

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9 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,
It is hard to believe that it is that time again, with the holidays just around the corner. It has been a short term but an exceptionally busy one and everybody is ready for the break. We have had some exciting developments over the last couple of weeks and here they are!

New Student

We wish to officially welcome Amelia Wyatt to Knapdale School. Amelia is our latest addition to the junior room and is the daughter of Troy Wyatt and Megan MacBeth. We are very excited to have her with us, and we certainly look forward to watching her growth throughout her time with us at this school.



New Carpet

The final part of the Nga iti Kahurangi (small schools project) is finally being completed. The container with our new carpet and wall coverings has arrived! and two young gentlemen are at the school and completing the work. The classes that are getting the face lift are Matai and Rimu. We are really looking forward to the final outcome!.



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Southland Football

We were exceptionally lucky to have Leigh from Southland Football come to the school to do a couple of sessions with our tamariki. Our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed it! A big thank you to Mel McKenzie for organising this. We hope to make his visits a regular feature.



Highland Dancing

Congratulations to Emily Milne and Harriet Nicholson for being selected to attend the National Highland Dancing Competition in Christchurch. We will certainly look forward to the update once we get back to school.



Karate Results

Congratulations to Emily Milne on receiving her yellow belt and Cooper Harrington on receiving his white belt with black trim for Karate.



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Fiasco in the forest!

Just a little update:

- While not all roles have been filled, we encourage those with scripts to practise over the holidays.
- The play will be performed on the 17th of September with both an afternoon and evening performance, so put it in your calendars now!

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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, Melissa, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara.

Up and coming events

Dates for 2025 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events) <u>Last Day of the Term</u> June 27th <u>First Day of Term 3</u> July 14th	 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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Gore Winter Fete

**GORE
WINTER FETE**

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025
10AM - 3PM
GORE TOWN & COUNTRY STADIUM

VARIETY OF STALLS INCLUDING:
CLOTHING, HOMEWARES, COFFEE, JEWELLERY, FOOD TRUCKS, ART, CHILDRENS ITEMS,
GARDENING/PLANTS, KIDS AREA WITH FACE PAINTING, CANDY FLOSS, HAIR BRAIDING

**\$2 entry fee
(under 16 free)**


THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER

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Winter School Holiday Activities

True in Nature



The poster for 'True in Nature' July Holiday Programmes features a collage of images: children in winter gear, a campfire, people in a forest, and hands working with wood. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts. A green circular badge highlights a limited-time offer.

TRUE IN NATURE
JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

WILD WOMEN
Fri 11th July, 6pm-9pm 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

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

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



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