

# Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 5 2025

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,  
Welcome to our third newsletter for the year. Time is just flying at the moment and it certainly helps that our weather has been great.

### WCD Athletics

As a staff, we are just so proud of our students. The way they conducted themselves and coming third overall was just awesome! We were also able to highlight the school with our banner and our new gazebo. Again, we would just like to thank the fundraising committee for raising the funds for this.



### Eastern Athletics Representatives.

We wish to congratulate the following students for making it through to Eastern.

Jordan Balampu:	100m	Nerf		
Hayden Gardyne:	800m,	100m	Boys 10yr relay	10yrs long jump
Hunter Harris:	100m		Boys 9yr relay	
James Weir:	100m,	60m	Boys 8yr relay	
Clay McKenzie:	100m	60m	Boys 8yr relay	
Dylan Paterson	100m	60m		



Jordan Balampu, Hunter Harris, Hayden Gardyne, Dylan Paterson  
James Weir, Clay McKenzie (absent)

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### **Survey**

A survey is included with this newsletter from the Knapdale School Fundraising Committee. Please have your say for where you would like the funds to go towards.

### **World Kidney Day**

On the 13th of March, the school will be having a pyjama dress up day to recognise World Kidney Day.

There are families in the community who will benefit from this fundraiser.

A Gold Coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

### **Mandeville Fly-in & Steam Festival**

We would like to thank everyone that took time out of their busy schedules to help with this fundraiser. We raised \$250.00 for the school along with a \$250.00 voucher that goes towards the Baleage Competition.



### **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.

### **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..

### **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. 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](mailto: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.


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## Nga mihi:

Raewyn, Paige, Amanda, Melissa, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara.

## Up and coming events

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dates for 2025</b></p> <p>(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><b><u>Term 1</u></b></p> <p><b><u>John Parsons</u></b></p> <p>March 18th</p> <p><b><u>Year 7 &amp; 8 Technology</u></b></p> <p>March 18th, 25th</p> <p>April 1st, 8th</p> <p><b><u>Lit Quizz</u></b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.schooldocs.co.nz">www.schooldocs.co.nz</a> - 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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### **Knapdale School**

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Knapdale School Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)



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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@heritagesouthland.nz](mailto:events@heritagesouthland.nz) by Wednesday 26th February.



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.

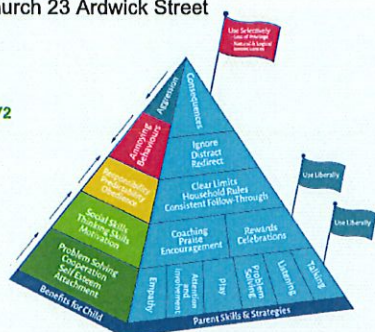
Incredible Years will start in Gore on the 4<sup>th</sup> March,  
every Tuesday from  
10am – 12.30 pm

Gore Baptist Church 23 Ardwick Street

E ly@familyworkssld.nz



## Ngā Tau Miharo



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## **Fundraising Committee 2025**

The fundraising committee are looking for some new ideas and new members this year... would you like to be involved in helping raise money to support our Tamariki and their education?

Our largest fundraiser for the year-The Balage Competition to be held in May requires a lot of work and needs to get underway as soon as possible.

Can you please take some time to fill out the questions below to help make our fundraising as effective as possible this year:

Please write your name and phone number if you would like to be involved

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- What day and time would you like to see the Fundraising Meeting's held
    - 1) During school hours
    - 2) After School
    - 3) Evening

Please list any preferences \_\_\_\_\_

- List any ideas you have for fundraising this year
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- Looking at previous years, what would you say has worked well with the school fundraising?
- What could be done to improve our school fundraising?
- Any further comments

**Please return this form to the school office ASAP**