

# Newsletter

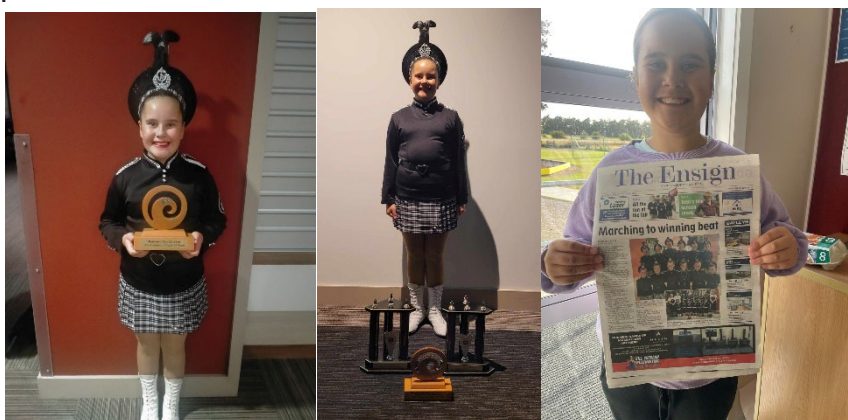
## Term 1 Week 7 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,  
Welcome to week 7. We have seen some glorious days of fine weather, but we have also been inundated equally with days of terrible weather. The old adage of 4 seasons in one day still definitely suffices in regards to Southland.

### **Our Marching Extraordinaire!**

We wish to congratulate Marlee Dickie-Thompson on the massive achievement of herself and her marching team at the New Zealand Championships. Her team won their age group at the New Zealand Championships in Hamilton and we, as a school, could not be prouder. The amount of work, heart and soul that would have been absolutely epic!  
Well done Marlee!



### **Southland Athletics**

Our Tamariki did exceptionally well at the Eastern athletic day held on the 6th of March and we are so extremely proud of them. Some of our Tamariki are advancing on to the Southland athletics which is to be held on Sunday the 24th of March in Invercargill.

They are:

Hayden Gardyne	Relay Team
Joseph McKenzie	1500m
Lucan Fa'amoe-loane	Long Jump
Kenzie Broekhoff	200m   High Jump   Nerf

We will certainly look forward to hearing about their experiences when they are back at school.



### **WCD (Waikaka Combined Districts) Yr. 7 & 8 Programme**

The WCD Year 7 & 8 programme will officially begin for the year on Monday the 25th of March.

There will be 2 sessions this term and both sessions will be held at Otama School.

Our Tamariki will be travelling to and from the venue by bus.

The dates that these sessions will take place are:

25th March

8th April

Please note that as yet we do not have a starting date for technology at the Maruawai Junior Campus which is separate to the WCD year 7 & 8 programme. We will keep you informed of any updates.

### **WCD (Waikaka Combined Districts) swimming sports.**

Date: 3rd April 2024

Venue: Gore Multisport Stadium

Time: 1pm - 2.15pm

Age group: Year 4 - 8

- Tamariki will come to school that day and travel to the venue either on our school bus or teachers' cars.
- Miss Croad and myself will be the teachers in charge who will be attending the event.
- The bus will not be running after the event, so it is important that someone is there to pick them up, or the permission slip is signed allowing them to walk home.
- Please ensure that your child / children is picked up in a timely manner as it is always a big day not just for the Tamariki but for the teachers and parent helpers
- We will need two extra sets of hands, so if you are available on the day, please indicate this on the Swimming Sports Form which is attached.
- A permission slip is attached to this newsletter. The permission slip needs to be back to school as soon as possible as we will need to know a number of things.

Who can assist us on the day

How each child is travelling home?

Numbers for travelling to the venue

For those families who have recently moved into the area, this event happens every year. Pukerau School runs the event and it is always held at the Gore Multisport Stadium.

There are a variety of events that our Tamariki can take part in. Each child will know what they are entered in before the day. This event is only for Year 4 and upwards.

There are a variety of rural schools that attend and it generally takes from 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours to complete.

All parents / families are welcome to come along and watch.

### **PUMs - Paid Union Meetings**

Just a reminder that 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 pasts 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?

### **Fundraising for the Deep Cove Camp**

As of next week, our year 7 & 8s will be back doing sausage sizzles. Our prices will be reduced due to a change in the product that we will be using. The new prices will be clearly reflected on the forms that will be sent out next week. We just want to thank you in advance for not only supporting the last sausage sizzles but also the ones to come.

### **COVID / illness**

If your child is sick or is exhibiting flu like symptoms, please keep them at home. Please be aware that if your child / children come to school and they are unwell, you will be rung to come and pick them up.

After our last bout at school, we ask that you remain vigilant. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:office@knapdale.school.nz) or 208 9473.

### **Poetry from Rimu**

We have been focusing on poetry writing on Fridays. Here are a couple of our poems which our amazing writers have created about colour.

#### **Orange**

Orange is flowers blooming in warm sunlight.

Orange looks like a sunrise that begins the day.

Orange is the sound of a powerful volcano throwing a blast of echoing booms to shake the ground.

Orange smells of decaying death wafting silently in a still breeze.

Orange feels of crumbling rust on an old wire.

Orange tastes of crisp juicy apricots picked on a calm sunny day.

Orange feels of powerful fear and desperate hope in the middle of a fire.

By Rosalie

#### **BLACK**

Black is the dark night sky with sparkling stars.

Black is depressing goth songs.

Black is the smell of burnt oil and rubber.

Black feels like the oil from a Subaru

Black tastes like gritty burnt toast and liquorice.

Black is depressing and emotional.

By Dylan

## **RED**

Red is Dad on the Suzuki at lambing time  
Red is stress and pain from blood  
Red taste like a crunchy juicy apple  
Red smells like flowers  
Red looks like a Honda bike doing jumps  
Red is walking on red carpet  
Red is the old Massey Ferguson at the back of the shed  
By Hayden

## **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><b>Dates for 2024</b> (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><b><u>Term 1</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BOT Meeting</u></b> March 18th</p> <p><b><u>Paid Union Meetings</u></b> March 21st</p> <p><b><u>WCD Year 7 &amp; 8 Programme</u></b> March 25th April 8th</p> <p><b><u>Easter</u></b> March 29th April 1st</p> <p><b><u>Southland Anniversary Day</u></b> April 2nd</p> <p><b><u>WCD Swimming Sports</u></b> April 3rd</p>	<div data-bbox="906 1285 1150 1397"></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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