

# Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 7 2025

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*To seek, to strive, to find and never give up.*

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members, We have certainly been hurtling along in regards to our learning. Our new math programme is now up and going and functioning well throughout the school. We will monitor it throughout the year for its effectiveness. So all in all, exciting times!

### Southland Athletics.

We are very proud of these two young men for getting selected to attend the Southland Athletics event. Jordan will be participating in the nerf event. Dylan will be participating in the 100m running event. Well done boys.



### Kidney Kids Gold Coin Donation Day.

We as a staff would like to thank everyone for supporting this day. Our kids came dressed up in their pyjamas in support of this cause and it was just awesome to see. We managed to raise \$117.00 which is just awesome!



*Whakatauki: Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu. (Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly)*



### **Science in a Van**

On Wednesday the school attended an event called Science in a Van at the Waikaka Hall. It was a riveting hour of physics and our tamariki loved it!



### **Survey**

We want to thank those families that managed to take time out of their busy schedules to fill out our survey. Your suggestions are much appreciated. We have resent this survey out once again as we need just a little more input from you. Could you please get these forms back to us as soon as possible.

The survey contains questions around

- Where would you like to see meetings held?
- What fundraisers you would like the school to do?
- What would you like to see the funds being spent on?

### **Attendance**

As of 2025, the school must record all absences, along with the reason for the absence by 9 o'clock each day. This information will be monitored and gathered by the Ministry of Education at 6pm each night. If no reason is given for your child / children's absence, then we have no choice but to mark them down as truant.

### **Permission Forms**

If there are any outstanding Permission forms, could you please sign them and send them along to the school. Once this information is sent back, our records will be updated.

### **Sunhats & Sunscreen**

Just a reminder that term 1 is also the time for sunhats and sunscreen. Again, thank you to everyone for ensuring that your child / children have their sunhats and their own sunscreen. The school will also have sunblock on site for any tamariki that need it. Could you please ensure that all sunhats and other articles of clothing are clearly named to avoid any confusion. Our tamariki all need to be wearing sunhats as of Monday at the latest please.

### **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](mailto:office@knapdale.school.nz) if you need to update your information.

## Accounts

Please remember these need to be paid. The funds have already gone out of the school accounts. If you can only pay a small amount each week/month, that's great. A small amount goes a long way. If you need to know the balance of any existing account, please contact Susan - [office@knapdale.school.nz](mailto:office@knapdale.school.nz) or ring the school on 208 9473.

## 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, Melissa, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara.**

## Up and coming events

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dates for 2025</b></p> <p>(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><b><u>Term 1</u></b></p> <p><b><u>John Parsons</u></b></p> <p>March 18th</p> <p><b><u>Year 7 &amp; 8 Technology</u></b></p> <p>March 18th, 25th</p> <p>April 1st, 8th</p> <p><b><u>Lit Quizz</u></b></p> <p>March 20th</p> <p><b><u>Term Ends</u></b></p> <p>April 11th</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Policies and Procedures</div> <p>We use SchoolDocs as a way to manage our Policies. Policies are always open for consultation in our school community - so go to <a href="http://www.schooldocs.co.nz">www.schooldocs.co.nz</a> - Click Search for your school. Start typing in Knapdale and select from the dropdown list.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Username: knapdale Password: 9773</p> <p>You will see which policies are under review and can respond to them as well.</p>
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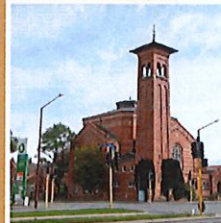
## Opening Event

Community Sing - Our Songs Our Stories  
Saturday 1st March 2025, 2.30 pm  
First Church, Tay Street, Invercargill

We launch Heritage Month 2025 with a very special community event for all ages. Join us in the historic First Church for an afternoon tea, and a good old-fashioned family sing-a-long with musical maestro and choral director, Sally Bodkin-Allen leading us in renditions of popular songs from the past.

A free family-friendly event, though a koha is appreciated.

Do let us know if you're coming to this event by emailing [events@heritagesouth.nz](mailto:events@heritagesouth.nz) by Wednesday 26th February.



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