

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7 2025

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LEARNERS ARE:
RESPONSIBLE
(KAWENGA)
RESPECTFUL
(WHAKAUTE)
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(AUMANGEA)

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Our days appear to be getting warmer and lighter, which is certainly great when you have 54 tamariki in a school. We have 3 new tamariki on visits, with two of these families being new to the school and community. Exciting times ahead!

The Speech Competition

We wish to congratulate all of our tamariki who made it through to the finals in our speech competition. The standard was very high and I know that the judges had their work cut out for them. We would like to thank our judges on the day, Tracey Quertier and Johanna Hargest. Finally, we would like to thank those families who took time out of their busy schedules to come along and this event.



Overall speech Champion, Clay McKenzie with judges Johanna Hargest and Tracey Quertier



Winners were: Year 0-1: Amelia Wyatt
Year 2-3: 1st Alice Phillips, 2nd Darcey McKenzie, 3rd Mimansha GC
Year 4: Clay McKenzie
Year 5-6: Joshua Weir
Year 7-8: Liam Paterson

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



Full list of participants: Amelia Wyatt, Aaron Gardyne, Kylo Roberts, Alice Phillips, Darcey McKenzie, Harper McDonald (Absent from Photo), Mimansha GC, Gursirat Kaur, Blair Sayer, Bonnie McCauley, Max Martyn, Nathan Gardyne, James Weir, Charlotte McDonald (Absent from photo), Clay McKenzie, Rylie McCauley, Charlie McCauley, Joshua Weir, Hayden Gardyne (Absent from Photo), Jaydn Martyn, Rosalie Weir, Alesha Kaur, Liam Paterson.

Baking and Bid foods fundraiser

We wish to thank the fundraising committee and our community for getting behind these 2 fundraisers.

The baking fundraiser made \$1255.00

The Bid Food fundraiser made \$1132.19

A princely total of \$2387.18

These funds will be going towards a new playground.

Art Work

This term we have had a number of tamariki attend different REAP courses. One of these activities was a Year 7 & 8 Art course at East Gore School. Here is Rhyley Briggs with his end product. Absolutely Amazing!



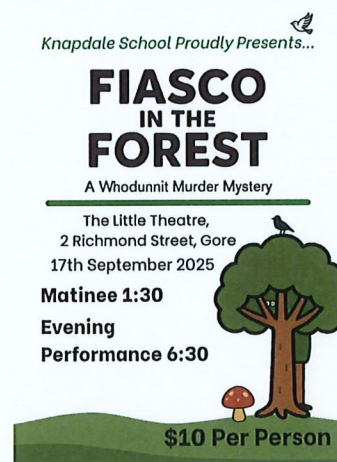
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Daffodil Day

This is one of those external fundraisers which really makes sense for us to support. Everybody in this life would know of someone who has cancer or has had cancer. The heartbreaking fact is that 1 in 3 of us will get cancer in our lifetime. We are very proud of our little school for getting behind this fundraiser. Our school has raised \$654.00 for this cause.



Fiasco in the Forest



Our performance is on the 17th September 2025

- 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.

- Tickets are \$10 per seat.
- Tickets will not be issued without cash / internet payment.
- Tickets will be for sale from Thursday, 28th August 2025 at the school office.
- The venue caters for 90 seated people. Due to the Health & Safety regulations of The Little Theatre, children accompanying adults in the audience must have a seat of their own and must be seated at all times. ***This does not include students that are in the play.***

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Swim with Nats

At this stage there is space left at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 6.40pm, if anyone is wanting lessons.

Swim With Nats PRICE LIST	
ONE ON ONE	\$180
PRESCHOOL GROUP	\$150
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Facebook: Swim With Nats	
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Phone: 020 4181 7793	

Pet Day

Pet day is going to be held on the third week of Term 4. We will start organising this event in earnest next week and will start filtering resources out to the families shortly after that.

Father's Day lunch

On the 12th of September, we would like to officially invite all fathers and grandfathers along to the school for a Father's Day Lunch. If you could supply your own food to share with your child / children, this would be much appreciated. We know that some farmers may not be able to participate because it is a busy time of the year. We will however keep this time to a minimum of one and a half hours in which you can leave at any time. A reminder of the event will go out closer to the time.



AED (Defibrillator) is now available from the following property:

Gardyne's Grain Ltd,

East Chatton Road have an AED in their smoko room.

When you go in the door, it's on the wall to the left.

It is available for use if there is a cardiac event in the community.

Reporting and the new Curriculum

The New Zealand Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a refresh of the national curriculum to ensure it is relevant, fit for purpose, and prepares young people for their future. Here are key things you need to know about these changes:

This will be ongoing for many years - it will continue to evolve. Teacher development will also take place as part of the change process. Teachers are working hard incorporating these changes, and as always the needs and interests of your child are at the heart of what they do in classrooms.

The curriculum is being updated in stages, with new content for English (Years 0-6) and Mathematics and Statistics (Years 0-8) currently available. Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to fully implement the refreshed national curriculum.

For mathematics, the content expected to be taught at each year level has been revised and designed to be internationally comparable.

eg: Year 3 students need to identify, read, write, compare and order numbers to 1,000

Year 4 students need to identify, read, write, compare and order numbers to 10,000

Year 5 students to 100,000

Year 6 students to 1,000,000

Please note: Due to these higher benchmarks in the revised Mathematics and English curriculum, it is highly probable that your child's initial progress and achievement levels might appear lower than what they have previously achieved. This is because the expectations for what they need to know at each age have increased. For example, your child who may have been *at* or *above* in before, may now be *working towards*.

There will continue to be twice yearly reports on your child's progress in relation to these new learning objectives. Mid year reporting is interim until there is more understanding of the curriculum and assessment tools, as the government is still looking to release new information and resources.

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.

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. 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 or ring the school on 208 9473.

Sickness

If your child / children display any symptoms of being ill, can you please keep them at home. If your child displays any symptoms on arriving at school, we will ring and ask for them to be picked up.

In the past we have had to bear the brunt from some unhappy parents. However, if a large proportion of my staff become ill, the only recourse open to me is to close the school.

Currently it is exceptionally hard to find relievers. We book weeks ahead for relievers to come to our school so ringing around the night before is definitely not an option.

So your vigilance in regards to this matter would be much appreciated.

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.

Paige Croad: paige@knapdale.school.nz Amanda Swain: Amanda@knapdale.school.nz
Raewyn Ramage: principal@knapdale.school.nz Megan MacBeth megan@knapdale.school.nz

Nga mihi:

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

Up and coming events

Dates for 2025 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events) <u>Daffodil Day</u> August 29th <u>Technology at Maruawai</u> Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th <u>WCD Year 7 & 8 Programme</u> True in Nature September 5th <u>Father's Day Lunch</u> September 12th <u>Fiasco in the Forest</u> September 17th <u>Last Day of the Term</u> September 19th	 Policies and Procedures 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.
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True in Nature

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JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

WILD WOMEN
Fri 11th July, 6pm-8pm (Invercargill)
A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmothers. A night around the fire and some fun night adventures!

BUSH CRAFT
(Ages 7-16) & (Ages 11-14)
Invercargill and Gore
Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature. One day and three day options (not overnight). For starting, cooking on fire and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, bushing, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
Mon 30th June to Wed 2nd July (Invercargill)

BUSH KIDS (7-14)
Thurs 3rd July (Invercargill)
Fri 4th July (Gore)
Mon 2nd July (Invercargill)

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)
Tues 8th July (Invercargill)

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
Wed 9th July to Fri 11th July (Invercargill)

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: Carethandkatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0224381697

Johnston Waters

TERM 4 LESSONS

Knapdale

6x Week Block Course
Thursday
9.30am - 7pm

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- School Age
- Groups 30mintues \$85
- One on one 20mins \$130

If your at school we can get your lesson done during the day.

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