkune.

## MATUA RAWIRI

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Hihiri,  
 Ko Tararua rāua ko Hikurangi ōku maunga,  
 Ko Ruamāhanga rāua ko Waiapu ōku awa,  
 Ko Takitimu rāua ko Horouta ōku waka,  
 Ko Te Ore Ore, Hurunui-o-Rangi me Papawai ōku marae,  
 Ko Ngāti Kahungunu rāua ko Ngāti Porou ōku iwi.  
 Ko Rawiri Blundell tōku ingoa.

He mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. I am pleased to introduce myself as the kaiako for Te Kūkune A21 while Whaea Wai is on maternity leave, and I extend my warm wishes to her and her whānau during this special time. I have recently completed my Bachelor of Education and I am grateful for the opportunity to support and nurture your tamariki. My background in training, mentoring, and health and safety has shaped me into a calm, energetic, and supportive kaiako who values strong relationships, resilience, and hard mahi. I see my role as more than a teacher, I aim to be a mentor for our rangatira mō āpōpō. Our classroom will have a strong focus on core curriculum areas, particularly structured literacy in te reo Māori through Te reo matatini / Rangaranga Reo ā Tā.

I am fortunate to already have strong relationships with many of our tamariki through practicums in Whaea Vicki and Whaea Wai's classrooms, as well as volunteering at Te Hihiri. This has helped me develop a deep appreciation for the values and wairua of our kura.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support. I look forward to working alongside you and getting to know our whānau. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any pātai.

Ngā manaakitanga, Rawiri Blundell

## TE ARONGA MATUA O KNIGHTON

Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Mahi Tahi'. Tamariki are encouraged to get along, work as one and help one another, especially new students in Te Hihiri and the whole school. Students are also reminded to use their WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk about it and Seek help) in the playground and classroom to help them solve problems they may encounter.

## KAUPAPA MATUA

Our kaupapa for this wāhanga is based around tūrangawaewae - *Kotahi te kōhao o te ngira, e kuhuna ai te miro mā, te miro whero, te miro pango*. Learning will focus on pepeha, whakapapa, the history of Te Hihiri, and learning about Ngāti Wairere and Ngāti Haua.

This year our whānau will continue our Te Reo Matatini structured literacy programmes which is immersed in te reo Māori. He waka eke noa tātou katoa, so therefore if you and your whānau would like support in this area then please come in and see one of our kaiako. We will work from the OXFORD structured pāngarau programme.

## TUAKANA/ TEINA

In Te Hihiri we run a tuakana-teina model of learning where our whānau structure is open to the learning needs of the tamaiti. This means our tamariki may move and work between the 3 classes and kaiako throughout the day.

## NOHO MARAE

This term, we are excited to hold a noho marae at Kirikiriroa Marae during Week 8: 26 ō Poutū-te-rangi. All three classes will be involved with years 4-6 staying over. As the date approaches, we will send out a detailed pānui with the full itinerary and further information.

## TE WANANGA O AOTEAROA

Welcome to Matua Roger, a student teacher from TWOA, who will be doing a 5 week practicum in Te Pupuke A22 from the 23 February.

## CLASS SEESAW/DOJO

We encourage all our mātua to join your tamaiti/tamariki Class Seesaw/Dojo pages. Te Pupuke and Te Kukune using Class Dojo and Te Whāinga using Seesaw. If you are unsure about how to join please do not hesitate to contact one of our kaiako. The Class Seesaw/Dojo page is where you will find all information regarding each class and the latest pānui for kura.

## WHARE PUKAPUKA

The following days and times are our class library times for this year. Please ensure your tamaiti returns their library book every week. While our class is in the whare pukapuka we will be researching class kaupapa or selecting texts for personal enjoyment.

**Te Pupuke:** Rāapa - 1.45pm

**Te Kukune:** Rātū - 1.45pm

**Te Whāinga:** Rātū - 11.30am

## KAUHOE

Kauhoe will commence for our Te Hihiri whānau this Wednesday. Our kauhoe days are **Rāapa** and **Rāmere**. Please ensure your tamaiti has their kākahu kauhoe as well as a towel on these days. The following times are for each class this term. Our kauhoe programme will be based on progressing from foundation skills through to the swimming techniques for freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

**Te Kukune:** 9.45am

**Te Whāinga:** 10.05am

**Te Pupuke:** 10.25am

## HUI-Ā-KURA

Te Kukune hui-ā-kura is held weekly on **Rāpare at 12.30am**.

## SCHOOL AND STATIONARY PAYMENTS

From the start of 2026 Knighton Normal School will have a cashless payment system. Families will be able to make all payments via myKindo or EFTPOS at the School Office.

MyKindo is the preferred method of payment. It's quick, secure, and available 24/7 for all school-related costs such as stationery, hats, and sports fees. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card.

## PŌTAE

Please ensure your tamaiti has a pōtae this term as the weather can be hot at this time of the year. Pōtae are available to purchase for \$12 from the school office.

## RONGOA - MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be taken at school, please take this directly to the office where you will need to fill out a consent form. Teachers do not administer medicines.

## ABSENCES

If your child is sick or is not coming to school please let the office know – text or phone **027 352 2089** to leave your message, or use the phone app. The school will follow up all unexplained absences. If you are late (after 9.00am) you must check in at the **Smiley Face** window first.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TE HIHIRI

- Waitangi Day - Rāpare 6 o Hui-tanguru, no school
- Meet the Kaiako, Whānau Picnic - Rātū 17 o Hui-tanguru
- Cultural Celebration - Rāapa 25 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Te Hihiri Noho at Kirikiriroa Marae - 26 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Last day of term 1 - Rāpare 2 o Paenga-whāwhā

If you have any queries or concerns please feel to contact me by phone (07) 8565399 or via email or Dojo:

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