

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to this week's newsletter. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, winter is here in all her glory. We have been blessed with stunning sunrises, the spectacle of gleaming frost covered grounds and then ...the incessant rain. Unfortunately, along with this weather comes the usual colds, sniffles and illness. We have had teachers and students away with diarrhoea, the vomiting bug, the flu and let's not forget COVID. But as is the way with any school, we will ensure that we do everything that we can to keep ours open and operational. So on that cheery note.... welcome to week 7's newsletter.

New students to our school

We would like to welcome 5 new students to our school.



Charlie, Rylie, Bonnie, Millie

The McCauley family

We would like to officially welcome the McCauley family into our midst. They have moved from the Edendale district to be with us and we are very excited to have them. We hope that they find their time with us enjoyable and extremely worthwhile.



James Balampu

James is one of our newest members to join team Kowhai and we are very excited to have him here. He has 2 older siblings already at the school, (Priya and Jordan), so his transition to school has been seamless.

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Performance



Our school had the opportunity to attend a performance by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in Invercargill, this Tuesday just gone. The Invercargill Civic Theatre was absolutely packed to the rafters with schools from around Invercargill and beyond. The performance itself was absolutely amazing and it was just so thrilling to watch the expressions on our kids' faces and to see them all riveted to their seats because of it. After the performance, we were approached by one of the organisers of the event and asked if we would like one of their speakers and some of the orchestra to visit our school. We replied with a resounding yes! So what a great ending to a fabulous event.

Due to the weather, we were unable to have lunch at the Invercargill gardens as planned. We were however, invited to use the Woodland School Hall by Mrs Haley Mitcheson, which we kindly took up.

In closing, my staff and Tamariki would like to thank those parents who were able to transport children to and from the event. Without your support, this event would not have happened, so thank you!

Cladding of the pool



Our final major school project is now being completed at pace which is great to see. We have had a full on couple of years of having builders, painters, scaffolding, concrete trucks and lots of men around the place.

So, sad as it may be to see the last truck leave our school grounds, we look forward to getting back to some form of normalcy.

Southland Cross Country

We would like to congratulate Joseph McKenzie for making it to the 2024 Southland Cross Country Event.

Joseph has always been a stand out when it comes to running and we are just so very proud of his efforts in this field. Well done Joseph!

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child has diarrhoea or has been vomiting, that they must be kept home for at least 48 hours before returning to school. Please ensure that if your child has flu like symptoms that they are kept at home also. With your help, we will do our very best to keep our school open.

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. 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 reset, 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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Nga mihi:

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

Up and coming events

<p>Dates for 2024 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 2</u> <u>Maruawai Technology</u> June 19, 26 July 3rd <u>Deep Cove Camp</u> June 20-23rd <u>Matariki School Celebration</u> June 27th <u>Matariki</u> June 28th <u>Parent / Teacher Interviews</u> July 2-3</p>	<div data-bbox="938 197 1201 315"></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 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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Childcare Provider

Need Childcare?



Meet Educator Skye

Homebased Educator available in Otama

Growing SuperKids at home with Skye

Skye has been part of the Just Four Kids whanau as a parent for a while.

She is excited about coming on board as an Educator.

Skye and her family live at a lovely rural property in Otama.

She is part of the Gore parents centre community and is studying the Certificate in childcare Level 4.

Skye is looking forward to putting her knowledge in to practice with children in early childhood education.

She is also going to be offering after school and holiday care in the Otama, Knapdale area.

Spaces with Skye will not last long so enquire today to ensure you do not miss out.

Phone - Suzy - 027 567 5990 - Email suzy@justfourkids.co.nz - Web - justfourkids.co.nz



Bloke's Workshop

BLOKE'S WORKSHOP

EDENDALE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EXCESS OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

A chance for men to meet up each week to create, build, learn from others or just hang out for a chat.

- Small building projects
- Painting
- Community projects
- Hands on tasks

If you have any questions regarding the group please call Paul Boatwood on 027 455 3495 or you are welcome to just drop in and check it out.

To register call Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email info@reap.co.nz

• 9 Turner Street, Edendale Every Friday at 1pm - 4pm •



Pohutukawa Fashion and flames



School Holiday Programme

Cartooning - Winton & Gore

WITH BELLA RANSTEAD

INTRODUCTION TO
CREATING CARTOONS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
GORE

CREATE YOUR OWN CARTOON CHARACTERS AND BRING THEM TO LIFE WITH HAND-DRAWN ANIMATION.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

10-13 YEAR OLDS ONLY

GORE
TUESDAY 16 JULY
Southern REAP,
Community Room,
Gore

9.30am - 2.30pm
\$20 per child

For more info, or to enrol in this session
please phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117
or email info@reap.co.nz

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