



**KNIGHTON**  
**NORMAL SCHOOL**

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Kia ora e te whānau,



A very warm welcome to Room 1! It has been so lovely meeting many of you over the first few days. The children have made a wonderful start to the year and are settling happily into their new classroom routines. At the moment, our class is a little smaller than usual, but we look forward to welcoming new families as the term continues. If you haven't been able to visit the classroom yet, our **whānau Meet the Teacher picnic** will be held in **Week 3 on Tuesday 17 February from 5.00pm**. This will be a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to come along, meet others, and visit Room 1.

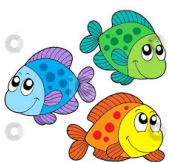
This term, our learning will begin with getting to know the **Knighton Way** and our school values. We will spend time learning how to get along, build friendships, and understand the routines and expectations of Room 1. Later in the term, we will explore our world and celebrate the diversity of our school community through our "Treasures" learning and Cultural Festival. Our special parade day will be held in **Week 8 on Wednesday 25 March from 9.00am**, with more information coming home closer to the time.

This year, I am continuing in my role as Associate Principal, leading the Year 4 team. **Mrs Lyndal Roche** will be teaching in Room 1 every Thursday and some Fridays. Lyndal and I have worked together for over 10 years, which means learning routines and expectations remain consistent when I am out of the classroom.

In Week 3, we will also welcome a **student teacher** into Room 1. They will join us for two weeks initially and then return every Wednesday for the rest of the term. They will also complete a five-week practicum with us in Term 2. Our student teacher will be a valued part of our Room 1 learning team.

### Special Days

- **School Newsletter** – Every second Tuesday (even weeks) via email.
- **Swimming - Monday and Wednesday in Term 1**
- **Library day** – Thursday (Library opens week 3)
- Mrs Roche teaching in Room 1 - Thursdays and some Fridays
- **Middle School Assembly** – Thursday 12.30 pm in our school hall



### We swim every Monday and Wednesday!

Swimming is an important part of our programme this term. We swim **every Monday and Wednesday**, and children will need named togs and a towel in a named swimming bag. Please encourage your child to wear clothes that are easy to change in and out of, and to tie back long hair. Children are welcome to come to school wearing their togs under their clothes. If your child is unable to swim for any reason, please let me know by email, Class

Dojo, a note, or in person.



## Homework!



Homework is kept very simple in Term 1. The most important thing you can do at home is to read with your child every day. This builds confidence and helps children grow as readers. From time to time, children may also be asked to find information or bring small items from home to support our learning.

You should receive a short "Homework for Caregivers" questionnaire — I would really appreciate you returning this within the next two weeks, as it helps me get to know your child and family better.



## Stationery and Hats



Thank you to families who have already been able to organise stationery payments. Everything is ready to go in Room 1. We are a cashless school, and payments can be made through **Kindo** [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or by eftpos at the school office. We understand that this can be an expensive time of year, so please feel free to come and chat with me or the office staff if you have any concerns.

Blue school hats are required in Terms 1 and 4. We are pleased that many of the Room 1 hats have already been found. If your child does not have a school hat, they will need to play in shaded areas during breaks. New hats are available for purchase for \$12 through Kindo or at the school office using eftpos..



## Tissues/Medicines



To help keep our classroom healthy, we use tissues every day. If you are able to donate a box of tissues at any time during the year, we would be very grateful. 😊

If your child needs medication during the school day, please visit the school office to complete a permission form so medication can be stored and given safely.

## Year 4 Team Building day ! Week 3- Friday 20th February 11.20am -12.45pm

Our Year 4 Team Building Day will take place in Week 3 on Friday 20 February from 11.20am to 12.45pm. This will be a fun time for children to get to know others in the Year 4 team. Some activities will involve water, so children will need to bring their togs, a towel, and an extra snack.



## Class Dojo!

In Room 1 we use **Class Dojo** to share learning, send messages or reminders, and celebrate classroom moments. Many families are already familiar with it, but please let me know if you need help connecting — we would love to see you there.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We are looking forward to a fun-filled fabulous year of learning together in Room 1. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to pop in for a chat, message me on Class Dojo, or email me at [jsimpson@kns.ac.nz](mailto:jsimpson@kns.ac.nz).

Kind regards

Jackie Simpson  
Class Teacher, Room 1

