

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5 2024

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
 Welcome to week 5! I am not sure where the time has gone. We
 have had an exciting couple of weeks so without further ado, here we go.

Athletics

Our tamariki did exceptionally well at athletics this year. and we are so very proud of them. Not only did their athleticism shine through but so did their fair play and exemplary behaviour. Our school came second over all, being pipped at the post by only .72 of a score. However, this year we have a large contingent of tamariki representing us at Eastern Southland. These tamariki are:



James Clement	60m	100m		
Clay McKenzie	60m	100m		
Hayden Gardyne	100m	1500m	Discus	Shot Put
Joseph McKenzie	100m	800m	1500m	
Kenzie Broekhoff	100m	200m	High Jump	Shot Put Nerf
Priya Balampu	100m	Nerf		
Dakodah Richards-Ladbrook	100m	Nerf		
Lucan Faamoe-loane	100m	800m	Long jump	Nerf
Dylan Rawcliffe	High Jump	Nerf		

Fly In Fundraiser

The school wishes to thank the fundraising committee and the volunteers for giving up their time last Saturday and Sunday to take part in the Fly In fundraiser at Mandeville. We appreciate all that you do for us, thank you..

Deep Cove Camp

To help with the costs of this camp, our tamariki will be doing sausage sizzles again. We will get the forms out to you once we decide on a starting date.

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

Our Amazing Young Men



Dylan Rawcliffe, Travis Harris, Hayden Gardyne

We are extremely lucky to have within our midst some fantastic young men. If they see a need around the school they are the first ones to put their hands up to do something about it. They are our builders, fixer uppers, gardeners and so much more. They are certainly the leaders of the future and great examples to the rest of the children in the school.

Covid

Unfortunately, Covid is doing the rounds again. So if your child / children develop flu or cold like symptoms, we ask that you keep them at home.

Please note that if your child / children start to display flu like symptoms while at school, that we will ring and ask that you come to pick them up. This is to ensure that will keep any spread to a minimum but more importantly to ensure that the school remains open.

We want to thank those parents that kept their sick tamariki at home over the past week. We had 18 of our tamariki away on Monday, 17 Tuesday, 17 on Wednesday, and 15 on Thursday.

PUMs -Paid Union Meetings

On the 21st of March, there will be a paid union meeting in Gore for all of our teachers. Because of this, the school will be officially closed from 11.50 am onwards. The bus will be running that day.

Stable Kitchen: 5 past 12

Calvin Church: 10 past 12

Grace Church: 12.30

Everyone else 3 hours before normal drop off.

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.

EnviroSchool - Waste Management Project

On the 6th of March, there will be an Enviroschools Hui around Waste Management which will be held at Gore Main School. 8 of our seniors have been selected to attend this event. Mrs Emma Norman will be the teacher in charge on that day. Our school is looking to reconnect with the enviro-schools programme and Emma has kindly agreed to be the lead teacher in this.

Phone Survey

A survey on our tamariki using cell phones in schools has been attached to this newsletter. Could you please take the time to answer the questions and make any comments that consider relevant in regards to this. It would be nice to gauge the community's opinions on this.

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 a balance update or your account resent, 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, Helen, Michelle, Sara, Sara and Rhonda

Up and coming events

<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for 2024</p> <p>(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 1</u></p> <p><u>Enviroschools Waste Management</u> March 6th</p> <p><u>Eastern Athletics</u> March 7th</p> <p><u>Kids Lit Quiz</u> March 18th</p> <p><u>Paid Union Meetings</u> March 21st</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"><p>School Docs Policies and Procedures</p></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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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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Community Consultation.

As you are aware, our New Government is instituting a no phone / cell phone policy within all schools.

Our school has never had an issue with this as our expectation is that you do not need your cell phone at school because you can use the school phones.

On the odd occasion that a cell phone has turned up at school – it is always handed in to the teacher who will give it back at the end of the day.

Our school is also fortunate enough to have enough devices for our tamariki to use. So again ...cell phones are not required for research etc.

So could you please take the time to answer the following questions.

1. Do you think our tamariki should be allowed the option of phones in school? If you have answered yes to this....then please say why.

2. Are you happy with the way that our school has handled this matter previously and if not, why?

3. Do you see a place at all for cell phones in the school?

4. Is there anything else that you would like to comment on?

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey.

This information will be reported to the Board and will be placed in the next newsletter.