

Newsletter

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to this Newsletter. It has certainly been great to see the sun out and to feel the warmth of its rays. But more importantly to see happy tamariki playing outside in it. What a difference this had made. So here's hoping for more.

Introducing two new students to our school.



Blair Sayer



Rylan Soper

Over the past couple of weeks we have had 2 new students start at our school. Blair Sayer has had an amazing start to her schooling career in Kowhai and we certainly look forward to watching her progress in the years to come. On that note, we would like to officially welcome the Sayer family into our midst. Next, we would like to welcome Rylan Soper to our school. His older sister Paige is in the senior class, so his transition was reasonably seamless. Rylan is also in Room Kowhai and we look forward to hearing great things about him in the future.

The end of an era



We want to thank Jacqui for all of her dedication and time that she has put into our school. Jacqui has been a board member for 7 years and the chairperson of our board for the last 5 years. Jacqui has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the school runs smoothly through some hard times and always with a smile. She will be sorely missed by our school and the community.

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

Condolences

We wish to pass on our condolences to the Johnston & Martyn families for the passing of their father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Future Proofing the Bus

In the next 3-5 years, our school bus will need to be replaced. If there are any farmers out there that would like to donate calves for this worthy cause, could you please contact Mel McKenzie on 027 323 6224.

Cold and Flu Symptoms

Just a reminder that if your child has cold or flu-like symptoms, then please keep them at home.

COVID Restrictions

The Ministry of Education has now lifted the COVID restrictions in schools. If your child contracts COVID, it is strongly recommended to isolate for at least 5 days even if their symptoms are only mild.

Daffodil Day

We just want to thank our parents and community for contributing to our Daffodil Day Fundraiser. Funds are getting collected by a representative from ANZ later on in the day. Daffodil Day is a special occasion to raise funds for the Cancer Society. The funds raised go towards research, support services and community programs that can, and do, make a significant difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

Cinderella Hits the Field Days (The Little Theatre Gore)

We are currently looking around for specific items for our play. If you could help with this, It would be much appreciated.



3 Bales of straw and a small tarpaulin for them to sit on.

Cinderella - Important announcement!

- Our performance is on the 13th. There will be two shows on offer. A Matinee at 1.30pm and an evening performance at 6.30pm.
- Due to limited seating, tickets must be pre-purchased. The venue caters for 90 people maximum.
- Our tickets are available to purchase as of next week. **Please notify the school to order these.**
- Tickets are \$10.00 per seat. Due to the health and safety regulations of the little theatre, all children must have a seat of their own and must be seated at all times.

School Building Projects

On the 14th of August, Ajax Building Contractors Limited will be at the school. They will be building a new toilet and modifying a number of areas around the school.

Shane Knapp Building Limited will be on site at the school as of the 25th of September. They will be making renovations to the junior room area and replacing the windows in the senior room. All builders will be police vetted.

Hot meals on offer this term.

The list has been updated for your convenience.

Please note that as of next week soup will be off the menu due to declining orders.

Fish and chip Day Friday	Saveloys Friday
<u>\$7.00 Deals</u> 5 fish bites and chips OR 1 hotdog and chips OR 5 chicken nuggets and chips \$1.20 Fish Bites \$1.10 Chicken Nuggets \$4.00 Hot Dogs \$2.30 ½ Scoop Chips	\$2.00 1 Saveloy, bread and sauce.

We will be alternating weekly between fish and chips and saveloys. Forms will go out to the families during the week. These forms need to be back to the school on Wednesday at the latest.

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 a balance update or your account resent, please contact Susan - office@knapdale.school.nz or 208 9473.

ERO Report

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

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, Susan, Helen, Michelle, Sara and Sara.