

# Newsletter      Term 1 Week 1 2025

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,  
Welcome back to the 2025 year for Knapdale School.  
As a staff, we are incredibly excited to be back. We have loved meeting all of our children again and hearing what they got up to in the holidays. This is going to be another amazing year filled with lots of learning, fun and frivolity, so without further ado, let's begin.

## **Staffing for 2025**

Principal: Raewyn Ramage  
Teaching Staff: Paige Croad, Amanda Swain, Megan MacBeth, Melissa Cummings  
Admin Staff: Susan Roy; Michelle Parish; Sara Kirkwood, Charmaine Barrett  
Bus Driver: Rhonda Sullivan  
We currently have a roll of 54 children. This will grow over the year to 64 by the end of the year.

## **Theme for the term.**

This year our overarching theme for the year is Aotearoa - New Zealand - the land of the long white cloud and this term specifically, we will be focusing on:

### **Social Sciences**

Famous New Zealand People  
Famous New Zealand Disasters  
Te Tiriti o Waitangi

### **Science**

Native plant life to New Zealand  
Birds and animals native to New Zealand

### **Writing**

Report Writing  
Recounts

### **Reading**

Age and stage appropriate journals, ready to reads, pms, phonics books

### **Mathematics**

Number - addition / subtraction  
Statistics

### **PE**

Daily fitness  
Training for athletics

### **Maori**

Basic sentence structures  
Pepeha  
Powhiri

## **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 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.

### **Stationery**

Stationery has been handed to the teachers and will be available for use on the first day. Stationery 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.

### **Bus**

Bus fee is \$100 per family. If there is only one child per family using the bus, then the fee is \$80. If you have a credit on your account then the fee will be taken off this.

### **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.

### **Permission Forms**

Permission forms have been sent out with this newsletter. We will need to have these forms signed and back to the school as soon as possible. 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.

### **Athletics**

Athletics this year will be held at Waikaka School on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday and that the school will not be opened for instruction that day.

### **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.

## 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](mailto:paige@knapdale.school.nz)

Amanda Swain: [Amanda@knapdale.school.nz](mailto:Amanda@knapdale.school.nz)


Raewyn Ramage: [principal@knapdale.school.nz](mailto:principal@knapdale.school.nz)

Megan MacBeth [megan@knapdale.school.nz](mailto:megan@knapdale.school.nz)

**Nga mihi:**

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

## **Up and coming events**

<p><b>Dates for 2025</b> (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><b><u>Term 1</u></b> <b><u>Starting date</u></b> January 29th <b><u>Waitangi Day</u></b> February 6th <b><u>WCD Athletics</u></b> February 21st <b><u>John Parsons</u></b> March 18th</p>	<div data-bbox="826 824 1078 936"></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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