

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 2024

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to Knapdale School for 2024. We have had a fantastic start to the year. Holiday stories have been told, friendships rekindled and learning in all 3 classes has just taken off! Our weather is finally doing its thing and the pool and the sports fields are being fully utilised in athletic training and swimming.

John Parsons



We were extremely excited to have had John Parsons in the school last Tuesday. He is an extremely knowledgeable man who has a real gift for getting his messages across, no matter what the age group. In Kowhai and Matai, John spoke about cyber safety and students having access to games that are rated well above their age. He spoke about the impact that these games could have in later years. In Rimu, he spoke about the importance of keeping yourself safe online and the importance of sleep, diet, and movement in regards to learning. We are already in the process of booking John for next year.

Field Day Fundraiser

The school wishes to thank the fundraising committee for organising the cleanup day at the Waimumu Field Day Site. We appreciate all that you do for us! We would also like to thank all of the families who were able to assist with this.

Deep Cove Camp

After missing out last year, we are pleased to announce that it is back on! In Term 2 we will be going in to Deep Cove with the Year 7 and 8 students from Woodlands Primary and Tokonui School. This will be happening in Week 8 of Term 2 from Thursday the 20th to Sunday the 23rd of June. We are currently in the planning stages of this camp and will update you on the details as it comes to light.

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Covid

Unfortunately, Covid is doing the rounds again. So if your child / children develop flu or cold like symptoms, we ask that you keep them at home.

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.

Stationery

All packs are **\$40** each. We want to thank those parents who have already paid for this. If you are experiencing any monetary problems then please, get in contact with Susan or myself and we will see what we can do to help.

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.

Athletics

Athletics this year will be held at Waikaka School on the 23rd of February. Could you please ensure that your child / children bring along the appropriate clothing (shorts, tee shirts etc), and footwear for their training sessions. All the information that you need to know about the day is attached to this newsletter.

EnviroSchool - Waste Management Project

On the 6th of March, and Enviroschools Hui around Waste Management will be held at Gore Main School. 10 of our seniors will be attending this event.

Firewise

We will be having 2 days of firewise sessions with our local fire brigade. They will be bringing their fire engine etc to school as part of the lessons. This is a great way for our children to learn about fire safety both at school and at home.

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 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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Raewyn, Paige, Amanda, Emma, Megan, Susan, Helen, Michelle, Sara, Sara and Rhonda

Up and coming events

<p>Dates for 2024 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 1</u> <u>WCD Athletics Day</u> February 23rd <u>Firewise</u> March 1st, April 10th <u>Enviroschools Waste Management</u> March 6th <u>Eastern Athletics</u> March 7th <u>Kids Lit Quiz</u> March 18th</p>	<p> Policies and Procedures</p> <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 You will see which policies are under review and can respond to them as well.</p>
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Waikāka Combined Districts Athletics Information

Athletics Day - 23 February 2024

Postponement Day Monday 26th 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 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. Please let your students know to arrive at a good time as we will not wait for them. 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.
- Students will need to bring a drink bottle and a decent packed lunch. The Waikāka School PTA will have a tent with items available for morning tea, and a BBQ for lunch.
 - Baking \$3
 - Sausages \$3 or \$5 for 2
 - Coffee/Tea/Milo \$3
 - OR baking/drink combo \$5
- 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, 6 and some year 7 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 in charge of running two events on the day and are looking for around 4 amazing parent helpers to help us on the day. If you are able to help us please get in contact with Raewyn or Paige.

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- 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

Thanks,

Knapdale School