

# Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 9 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members, this is the last official newsletter for the term. We have certainly had a full on year, and we are all, students and adults alike, looking forward to some much needed downtime. So I thought that I would do a wee recap of what has happened so far this year.

### Emma Norman

First and foremost we would like to wish Emma and Phill the very best on the up and coming addition to the family. We know that eventually she will make her way back here, which is something that we are very pleased about. But until then, her presence will be greatly missed around the school.

### Sara Murrell

We are also losing Sara from our staff at the end of this year. Sara has worked in the capacity of our .2 specialist Ko Taku Reo Teacher. She has been a wealth of knowledge in her field and will also be greatly missed.

### Kowhai 2025

We are excited to announce that Melissa Cummings will be joining the Kowhai team for Term 1. She is an experienced new entrant teacher who will add great value to our teaching team. Melissa will be working every Monday and alternative Tuesdays. Melissa will be covering Mrs Swain's release on the alternative Tuesdays.

### Athletics 2025.

Athletics is going to be within the first month of school starting. It will be held on the 21st of February at Waikaka School. We will be starting athletics training in Week 1 next year. Hopefully this year will be our year to win the trophy! More information will be provided about this next year.

### 2025 Starting date.

Term one will commence on Wednesday the 29th of January 2025.

### Tapanui Christmas Walk

We had a fantastic day at Tapanui. The weather held out for us and the Christmas walk was just delightful. We want to thank all of the parents who helped us to transport our kids to and from Whiskey Creek. Without your support this event would not have been able to go ahead.

### Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held at the Knapdale Hall on the 17th of December. It will start promptly at 6pm due in part to the number of Year 8s that will be leaving us this year.. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

### **Christmas Hampers** 🌟

Just a reminder that each family is asked to provide an item to make one of three hampers. The raffle will be drawn at the school prize giving on Tuesday 17th Dec.

The money raised will go towards purchasing more Chromebooks for our tamariki.

### **Library books and reading books**

We are about to begin the end of year audit. If you could have a hunt around your house for any PM readers, Ready to read readers, journals, library books etc and send them on to school, it would be much appreciated.

### **Sports tops**

We appear to be missing sports tops, so if you have any of them could you please return them back to school as soon as possible. We need to know whether we have enough for athletics day which is going to be held on the 21st of February.

### **Recap:**

#### **Building projects**

##### **LS Mods:**

- New bathroom built on to existing structure. New autex put up.
- New door between Kowhai and the corridor and Rimu and the corridor.
- High viz painting around the school,
- Concrete steps replaced and two ramps created for wheelchair access
- New aluminium window for Rimu and new autex.
- Pool painted and new steel steps created.
- Handrails put up around the school and pool.
- Door at pool has been replaced
- Slipless lining placed on all decks
- Firewall door between office area and Rimu

##### **SIP AMS**

- The old library and cloak bay turned into a breakout room.
- Big double doors put in between Kowhai and the new breakout room.
- New aluminium windows to replace the old wooden ones in the old library area and in Kowhai.
- Cloakbay created for Matai
- Junior room and breakout space carpeted.

##### **Logic Group**

- installation of LED Lights, acoustic panels, insulation, residual current devices.
- New carpet in Rimu and Matai has been approved just awaiting a time.

##### **Southern Quantity Surveyors**

- Pool completely reclad.
- New door and door system put in.

##### **Other Purchases**

- BOT purchased a refurbished container to be used as our library.

##### **Other Projects**

##### **Fundraising Committee**

- Funded a large proportion of our teacher aide costs
- Purchased a huge amount of PM Readers
- Purchased a gazebo and were instrumental in procuring a second smaller gazebo
- Purchased 6 new chromebooks.

As you can see, a lot has happened in regards to our buildings. Our school is really looking great!

### Sickness

If your child is exhibiting flu like symptoms, could you please keep them at home until they are better. We will do our very best to keep our school open with your help.

### Sun screen & Sun Hats

This is just a wee reminder to ensure that your child / children have sun hats. The school will have a supply of sunscreen. But if you want to supply your own, then please feel free to do so

### 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. 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](mailto:office@knapdale.school.nz) or 208 9473. An updated account has ben sent with your school reports today.

**I know that this time of year is not a good time to be paying invoices, but please try to pay a little bit off during the holidays. If your child/ren are leaving school and funds are still outstanding please keep paying on the account.**

### 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 4**

#### **Prize Giving**

Dec 17th

#### **End of Term**

Dec 18th - Day finishes at 12pm.



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](http://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.



### We wish to thank the following businesses for supporting our school

- The Broughton Street Discounter
- Abernethy Contracting 2008 Limited
- McClintock Contracting Ltd
- Baynes Machinery
- AB Lime
- AJAX building Contractors Ltd
- Southern Horizon Surveying & Resource Management

The Knapdale Board of Trustees and the Knapdale School staff would like to thank these businesses for supporting our school.. Your support is much appreciated.

**GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL**

**SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025**  
RACES START FROM 11am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike  
15km - Run or Mountain Bike  
21km - Run or Mountain Bike  
43km - Mountain Bike  
43km - E-Bike  
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:  
[www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz](http://www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz)  
or on the day from 9.30am at  
Glenham Hall  
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

COMPETE IN ANY OF THE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS  
AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A  
**MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000**  
thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre

**Sponsors:** valco, BAUCE DICKENS TREE TOPPING LTD, GLENHAM, VetSouth, FOG WRIGHTSON SEEDS, WYNHAM, MALLOCH McCLEAN, CROSSROAD CYCLES, THREE RIVERS, Metaverse Licensing Trust, GLENHAM TRAIL, Edsign



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## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME





### NATURAL CREATORS

(Ages 5-16)  
Invercargill

**Creating and Cooking**  
Join us for an inspiring day of creating through arts and cooking.

Your child's imagination will be truly ignited as they bring their creativity to life using a variety of NATURAL materials and textures such as clay, wool, flowers and plants to explore as well as preparing nutritious meals to enjoy and that they can cook at home.

Children will go home feeling fulfilled, inspired, capable and independent.

**Natural Christmas Creators (5 days)**  
16th-18th December

**Natural Creators**  
15th & 16th January

**Bush, Make and Make**  
Natural Creators and Bush Kids combined, 27th January

### BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-13) & (Ages 11-16)  
Invercargill, Gore and Otagau

**Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.**  
One day and three day options (not overnight)

Fire starting, cooking on fire and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

**CHILD VS WILD (7-13)** Invercargill  
16th - 20th December (5 days)  
15th - 17th January (3 days)

**A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)** Invercargill  
20th January (1 day)

**BUSH KIDS (7-13)** (1 day) Invercargill  
21st & 22nd January

**BUSH, MAKE & MAKE**  
(Bush Kids & Natural Creators combined)  
27th January

**BUSH KIDS (7-13)** (1 day) Gore  
23rd & 24th January

**BUSH KIDS (7-13)** (1 day) Otagau  
28th January

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**Christmas Storytelling**  
for children and families

**4-5pm Thursday, 19 December**  
at Calvin Church, 25 Robertson Street, Gore

**kids can dress up in our costumes  
and be part of the nativity story**