

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. Our weather is becoming warmer and spring is truly here! Our Tamariki are very excited to see the new lambs and calves around the place and we as staff are just very excited if we can get through a day without any power disruptions! We have a very busy 3 weeks coming up, so without further ado, here is our fortnightly news.

Knapdale's In-School Speech Competition

Students have been working hard on their poetry and speeches for our school speech competition which will be taking place on Friday the 13th of September.

Each class is performing their speeches this week in their own classes and three students from each section will be chosen to present their speeches in front of the school, whanau and judges.

These selected students will be notified by Friday the 6th with a note home. Please keep an eye out for this.

Our speech competition on Friday the 13th will be starting 1:30 pm sharp. Whanau are welcome to attend.

Life Education

Harold the Giraffe is back for 2024. He will be bringing his educational lessons to our students on the 18th of September. The lessons for all classes will be focused on resilience, empathy and problem solving. We know our Tamariki will be very excited to see him back.

NZSO

We are so pleased to have Chris Lam Sam come to Knapdale as part of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra to work with the senior class on the 26th of September. This is a follow on from the whole school event that we attended in Invercargill.

Levi Goodall

We are so excited to have Levi Goodall come back to school to show us some sweet tricks with his bike. This will be happening on the last day of school Friday 27th of September.

Father's Day Lunch

Thank you to all the fathers who attended our Father Day lunch. We are so lucky to have such amazing fathers in our children's lives. We appreciate you taking the time to come and spend this time with your Tamariki.

We hope you enjoyed your treat and cards.

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child has diarrhoea or has been vomiting, that they must be kept home for at least 48 hours before returning to school. Unfortunately, we have also been hit with another raft of winter woes such as conjunctivitis and Covid. Please ensure that if your child has **any** flu-like symptoms that they are kept at home. With your help, we will do our very best to keep our school open.

Yellow Day

Thank you to everyone for their efforts on Yellow Day last Friday! We were so pleased to raise over \$600 for Cancer Society.



Teachers Only Day

On the 25th of September we will be closed for instruction as our staff will be having a Teacher Only Day. Year 7 and 8 students will still have Technology that day. They are expected to still attend but unfortunately due to our Teachers Only Day, transport will need to be the responsibility of the parents or caregivers for that. We appreciate your support with this.

Clued up Kids

On the 10th of September all year 6 to 8 students will be heading to the Gore Town and Country Club for a session around emergency services. These students need to be at school before 8.30am as this is the time that the free bus provided will be leaving to go to the venue. We will be back around 12pm. Could you please ensure that the permission slip for this event is back at school on Monday at the latest?

Talent Show Results

Congratulations to all our incredible Tamariki who performed for us at our school talent show. The judges were blown away with the talent in our small school, so Ka Pai to everyone who was involved. Special thanks to Miss MacBeth, Miss Croad and Mrs Swain for their efforts in organising and running this.



Below are the results from the talent show

Overall Knapdale's Got Talent Winner 2024: Mimansha GC

Judges choice for Junior singer: Isla Cavanagh

Judges choice for Senior Musician: Liam Paterson

Judges choice for Junior Dancer: Mimansha GC

Judges choice for Senior Dancer: Harriet Nicholson

Judges choice for Poetry: Mikhyra Roberts

Judges choice for funniest comedy: Clay, James, Dylan, and Hayden and Nathan

Judges choice for senior action Performance: Joseph McKenzie

Judges choice for Junior action performance: Gursirat Kaur

Wearable Arts

This term we are focusing on up-cycling and repurposing. As part of this learning we are going to be creating different clothing garments that we will showcase at our KNAPDALE SCHOOL FASHION AWARDS!

We need your help... we are on the hunt for items that can be repurposed such as old hats, clothing items, CDs, buttons, wool, wooden reels, bottle tops etc.

We would appreciate anything brought to school in the next few weeks as we will be beginning our projects soon.

We are very lucky to have Robyn Hicks coming into school to teach our children basic sewing skills and sharing her knowledge of wearable arts. This has been an incredible motivating force for our children. We are all very excited about this.

More information about our fashion awards

Where: Knapdale School

When: 20th September at 1:30pm

Who: All of Knapdale School

Why: Term 3 topic focus

New Books

We are so grateful to [Rhonda Sullivan](#) for winning a competition for us for a stack of new books from the George the Farmer series. Kowhai students have already read a couple and have loved them. They will now be available in our library to loan.



Waikaka and Districts Year 7 & 8 Programme

Knapdale School will be hosting both of the events for our WCD year 7&8 Cohort this term.

17th September

The WCD Year 7 & 8 programme will be at our school. They will be with Pip Tisdal in the Life Ed bus for the day.

24th September

Paige and I will be taking this cohort to Dolamore Park to work with Gareth Oliver. This day will be centred around learning in the great outdoors.

Calf Fundraiser

We would like to give a massive thank you to all our generous farmers who have donated and grazed calves in the past. If you are able to be involved in this venture, could you please contact Graham Gardyne or Mel McKenzie. Their information can be found on the following poster. We are so thankful for all the support and organisation around this.

KNAPDALE SCHOOL
To seek, to strive, to find and never give up.

2024 Calf Drive

Donate a calf - support our rural school

Calves

- We ask farmers to donate a rear calf for the school. The calf can either be a friesian or a beef cross.

Cull Cows

- Rearing a calf may not be a feasible option for you but donating the proceeds of a cull cow may suit you better. This can happen at any time that suits you and your farming operation.

Lambs/Cull sheep

- Rearing a calf may not be a feasible option for you but donating the proceeds of a lamb or cull sheep may suit you better. This can happen at any time that suits you and your farming operation.

All calves must be NAIT registered and 100kgs

For more information
Mel McKenzie - 0273236224 Graeme Gardyne - 0272294200

Updated information

Please ensure that you have all your contact details up to date with school. We prefer to send information electronically, so an updated email is always appreciated. Please email Susan office@knapdale.school.nz if you need to update your information.

Accounts

Please remember these need to be paid. If you can only pay a small amount each week/month, that's great. A small amount goes a long way. If you need a balance update or your account resent, please contact Susan - office@knapdale.school.nz or 208 9473.

Cooking for Kids - School Holiday Programme

Southern Reap are holding another cooking course for kids 8-12 years in the school holidays in Gore. See poster below for more details.



COOKING 4 Kid's
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES - GORE

www.reap.co.nz

Come along and have a fun day learning various cooking and baking techniques.



Practice safety in the kitchen with utensils and good hygiene practices.

During the day children will make:

- ↳ Mini Pizzas
- ↳ Chocolate Brownie
- ↳ Penne Pasta Bake

** Please bring a packed lunch & containers to take food home **

*** Please note these classes are for students aged 8 - 12 years old.**

 **Wednesday**
9th October 2024

 **Southern REAP –**
6 Fairfield Street,
Gore

 **9.30am - 2.30pm**

 **\$50**



Tutor:
Claire Burgess

For more information, or to enrol in this class
please phone **0800 111 117**
or email **info@reap.co.nz**

 Southern REAP


Making a difference in our Rural Communities
Southern REAP
RURAL EDUCATION ACTION PROGRAM

Concerns

If you have any concerns about anything to do with school, then please get in touch with us so that they can be addressed. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, you can contact them by ringing the school office or sending them an email (listed below). If it is of a serious nature, then please get in contact with Raewyn directly.

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Nga mihi:

Raewyn, Paige, Amanda, Emma, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara and Sara.

Up and coming events

Dates for 2024

(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)

Term 3

Father's Day Lunch

September 6

Maruawai

Technology

Sept 11, 18, 25

Clued Up Kids

Sept 10

In-School Speeches

Sept 13

Life Education

Sept 16

WCD Year 7 & 8

Programme

Sept 17, 24

Wearable Arts

Sept 20

Teachers Only Day

Sept 25

NZSO

Sept 26

Levi Goodall

Sept 27

School Holidays

Sep 28 - Oct 13

Term 4 starts

October 14



We use SchoolDocs as a way to manage our Policies. Policies are always open for consultation in our school community - so go to www.schooldocs.co.nz - Click Search for your school. Start typing in Knapdale and select from the dropdown list.

Username: knapdale

Password: 9773

You will see which policies are under review and can respond to them as well.

Childcare Provider

Need Childcare?



Meet Educator Skye

Homebased Educator available in Otama

Growing SuperKids at home with Skye
Skye has been part of the Just Four Kids whanau as a parent for a while.

She is excited about coming on board as an Educator.

Skye and her family live at a lovely rural property in Otama.

She is part of the Gore parents centre community and is studying the Certificate in childcare Level 4.

Skye is looking forward to putting her knowledge in to practice with children in early childhood education.

She is also going to be offering after school and holiday care in the Otama, Knapdale area.

Spaces with Skye will not last long so enquire today to ensure you do not miss out.

Phone - Suzy - 027 567 5990 - Email suzy@justfourkids.co.nz - Web - justfourkids.co.nz

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