

Mingimingi Hautoa
Knights Stream School



New Entrant Parent Information Booklet



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“Courageous learners who positively influence the world.”

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome to Knights Stream School | Mingimingi Hautoa.

Starting school is an exciting time and an important step in your child's life. We look forward to working with you and your child to make the transition from early childhood to school a positive experience.

This booklet provides some information about how you can help your child settle into Knights Stream School and how to help them with their learning in their first year at school.

During the first year at school we focus on developing foundation skills in literacy and numeracy, along with beginning to develop the key competencies through our school values which we call the 5Cs - caring, connected, courageous, creative and curious. In addition to these core areas, the New Entrant programme encompasses a learning through play approach and covers PE and Health, The Arts and Inquiry.

At Knights Stream School | Mingimingi Hautoa we value the home school partnership with whānau. Communication between home and school is an integral part of your child's learning. If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please share these with us.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory Stanton
Year 0-2 Team Leader



Meet Our Knights Stream School Team



Whaea Catherine
Year 0/1 Teacher



Whaea Christie
Year 0/1 Teacher



Matua Gregory
Team Leader



Whaea Tania
Year 2 Teacher



Matua John
Year 2 Teacher



Whaea Hayley
Year 2 Teacher



Whaea Holly
Year 2 Teacher



Whaea Sue
Office Manager



Whaea Anna
Deputy Principal



Whaea Leigh
Associate Principal



Matua Mike
Principal

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Classification of Children

New Entrant children start school at different times throughout the year. Knights Steam School uses a cohort entry system. Children will be able to start school in cohorts but only after they have turned five. There are two entry points per term. One on the first day of each new term and one at a mid point during each term.

The time of year your child starts school will determine their year group classification. Five year old children starting school from the beginning of the school year until the beginning of Term 2 will be classified as Year 1. Children starting school from half way through Term 2 until the end of the school year will be classified as Year 0.

This classification information is a general guide only. In addition to the date a child starts school, we will also consider their birthdate, social and emotional skills, and academic ability. We will consult with parents and caregivers if we think the classification of a child needs to differ from the general information above.



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Starting School

Your child will use the skills and knowledge they have learned from you and their early childhood centre when they start school. They will also experience some new activities in the Kūkūwai learning space.

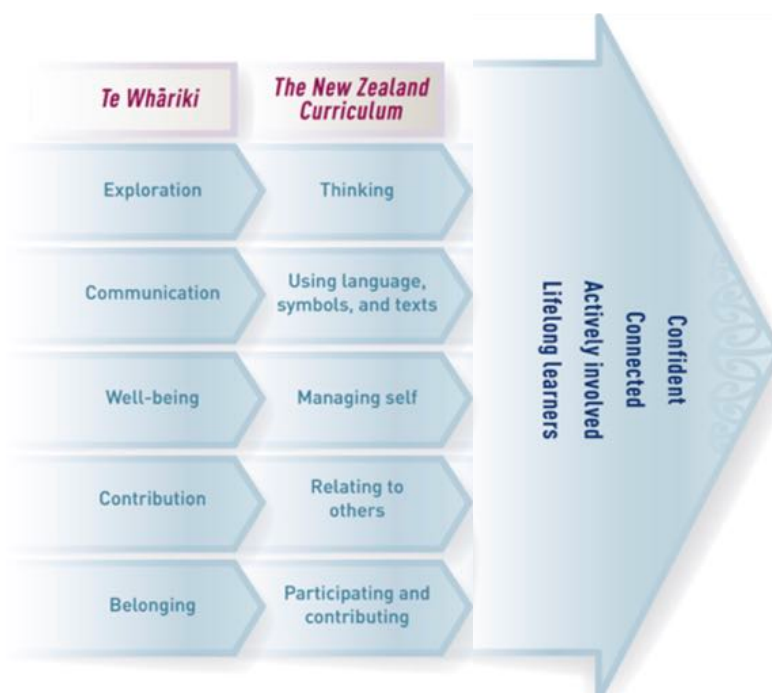
Children bring to school many different skills and experiences and we spend the first few weeks really getting to know your child. We assess their knowledge in a range of areas, and then plan a learning programme to meet their needs. After your child has been at school for six weeks we will arrange a time to have a chat with you about how your child is settling in.

Your child needs to arrive at school between 8:20am and 8:45am ready for the school day to begin at 8:50am. School finishes at 2:50pm.

In the mornings, your child needs to put their bag and jacket on their hook and put their reading folder in the reading folder box. We appreciate your ongoing support as we are encouraging children to develop independence.

Your child will need a healthy snack for our brain food break at 10:00am, morning tea, lunch and a water bottle each day. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Potae (hats) are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4. Please send a warm jacket for outside play during Term 2 and Term 3.

A New Entrant stationery pack containing your child's stationery requirements is available from the school office. The cost of this stationery pack is \$45. This amount can be paid at the time of collection or added to your school account. Please ensure all exercise books are clearly named.



Top Tips for a Positive Start

When your child starts school it can be quite overwhelming for them and for you too. It is important you try to relax and enjoy this time with your child. If you feel calm and show you are comfortable about your child starting school, they will feel happier too. There are a number of things you can do to help your child prepare for school. Here are some suggestions:

Help your child to prepare for school by:

- Talking positively about going to school and making new friends;
- Talking about some of the experiences your child will have at school;
- Encouraging your child to talk about how they are feeling;
- Visiting Knights Stream School in the evenings and weekend so your child can play on the playgrounds and knows where to go and what to expect.

It is helpful if your child can:

- Get enough sleep - approximately 10 to 12 hours each night;
- Talk to others and talk about their feelings;
- Ask questions and ask for things they need;
- Manipulate crayons, pencils, pens and scissors;
- Run, jump and swing;
- Share and take turns;
- Follow simple instructions;
- Sit down for a short time and listen;
- Independently eat, dress and toilet.



Help yourself prepare for school by:

- Remembering you may feel unexpected emotions e.g. grief and nervousness;
- Make sure you have your own supports in place to help you handle the event. It may help to organise to go to a friend's house for coffee rather than go home and worry all day. Your child will be safe and happy at school.

When you arrive at school:

- Encourage your child to put their bag and jacket on their hook;
- Say hello to the teachers and children with your child;
- Show and remind your child the places it is important for them to know about;
- Spend a short amount of time with your child and, when it is time for you to leave, tell your child you are going and when you will be back. Always be there at the specified time;
- Teachers have had a lot of practice helping children to settle and managing an upset child. If you appear upset this may upset your child;
- If your child is upset when you leave we still recommend that you go. In most cases children settle down after 2-3 minutes. If your child does not settle, we will contact you.

After school:

- Expect your child to be very tired for the first few weeks - they will probably be very hungry too;
- Let your child adjust to being at home before asking too much about their day;
- Have a special time each day to share your child's daily reading book.

School Lunches

To help your child develop healthy eating habits please:

- Fill their drink bottle with water only;
- Provide a healthy snack for our brain food break - cheese, fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds;
- Keep *sometimes* foods like chocolate and lollies at home;
- Provide food in reusable containers children can open and close independently.

Knights Stream School is on a mission for children to have rubbish free lunchboxes. To help us achieve this goal you could:

- Purchase a lunchbox with compartments - Sistema, PlanetBox, YumBox, Nude etc;
- Buy food in bulk to reduce plastic packaging;
- Wrap food items in beeswax wraps rather than using glad wrap.



Knights Stream School Place Names

The places and spaces at Knights Stream School have been carefully and specially named. The buildings and their names reflect our cultural narrative.

Building Names

Kūkūwai	Swampland block	Year 0-2
Pūrekireki	Sedge plant	
Raupō	Bulrush	
Ōpouira	River block	Year 3/4
Hawai	River channel	
Paretai	Banks of the river	
Ōtūmatua	Mountain block	Year 5-8
Totara	Plum pine tree	
Matai	Black pine tree	
Ōwaka	Future block (due for completion early 2023)	
Te Tūpu Harakeke	Waitaha special school - satellite class	

Other Space Names

Rāpoi	Large gather space in each learning space
Kāpeka	Small breakout spaces
Waihanga	Makerspace
Wharepaku	Toilet
Paranga	Courtyard
Tari	Office
Rūma Tūroro	Health Room
Rūma Kaimahi	Staffroom
Wharehui	Hall
Whare Pukapuka	Library
Tumuaki	Principal
Tumuaki Tuarua	Associate Principal

Staff Titles

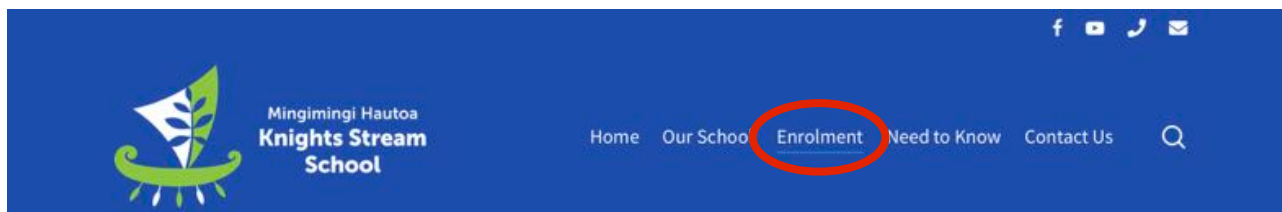
Whaea - female [first name]

Matua - male [first name]



Enrolment of Siblings

The process for enrolling a younger sibling follows the same process. Please ensure that you have completed the Knights Stream School enrolment form online. The enrolment form can be found on our website under the 'Enrolment' tab.



The Tari (school office) needs to sight the following documentation:

- Verification of date of birth;
- Your child's immunisation certificate; and
- Proof that you live at your address e.g. power or phone accounts, rental agreement.

Further Information

Please check out our school website and school Facebook page for further information www.knightsstream.school.nz.

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