

Newsletter 3

10 March 2026

Yesterday we were privileged to have The NZ Opera visit our school and put on an interactive performance for our Year 2,3 and 4 students. It was so engaging for our children and they loved it. A huge thank you to Amy Thomas from our staff who was able to organise this at short notice.

The Arts remain an important part of our school's local curriculum. We're fortunate enough to have the TOPA (Talents Of The Pasifika) programme still running every Friday morning and we're also looking forward to hosting our annual Cultural Day on Wednesday 25th March. As a multi cultural school, visual and performing arts provide a way for our children to communicate and express themselves.

Each day we are seeing an average of 70 children arrive late to school. That's enough to fill over 2 senior classrooms and up to 4 junior classrooms! This is a significant number of students missing valuable learning time at the start of the day. The morning routine sets the tone - it's when children settle in, connect with their teacher, and get organised for the day ahead. Please make a real effort to have your children at school before 8.55am so they have time to unpack, prepare, and be ready for a positive and successful day of learning. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



♥ **Go Green for Mitey** ♥ is our fundraising day supporting Mitey, which delivers mental health education for our ākonga, helping them understand their emotions, build resilience, and thrive in their learning. Through our partnership with Mitey, our school is contributing to meaningful, long-term change by equipping ākonga to care for their own mental wellbeing — and that of others — throughout their lives.

On **Tuesday 17th March**, ākonga are invited to wear something green and bring a **gold coin donation** to help Mitey extend this vital work to more schools across Aotearoa.

Your support helps shape brighter futures by equipping tamariki with skills that will support their wellbeing now and into their teenage years. www.mitey.org.nz



Knighton Normal School Cultural Festival

*Theme: Our School Many Cultures....
We all have stories to tell*

The students will be spending the week from Thursday 19th March through to Wednesday 25th March learning about the amazing cultures in our kura/school. There will be workshops and activities across the classes all week ending with the parade and festival on the final day.

Wednesday 25th March:

9.00am Cultural Parade & performances

11:00am Kiwiana morning tea in the hall - adults only

11:50am - 1:00pm Cultural Connection activities of dance, song or speech

1:00pm "Have a Go" performances & activities



Breakfast Club Helpers Needed!

We're looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast to our tamariki from **8:30–8:55am** on Thursdays, and Fridays. This involves serving cereal, fruit and yogurt and assisting with cleaning up afterwards. If you can help out (even one day a week) your support would be greatly appreciated.

Interested? Please contact the school office to complete a police vetting consent form. You will need two forms of ID and one must have a photo.



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 so PLEASE name ALL your children's clothes and footwear.

***There are a large number of swimming towels, if you are missing any you can collect from the Hauora Hub.**



Senior School Swimming Festival

Last month, our senior kura walked to Hamilton Boys' High for our swimming festival. Everyone was amazing, whether it was swimming in the competitive events or just getting in the water and doing their best. The races were super athletic, and everybody swam like legends. Good job to all those tamariki who braved the very deep water to swim a length. Fantastic work! And to those that took part in the confidence-building activities - you were awesome!

Thank you so much to all the kaiako, learning assistants and whānau who made this possible for us!

By Yuvaan and Sandali



Walking School Bus - Te Hiikoi Kura Pahi

The Vine Street Walking School Bus is going very well with six regular passengers travelling daily and more keen to join up. This is a Hamilton City Council initiative that we support at Knighton.

Parents volunteer on a roster to walk with a group to and from school along a designated route. The students love being involved, learning about road safety, walking with their friends, and earning cool badges and rewards along the way.

Last week Lachie was the first Walking School Bus passenger to reach the milestone of 100 trips. He received a badge, certificate and reward of a swimming pool pass from Kōkā Matoroa. The rest of the group have all achieved milestones this week or will be doing so before the end of term 1. Here they are with Mr Campbell.



Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Noraiah Gage-Ulugia 2nd 25m Thompson Cup 1st Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle 1st Y5 Girls 25m Backstroke 1st Y5 Girls 25m Breaststroke	Samuel Crocket 1st 25m Thompson Cup 1st Y5 Boys 25m Freestyle 1st Y5 Boys 25m Backstroke	Rhubee Templer 2nd 50m Ostler Cup 1st Y6 Girls 25m Freestyle 1st Y6 Girls 25m Backstroke 2nd Y6 Girls 25m Breaststroke	Teina Hara Liu 1st 50m Ostler Cup 1st Y6 Boys 25m Freestyle 1st Y6 Boys 25m Backstroke 1st Y6 Boys 25m Breaststroke
Teuila Samuel-Sula 3rd 25m Thompson Cup 2nd Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle 2nd Y5 Girls 25m Backstroke 2nd Y5 Girls 25m Breaststroke	Kayin Muir 2nd Y5 Boys 25m Freestyle 3rd Y5 Boys 25m Backstroke	Athena Garvitch 3rd 50m Ostler Cup 2nd Y6 Girls 25m Freestyle 3rd Y6 Girls 25m Backstroke	Dion Brake 2nd Y6 Boys 25m Freestyle 2nd Y6 Boys 25m Backstroke
Elora Lopez-Rosa 3rd Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle 3rd Y5 Girls 25m Backstroke 3rd Y5 Girls 25m Breaststroke	Kira Ferrer 3rd Y5 Boys 25m Freestyle 2nd Y5 Boys 25m Backstroke	Lily Smylie 3rd Y6 Girls 25m Freestyle 2nd Y6 Girls 25m Backstroke	
		Halo Hepi 1st Y6 Girls 25m Breaststroke	
		Sandali Rathnayaka 3rd Y6 Girls Breaststroke	

THANK YOU



HILLCREST

Thank you to Grant Hill, the owner of Four Square, Clyde Street, for generously donating food for children's lunches.

Each week he donates up to:

- 50 loaves of bread
- 10 kg of cheese
- Lots of fruit!

Please support this business to say thank you for their koha to our kura

Note your calendar

11 March - Hearing & Vision testing

11 Mar - Akomanga/rooms **29, 30, 31 & 33** Noho Marae overnight visit

12 March - Interschool swimming - Tamahere

19 - 25 March - Cultural week

25 March - Cultural Parade: 9:15 - 11:00am

26 Mar - Akomanga 21 & 22 Noho Marae overnight visit

30 March - Board of Trustees Hui

2 April - Term 1 ends

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell
Principal