

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3 2024

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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 to this week's newsletter. We have had a lot of exciting things happen at our school lately and we are gearing up for a lot more. So without further ado...Let's get into it!

Mother's Day



We want to thank all our mothers, grandmothers, caregivers, fathers and grandfathers for coming along to school and for making this day so special. Our tamariki were just so excited that they could do something for that special member / members of their families.

The weather may not have been the best but the event itself was just so heart warming.

Baleage Competition Fundraiser

The fundraising committee would like to invite all Knapdale School family and community members to our annual Baleage Competition. Please come and support us on Friday 17th May at the Knapdale Hall from 5pm for a free BBQ tea, raffle tables with something for everyone and an epic auction.

All proceeds go towards our amazing teaching staff.

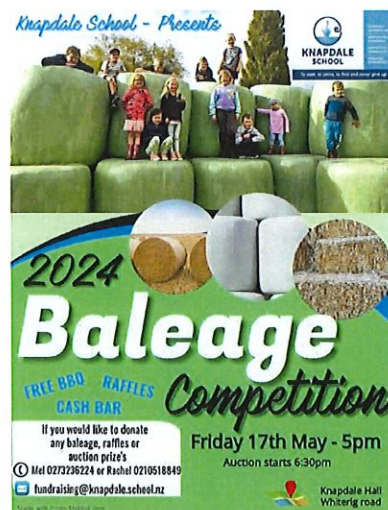
Could each child/family please provide an item for the raffle tables to help contribute.

Kowhai- an item for children

Matai- and item for ladies

Rimu- an item for men

We will see you all there!!

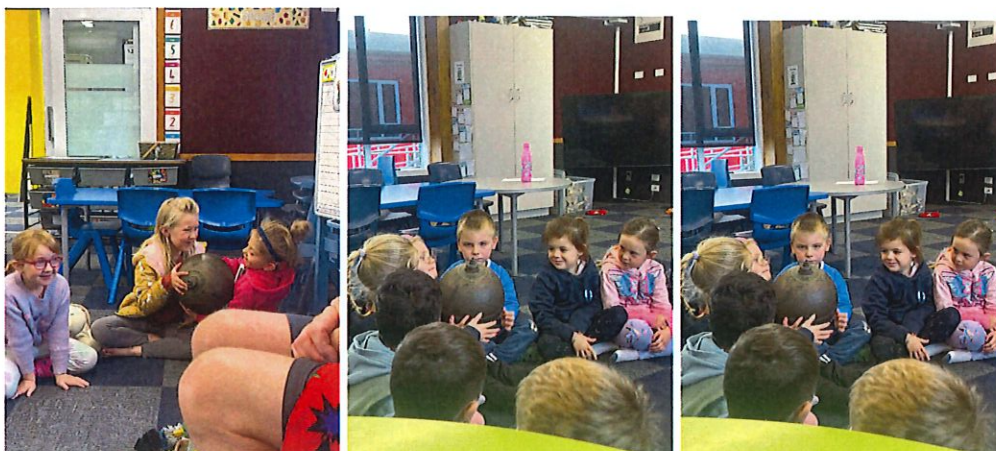


This is gearing up to be another epic night! We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Lloyd Esler

We were privileged to have had Lloyd Esler in our school last week. He spoke at length about our planet and about space. He has an absolute wealth of knowledge on a plethora of topics. It was such a fantastic way to introduce our tamariki to our topic for the term.



Major projects around the school

Cladding for our School Pool

Our final project has now begun! The scaffolders have been in and have set up the scaffolding and the safety barriers and the subcontracting outfit have been in and have started removing the old cladding. Our kids have been riveted!



Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that we have a Teachers Only Day coming up on the 4th of June - straight after Monday - King's Birthday. All of my staff and I will be attending Literacy PLD with Lauren Latimer at Waianiwa School. We will send out more reminders leading up to the day.

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra -The Firebird and other Amazing Music Adventures

On the 11th of June we will be taking the whole school down to the Invercargill Civic Theatre for a performance with the NZSO. Thank you for your support in getting all of your forms back to us. We have had a large number of families who are willing to take vehicles to transport our tamariki to and from the venue. The school will contact you within the next fortnight as to whether we need your vehicle or not.

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Parent Cross Country Reminder Notice 2024

Cross Country is being held next week on **Friday May 24th at Te Tipua School**. It is expected that you will pick your child up from Knapdale School by 11am and take your child to and from Te Tipua School. Whilst the bus is running in the morning as per usual, it will NOT be transporting students to this event from school.

All teachers and staff need to be at the event beforehand for a briefing so please pick your child up on time.

Cross Country will be held regardless of the weather conditions. If the weather is miserable then it will be entirely up to you as parents as to whether you and your child / children attend.

Please arrive from 12:00pm onwards. Cross Country begins at 12:30 pm sharp.

Upon arrival, students need to go and sit in their age groups in the bays. Parents are invited to be on the grass area designated for them.

Students are required to wait and sit with the other students until their race is completed. After this, students are welcome to then join their parents.

Students placed 1-10 will have their name recorded at the end of their race.

Any student who does not go to the recording table will not have their results recorded.

Please ensure your child comes in their P.E uniform (Knapdale School P.E top which they will be given next week and shorts or pants) and students will have their name card attached to their t-shirt. Students will also need to wear running shoes for this event.

It is recommended that you send your child with a spare change of warm clothes to put on after the race.

We ask that students and parents stay until all the races have been completed to support those students running in later races.

The day will finish with a fun run with spots prizes up for grabs.

Cross Country will be held regardless of the weather conditions. If the weather is miserable then it will be entirely up to you as parents as to whether you and your child / children attend.

If students are wet and cold they may go home straight afterwards.

The Te Tipua PFTA will be running a food stall in Room 3 where families may purchase food.

Fingers crossed for a nice day!

If you have any questions about Cross Country please email Paige Croad at paige@knapdale.school.nz or ring the office.

Writing in Room Matai



Wondering across the field, the willow tree sways roughley in the night sky.
The soft rich gold dirt stands firmly in the raging wind.
The loud howling wind can be heard for miles.
The branches snap loudly as the roots crunch.
The shadows are like a monster silently creeping.
The clouds are like marshmallows racing across the dark sky.
What a day!

By James Weir

Wondering across the field, the swirling wind world swirls the cloud into a spiral..
The clouds sit in the sky like puffy marshmallows.
The wind howls around me and the branches sound like snapping bones.
The shadow is ten feet tall and the wiry field grass is grey like it was burnt by a firestorm.
What a day!

By Harriet Nicholson

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.

Paige Croad: paige@knapdale.school.nz Amanda Swain: Amanda@knapdale.school.nz

Emma Norman emma@knapdale.school.nz Raewyn Ramage: principal@knapdale.school.nz

Megan MacBeth megan@knapdale.school.nz

Nga mihi:

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

Up and coming events

Dates for 2024

(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)

Term 2

Maruawai Technology

May 22, June 12, 19, 26 July 3rd

Baleage Competition

May 17th

Cross Country

May 24th

King's Birthday

June 3rd

Teacher's Only Day

June 4th

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra

June 11th

Deep Cove Camp

June 20-23rd

Matariki

June 28th

Parent / Teacher Interviews

July 2-3



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

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You will see which policies are under review and can respond to them as well.

Childcare Provider

Need Childcare?



Just Four Kids
Growing SuperKids at Home

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.

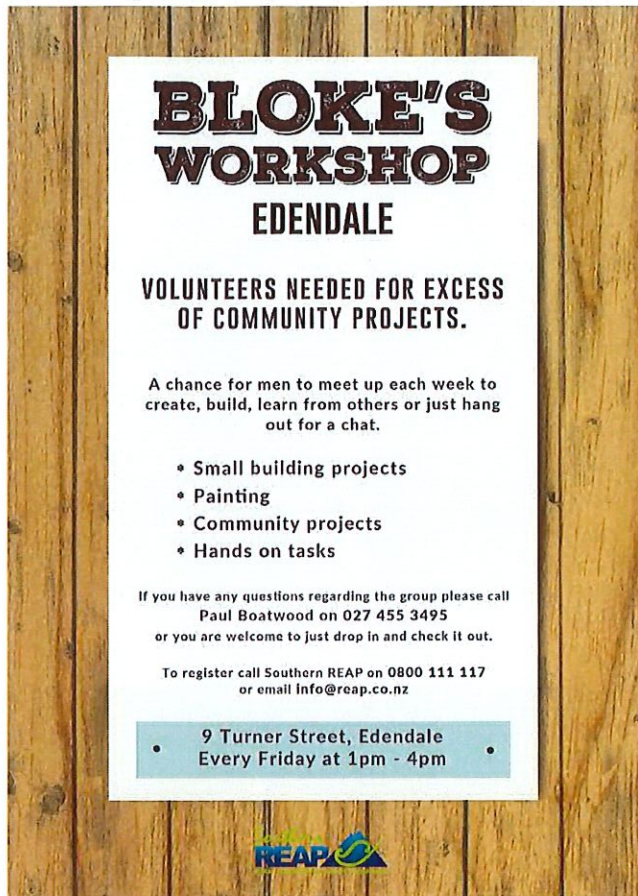
Spaces with Skye will not last long so enquire today to ensure you do not miss out.



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

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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

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Every Friday at 1pm - 4pm •



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