

## Newsletter 2

24 February 2026

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Whānau Picnic last week. It was lovely to catch up with so many people in the evening. One important lesson we learnt from Covid was the importance of 'social connection', particularly for children. Schools are places of learning, not just academic but social as well.

We are starting to get organised for our annual **Cultural Festival** which will be held on Wednesday 25th March. It is only four weeks away. More information will come out about this important event in the coming weeks. Knighton is a very multi-cultural school. The Cultural Festival is a great way for us to celebrate and learn about the different cultures within our school.

Thank you to those of you who are choosing to park away from the main school gates during drop off and pick up times. Please refrain from stopping on the road to drop off or pick up your children. As you know, the area directly outside the front of the school is very busy with over 600 students coming in and out, often within a ten minute time frame. Stopping on the road to drop off or pick up children isn't safe and it also slows down the flow of traffic.



### Wacky Wheels Day!

On Thursday 26th February the Student Council are going to run a Wacky Wheels Day for our kura.

You can bring your scooter, skates or skateboard.

Please NO bikes. Bring your helmet too!

- The first break will be for years 1,2 and 3
- The second break will be for years 4,5 and 6

It is just for fun - no money required.

**By The Student Council**



### 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.



### Road Safety

This term our year 1 tamariki are taking part in a Safe Walking Programme with Ruben the Road Safety Bear. He visited our kura to teach them how to safely cross the road and look out for sneaky driveways. To put that learning into practice the classes will go out to roads around kura in the next few weeks. This will be done with additional adult support and road patrollers.



Tiyasha & Ben with Ruben



This year your tamariki will be bringing home Scholastic Book Club catalogues. If you'd like to order anything, you must do this through the LOOP app. Orders are delivered to the school free of charge and then sent straight to your child's classroom. Every purchase also helps our kura earn rewards. 📚

We cannot accept orders at school

For more information, please go to

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/book-club-parents/> or look at your Scholastic Catalogue.

## Reminders

- Please remember, if your child is to be away from school please notify the school office before 9:00am each day by using one of the following options, stating your child's name, room number and reason for their absence:

Send a message via our school App. This is our preferred method for receiving messages about a child's absence. This App is **free** to download.

Simply download 'SchoolappsNZ'  
<https://knighton.apps.school.nz/install/> and search Knighton Normal School once installed.

You can also text **027 352 2089** or...phone **856 5393** to leave a message.

**\*ALL CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE NEED TO GO TO THE 'SMILEY WINDOW' TO GET A LATE SLIP, BEFORE GOING TO CLASS, SO THEY CAN BE ADDED TO THE ROLL**

- If your tamariki still needs stationery for the 2026 school year it can be purchased via [myKindo](#) (our preferred method) or by EFTPOS at the school office.  
\*Please note we no longer accept cash payments.



### [Knighton Junior Football Club](#)

Knighton Junior Football Club Registrations will take place on **Sunday 8th March at 2:00pm** in front of the Knighton School Office. This is for boys and girls aged from 5 - 11 years old. The cost is **\$85:00** and must be paid directly to Stephen Hine (not the school).

If you haven't already received a form they are available at the office or you can contact Stephen Hine directly on 0274 726 141 or email [stephenhine@actrix.co.nz](mailto:stephenhine@actrix.co.nz)

## [Music Lessons in school](#)



Enrol at [www.musichouse.co.nz](http://www.musichouse.co.nz) or text Sam Trenwith 021845888 for more information.

## Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

### Vision & Hearing Checks

Vision & Hearing Technicians will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 11th March**. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects. If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

**The technicians will check children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their Before School Check, and children absent from previous visits or who require retests or follow up.** All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.



### Note your calendar

- 24 Feb - Year 5/6 Noho Marae information evening
- 25 Feb - Year 5/6 Senior swimming sports: 9:30 - 12:30
- 9 March - New entrant cohort entry
- 9 Mar - Akomanga 5 & 28 Noho Marae overnight visit
- 10 Mar - Akomanga 27 & 32 Noho Marae overnight visit
- 11 March - Hearing & Vision testing
- 11 Mar - Akomanga 29 & 30 Noho Marae overnight visit
- 12 Mar - Akomanga 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