

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 2023

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
It is hard to believe that another year is just about over! With that said, it just leaves us to say... that we wish you all a magnificent holiday full of relaxation, fun times, laughter and Christmas fare. That the New Year quietly makes itself known amidst the pomp and the grandeur of the day and that you all remain safe and well until we see you again.

Camp Columba

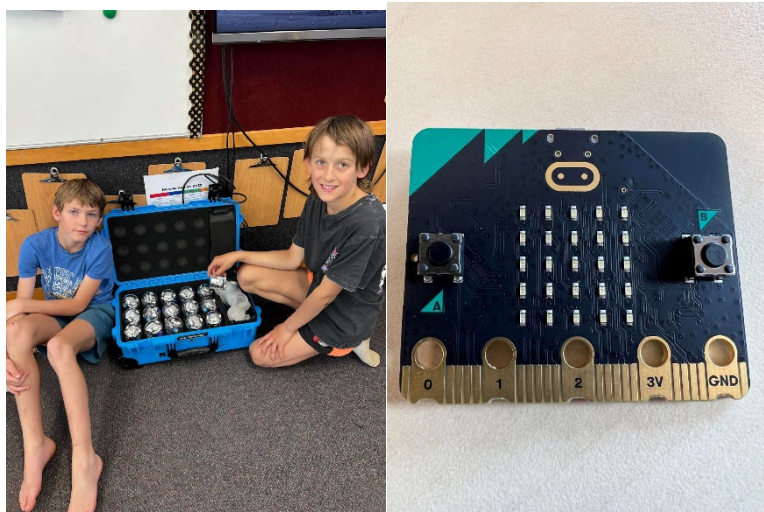
The weather was appalling, but the day was fantastic! I want to give a big shout out to all of the parents that came along to help. I would especially like to thank Hamish and Rachel Milne for manning the BBQ and Rhonda Sullivan for doing all of the ground work. Thank you.



Microbits

Last week we received 6 boxes of Microbits. The microbit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors, a speaker, microphone and many other input/output features that, when programmed, let it interact with you and your world. These are part of the package that the school won from Genesis School Gen-Trust. There were 39 schools selected from all over New Zealand and we were one of them. Our school has also been mentioned on the Genesis School Gen-Trust Website so please feel free to go on and have a look.

Last week some of our seniors managed to work with them. Making them talk, making them light up and making them change colour. As a staff we are exceptionally pleased to have these STEM items. The ability to code and to work with various forms of technology is fast becoming an important aspect of our world and definitely falls under the educational heading of future focus.



Dictionaries for our Year 4 students.

This year is the last time that the Gore Rotary Club will be giving out dictionaries to schools. We just want them to know that we have appreciated everything that they have done for our Tamariki. We want to make special mention of Mike Solari who has been the main liaison between the school and the Gore Rotary Club for a good number of years. Thank you Mike for all of your dedication and hard work. It has been much appreciated.

2023 School leavers.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to 4 of our Knapdale families whose children will be moving on to either higher education or other schools.

Bret and Michelle Baynes

Kym Dalton

Angela and Robert Bruce

Laura and Matt Williams

We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. You will be missed.

From the Fundraising Committee

Next Year Knapdale School has secured a spot helping at the Field Days at Waimumu. Our School Community will be carrying out the clean-up of the grounds on Tuesday 13th Feb (the night prior to the Field Days starting). We will need about 20 volunteers for this to make it light work. Please put this in your diary now, more info to come. We want to wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas Holiday, and look forward to seeing you again next year!

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.

Prize Giving

A reminder that our End of Year Prize Giving is tonight at the Knapdale Hall. This will be starting at 6pm. There is going to be lots of student art on display in the hall. So please feel free to come early and have a look.

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.

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.

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, Helen, Michelle, Sara, Sara and Rhonda

Up and coming events

<p>Dates for 2023 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 4</u> <u>Prize giving</u> December 14th <u>Last day of the term</u> December 15th</p> <p>Dates for 2024 <u>Term 1</u> <u>Teacher Only Day</u> January 29th with Lauren Latimer <u>First Day back for Tamariki</u> February 1st:</p>	<div data-bbox="852 757 1107 873"></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 www.schooldocs.co.nz - Click Search for your school. Start typing in Knapdale and select from the dropdown list. 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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Salvation Army Food Bank



Knapdale - Waikaka Pres. Church December Services

Sun 17 Dec – 10am Otama Church
Sun 17 Dec – 9pm Carols in the Park, Gore
Sun 24 Dec – 10am Otama Church
Sun 24 Dec – 8pm Waikaka Valley – Carols & Candlelight
Mon 25 Dec – 10am Waikaka Catholic Church



Contact: Lynne Hall
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 Waikaka-Knapdale
Presbyterian Church

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