

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to Knapdale School for 2024. We are incredibly excited to be back. It was fantastic to see all of our children and to hear the great things that they got up to in the holidays. This is going to be another amazing year filled with learning, fun and frivolity and what better way to start a new school year than with the following article.

The Helicopter!

Three of our students were lucky enough to arrive at school in a helicopter! Those 3 lucky recipients were Marlee Dickie-Thompson, Eli Sullivan and Darcey McKenzie. What a fantastic experience, not just for our 3 children who arrived by helicopter, but also for the rest of our children. The weather may have been less than favourable, but the curiosity and excitement displayed by our children was well worth the wait!

Thank you so much to Hokonui Breakfast's host Kristin Chittock and High Country Helicopters for making this experience happen. What a fabulous way to start the new year!



Staffing for 2024

Staff for 2023:

Principal: Raewyn Ramage

Teaching Staff: Paige Croad, Amanda Swain, Megan MacBeth, Emma Norman

Admin Staff: Susan Roy; Michelle Parish; Sara Kirkwood, Sara Murrell, Charmaine Barrett

Bus Driver: Rhonda Sullivan

We currently have a roll of 60 children. This will grow over the year to 64 with younger siblings of existing children who are due to start.

Term Dates 2023:

Term 1: 1st February - 12th April

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July

Term 3: 22th July - 27nd September

Term 4: 14th October - to be decided.

Stationery

Stationery has been handed to the teachers and will be available for use on the first day. Stationery also includes pens, pencils etc. The books that we receive are really durable and do not require covers or coverings.

All packs are **\$40** each. We would appreciate it if this could be paid sooner rather than later so the stationery account can be paid at our end. This will need to be paid into the main school account listed below with the reference Stationery. If it is not in the right account or not referenced properly, this makes it difficult to code. You can send this in cash with your child in the first couple of weeks of school if this is easier for you. If you are experiencing any monetary problems then please, get in contact with Susan or myself and we will see what we can do.

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? The children need to be wearing sunhats as of Monday, please ensure your child has this next week.

Athletics

Athletics this year will be held at Waikaka School on the 23rd of February. As of Monday of next week, all classes in the school will start training for this event. Could you please ensure that your child / children bring along the appropriate clothing (shorts, tee shirts etc.), and footwear for their training sessions.

Waitangi Day

Just a reminder that Waitangi Day is next Tuesday and that the school will not be opened for instruction that day.

John Parsons

We are very privileged to have John Parsons once again at our school. He is an absolute advocate for internet safety. He is an extremely knowledgeable man with a real knack for getting his message across, no matter what age.

"John works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology. John is a published author of "Keeping Your Children Safe Online" and a social commentator who works throughout New Zealand and Internationally."

Citizen21.co.nz



From the Fundraising Committee

This 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.

Fire wise

We will be having 2 days of fire wise 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.

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.

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.

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

Nga mihi:

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

Up and coming events

Dates for 2024
(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)

Term 1

Starting date

February 1st

Waitangi Day

February 6th

BOT Meeting

February 12th

John Parsons

February 13th

Fire wise

March 1st, April 10th

Eastern Athletics

March 7th

Kids Lit Quiz

March 18th



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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