

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3 2025

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SCHOOL**

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LEARNERS ARE:
RESPONSIBLE
(KAWENGA)
RESPECTFUL
(WHAKAUTE)
RESILIENT
(AUMANGEA)

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome back to another term! With the play pending and practises consuming quite a lot of time, our school has not been as proactive as it has at getting out and about to outside events. However, this term is still action packed with activities, so please watch this space.

Viv Tamblyn

At the start of the term, we welcomed Viv as a teacher aide, into Kowhai. We are extremely lucky to have this young lady. She comes with over 20 years experience in the education field and to top it off, is a flourishing, famous, fashion designer!



A big congratulations to Viv as she has just recently won the Peroni Gala Glamour Award and the Country Living Winter Solstice Award at the Hokonui Fashion Event in Gore.



Whakatauki: Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu. (Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly)

New Student

We wish to officially welcome Olivia and Hunter Macaulay along with their parents Kelly and Stuart Macaulay to both the Knapdale community and Knapdale School. Olivia is our latest addition to our middle class and Hunter will be joining in with our juniors. We are very excited to have them with us, and we certainly look forward to watching Olivia and Hunter's progress over the coming years.



Life Ed

We had the Life Education Bus at our school for two days. The first day was for the Waikaka Combined Schools Year 7 & 8 Programme and the second day was solely for the pupils in our school. There are now two Life Education trucks, so this will be an annual event and we are exceptionally happy about this. Here are our 2 year 8's with Harold and Pip.



Speeches

The time for speeches is fast approaching. Our tamariki are currently in the process of writing their speeches or practising their poems. Speeches will be held in each classroom and from there, the top contenders will be chosen. Our whole school finals will be held on the 22nd of August. More information will be forthcoming closer to the time.

Cash For Communities Programme

We wish to thank all of the farmers who nominated our school. The donation was raised during the spring of 2024. Our local PGG Wrightson farmers, growers and contractors took part, nominating funds from their qualifying spring fertiliser and agrichemical purchases. Our donation from PGG Wrightson \$1558.93.



Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day will be held on the 29th of August. We understand that the official day is the 30th but that falls on a Saturday. We ask that our tamariki come dressed in yellow and that they bring a gold coin donation.

Fiasco In The Forest!

Keep the date free! On September 17th, we'll have both a matinee and an evening performance of our school play, "Fiasco in the Forest." Our tamariki are hard at work learning their lines, and we appreciate your encouragement at home. We're all buzzing with excitement to perform for our community again!

Year 7 & 8 Programme

Technology at Maruawai

This term there will be 4 sessions of Technology at Maruawai. Our students will be transported to and from the junior campus by bus. This bus picks up the Waikaka students, Otama Students and our students.

The dates for this term are:

August 26th, Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th

Year 7s: Soft tech - fabric

Year 8s: Hard tech - wood

Waikaka Combined Districts Year 7 & 8 Programme

Life Ed:

Knapdale School: 28th July

True in Nature

Dolamore Park: 5th September. Information / consent forms for this activity will go out to parents closer to the date.

Reporting and the new Curriculum

The New Zealand Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a refresh of the national curriculum to ensure it is relevant, fit for purpose, and prepares young people for their future. Here are key things you need to know about these changes:

This will be ongoing for many years - it will continue to evolve. Teacher development will also take place as part of the change process. Teachers are working hard incorporating these changes, and as always the needs and interests of your child are at the heart of what they do in classrooms.

The curriculum is being updated in stages, with new content for English (Years 0-6) and Mathematics and Statistics (Years 0-8) currently available. Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to fully implement the refreshed national curriculum.

For mathematics, the content expected to be taught at each year level has been revised and designed to be internationally comparable.

eg: Year 3 students need to identify, read, write, compare and order numbers to 1,000

Year 4 students need to identify, read, write, compare and order numbers to 10,000

Year 5 students to 100,000

Year 6 students to 1,000,000

Please note: Due to these higher benchmarks in the revised Mathematics and English curriculum, it is highly probable that your child's initial progress and achievement levels might appear lower than what they have previously achieved. This is because the expectations for what they need to know at each age have increased. For example, your child who may have been *at* or *above* in before, may now be *working towards*.

There will continue to be twice yearly reports on your child's progress in relation to these new learning objectives. Mid year reporting is interim until there is more understanding of the curriculum and assessment tools, as the government is still looking to release new information and resources.

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.

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.

Sickness

If your child / children display any symptoms of being ill, can you please keep them at home. If your child displays any symptoms on arriving at school, we will ring and ask for them to be picked up.

In the past we have had to bear the brunt from some unhappy parents. However, if a large proportion of my staff become ill, the only recourse open to me is to close the school.

Currently it is exceptionally hard to find relievers. We book weeks ahead for relievers to come to our school so ringing around the night before is definitely not an option.

So your vigilance in regards to this matter would be much appreciated.

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:

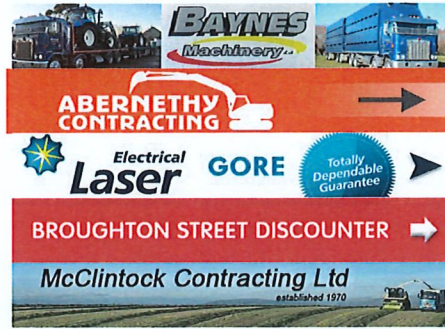
Raewyn, Paige, Amanda, Emma, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara, Viv.

Up and coming events

Dates for 2025 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events) <u>Speech Competition</u> August 22nd <u>Daffodil Day</u> August 29th <u>Technology at Maruawai</u> August 26th, Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th <u>WCD Year 7 & 8 Programme</u> True in Nature September 5th <u>Fiasco in the Forest</u> September 17th	 Policies and Procedures 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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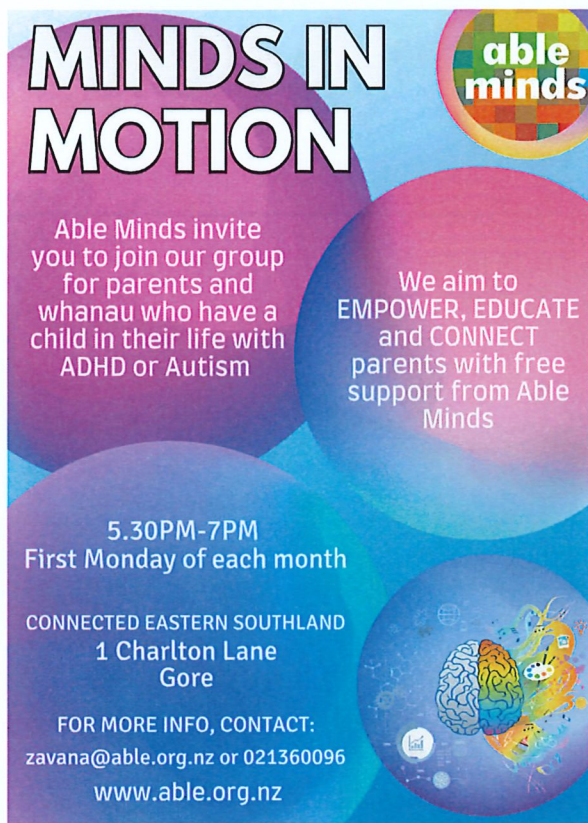


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in association with
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**THE SOUTHLAND
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Able Minds invite you to join our group for parents and whanau who have a child in their life with ADHD or Autism

We aim to **EMPOWER, EDUCATE** and **CONNECT** parents with free support from Able Minds

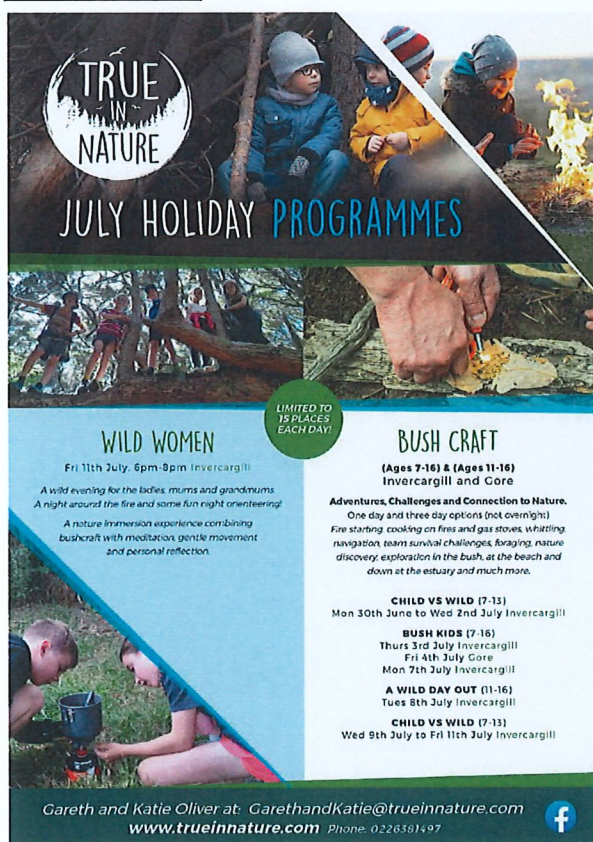
5.30PM-7PM
First Monday of each month

CONNECTED EASTERN SOUTHLAND
1 Charlton Lane
Gore

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096
www.able.org.nz

The poster features a colorful background with overlapping circles in shades of purple, blue, and pink. A circular logo with the text 'able minds' is in the top right. A stylized brain graphic is in the bottom right.

True in Nature



TRUE IN NATURE

JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

WILD WOMEN
Fri 11th July, 6pm-8pm Invercargill
A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums
A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!
A nature immersion experience combining bushcraft with meditation, gentle movement and personal reflection.

BUSH CRAFT
(Ages 7-16) & (Ages 11-16)
Invercargill and Gore
Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.
One day and three day options (not overnight)
Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, Whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
Mon 30th June to Wed 2nd July Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)
Thurs 3rd July Invercargill
Fri 4th July Gore
Mon 7th July Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)
Tues 8th July Invercargill

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
Wed 9th July to Fri 11th July Invercargill

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497

The poster features a collage of images showing children and adults engaged in outdoor activities like sitting around a campfire, hiking, and using tools. A circular logo with the text 'TRUE IN NATURE' is in the top left. A green circle with the text 'LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!' is in the center.

Whakatauki: Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu. (Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly)



Please place your can tabs in the jar!!!

What to do!

While you are walking to throw away your can, take a few seconds to wiggle the tab back and forth until it comes off.

Why?

The Lions Club recycle the tabs and the money raised goes towards Kidney Kids NZ. This money is then used to help spread awareness, as well as other helping families to fund the medication and treatments for kids with kidney disease or kidney related problems.

Thank you for helping support Kidney Kids NZ!