

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 2025

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SCHOOL**

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(AUMANGEA)

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members, we have had a marvellous start to the year and our weather is just exhilarating! Long may this last!

Melissa Cummings



We would like to welcome Melissa Cummings to Knapdale School. She will be working in Kowhai every Monday and then alternating between Kowhai and Matai on Tuesdays. Melissa comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge in regards to teaching children, and we are extremely lucky to have her.

Welcome to our two new students.



We would like to officially welcome Anna Harrington and Isaac Clement to Knapdale School. Both children have older siblings at this school, so their transition was reasonably seamless. As a staff, we certainly look forward to watching their progress in all aspects of their schooling lives, in the years to come.

New Laptops

We would like to thank the fundraising committee for the monies that they raised from the bake raffle. We were able to purchase 4 new laptops for the school with this. The school purchased a further 3, making it 7 laptops in all.

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Athletics Day - 20 February 2025

Postponement Day: Monday 24th of February

Here is some helpful information about Athletics Day:

- All students will need to be transported to and from Athletics Day (which is held at Waikaka School) by their parents or caregivers as **there is NO bus running on this day**. Everyone is to arrive by 9am for a welcome and directions on where to go for the different events unless your child is running the 800m. This will be on the back field.
- The 800m race is the first event of the day to be run at 8:30am. If your child / children are competing, they will need to be there promptly as there will be no waiting time. All those competing in the back field may enter. Only students from 9 years upwards are eligible to qualify for Eastern (if they meet the time and are placed in the top 3).
- Students are to wear shorts or tights with the Knapdale School top which they will be given next week and gym shoes. They will also need to bring warm clothes and a jacket in case it gets cold.
- When your child arrives, they need to find their classroom teacher who will give them their Athletics Day card. This needs to be handed to Miss Croad at the end of the day.
- If your child leaves during the day, they need to inform their classroom teacher.
- All parents/whanau parking is in the paddock beside the school and there is access via a gate to the back field. You will not be able to park directly in the school grounds by the school front.
- The 5 and 6 year olds will be competing on the front field in the morning with modified athletics activities. They will come and join us out the back for running finals in the afternoon.
- If you are feeling athletic, there might be a parents running race at the end of the day (this will be time dependent). Good luck!
- Due to the nature of the day, all of our staff are involved in either running events or other roles during the day. Students will be moving around the events in their age groups so please remind your child to be responsible and show the school values at all times. Parents will also need to be responsible for their own child's behaviour and ensuring they are in the correct places during the day.
- We are incharge of running two events on the day and are looking for around 2 amazing parent helpers to help us on the day. If you are able to help us please get in contact with Raewyn or Paige.
- If the day is postponed, we will inform you via our schools facebook page.
- Eastern standards must be reached before selection. Top 3 for track events, top 2 for field events.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Paige Croad. Her email is

paige@knapdale.school.nz

Athletics Day Price List

<u>Athletics Day Price List</u>	
• Tea/Coffee/Milo	Gold coin donation
• Sausage in bread	\$ 3 each or 2 for \$5
• Variety of Slices	\$ 3 each
• Variety of Cakes	\$ 3 each
• Juice	Gold coin donation
• Home-made Ice Blocks	\$ 3 each
Gluten-free options available	Thankyou for supporting Waikaka PTA

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.

Mandeville Fly-ink & Steam Festival

Our first fundraiser for the year is manning the gates at the Mandeville Fly-in. This will be over 2 days - Saturday the 22nd of February and Sunday the 23rd of February. If you are available to help out then could you please contact Esther Gardyne or respond to the post on our facebook page.



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..

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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.

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, Melissa, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara.

Up and coming events

<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for 2025</p> <p>(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 1</u></p> <p><u>WCD Athletics</u> February 20th</p> <p><u>John Parsons</u> March 18th</p> <p><u>Year 7 & 8 Technology</u> March 18th, 25th April 1st, 8th</p> <p><u>Lit Quizz</u> March 20th</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 www.schooldocs.co.nz - Click Search for your school. Start typing in Knapdale and select from the dropdown list.</p> <p>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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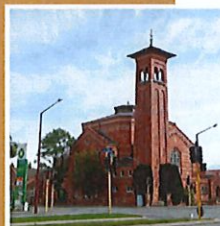
Opening Event

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 by Wednesday 26th February.



Incredible Years



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Incredible Years is a free programme designed for parents/caregivers of child/children/tamariki aged 2½ to 8 years who would like to strengthen their parenting skills and learn how to manage challenging behaviour.

We acknowledge that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do and this programme aims to encourage positive and strong family relationships.

Incredible Years will start in Gore on the 4th March, every Tuesday from 10am – 12.30 pm

Gore Baptist Church 23 Ardwick Street

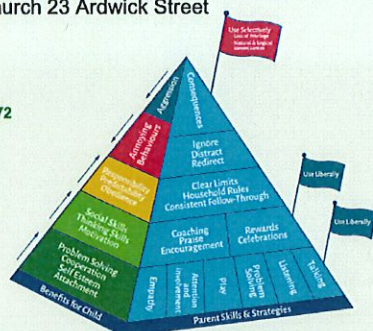
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Ngā Tau Miharo
The Incredible Years Aotearoa



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