

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 2023

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome to another glorious week at our school. Our grounds and buildings are looking beautiful with the renovations and the paintwork. and our groundskeeper has done a marvellous job of cleaning up around the place. We have been extremely lucky this year in regards to our classrooms and it certainly makes a big difference to the feel of the school.

Introducing one new student to or school



Lucas Fletcher

Lucas has started his school visits with us this term and we would like to welcome him and his whanau to our school. Lucas is excited to be starting his school journey with us and is very happy to see his big cousin Kenzie from Rimu. Welcome Lucas and family. We cannot wait to be a part of your learning journey Lucas, and we certainly look forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future.

Out of School Achievements



Congratulations to Marlee and her marching team who won their competition last weekend. Ka Pai Marlee.

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Technology that takes us into the future



We are **REALLY** excited to announce that our school was successful in obtaining some pretty fantastic technology through the Genesis School-gen Trust. We received the Coding Explorers package made up of Sphero Bolts and Micro-bits. Our seniors have been playing around with them in order to find out exactly what they can do! So watch this space!

Camp Columba

We are happy to announce that after a bit of a reshuffle and taking into account our random sausage sizzles - that our trip to Camp Columba along with our BBQ lunch will be free of charge for our tamariki. I have included the Permission slip and agenda with this newsletter. Could you please get the permission slip back to us as soon as possible as transport and food will still need to be sorted.

From the Fundraising Committee

We would like to thank our school community for another successful year of fundraising. Next Year we have secured a spot helping at the Field Days at Waimumu. Our School Community will be carrying out the clean-up of the grounds on Tuesday 13th Feb (the night prior to the Field Days starting). We will need about 20 volunteers for this to make it light work. Please put this in your diary now, more info to come. We want to wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas Holiday, and look forward to seeing you again next year!

Our two trophies

If your child / children were recipients of our two trophies at the end of last year, could you please send them back to the school at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for this.

Science Roadshow

Some of our senior students, year 5 and upwards, were able to attend the Science Roadshow that was held at West Gore School yesterday. They arrived back at school positively beaming from the experience. Here are some photos from that event.



Sunhats & Sunscreen

Just a reminder that term 4 is 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.

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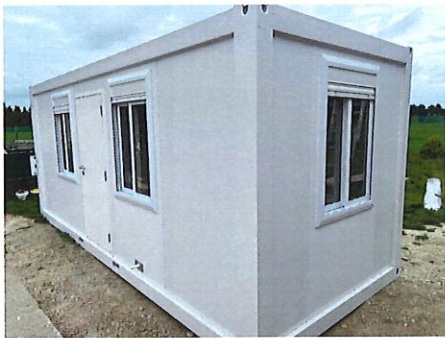
Wheels Week

Wheels week will be from the 27th of November right up to the 1st of December. If you could drop everything off on Monday and then pick it up again on Friday, that would be much appreciated. Please note..... this does not include motorbikes or anything with an engine. :)

School Building Projects

New Library

We are waiting for the new shelves that we have purchased for our books. Once they have arrived, some of our menfolk will come in to look at securing them to either the wall or ground. Once that is taken care of then all of our library books will be resorted and stacked in our building. A stock take of our books will also take place at this time.



School Swimming Pool

The pool has been emptied so that the new steps can be put in.
The inside of the pool was cleaned and is currently being painted..

Small Schools - Rural school initiative

On the 27th of this month, our next lot of builders will be moving in. The logic group have the contract to upgrade rural schools within New Zealand. They will be putting up acoustic panels, installing LED lights, insulation and RCDs (Residual Current Devices). Approval has also been given for the group to install new carpet tiles and underlay in Rimu (Senior Room) and Matai. This work will be undertaken next year.

TOD - Teacher Only Day

Just a wee reminder that school will not be open for instruction this coming Monday as it is our final Teacher's Only Day for the year.

Swimming

Knapdale School will be at the Gore Aquatic Centre from the 4th - 8th of December for the Gore Aquatic Programme (GAP) sessions. Pool entry and instructor costs are funded by the MLT, Gore Pakeke Lions and the Gore District Council so these sessions are free for our tamariki. More information will go out in the next newsletter.

2024 Enrolments

Could you please ensure that you let the school know if:

- You have a 4 year old who will be starting school next year
- If you are moving out of the district and your children will be attending another school
- If your child is going to another school such as St Peters or Blue Mountain

Once we have an idea of numbers, we can then work on the 2024 classes

COVID Restrictions

The Ministry of Education has now lifted the COVID restrictions in schools. If your child contracts COVID, it is strongly recommended to isolate for at least 5 days even if their symptoms are only mild.

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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 reset, please contact Susan - office@knapdale.school.nz or 208 9473.

To Parents / Caregivers and Wider Community

It has come to our attention that there has been a perceived conflict of interest with the Presiding Member's appointment. We want to assure the school community that the Board sought verbal advice prior to the appointment which confirmed that all candidates were eligible. We have since had this advice confirmed in writing from NZSTA following a parent inquiry. We understand that the community has concerns and we want to hear these regarding this issue.

The Board request that any parents with concerns contact Board Secretary Lisa McDonald in strictest confidence at:

027 634 3168 or lisa@knapdale.school.nz

Any issues raised will be discussed in committee with the Presiding Member and public excluded at the next meeting on the 4th of December, with the issue resolved at that meeting.

Many thanks

Lisa McDonald

(On behalf of the Knapdale BOT)

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 Rhonda

Dates for 2023

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

Term 4

Technology - Longford

November 21st

Teacher Only Day

November 20th

Wheels Week

November 27 - December 1st

Swimming

December 4th - 8th

Camp Columba

December 12th

Prizegiving

December 14th

Last day of the term

December 15th



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.

Glenham Trainwreck Trail

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SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024
RACES START FROM 11am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike
15km - Run or Mountain Bike
21km - Run or Mountain Bike
43km - Mountain Bike
E-bikes - recreational only

Register online at:
www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz
or on the day from 9.30am at
Glenham Hall
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Compete in any of the Mountain Bike events
and go in the draw to win a
MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$1500
thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre

Sponsors: Valco, Bruce Dickens Tree Toppers Ltd, CrossRoad Cycles, VetSouth, Three Rivers, Mataka Living Fruit, Edsign.

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