

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 2024

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members, the weather we have been praying for has finally arrived. Our tamariki are happily playing outdoors and the class pool sessions are beginning to ram up. Here's hoping that this is the start of something good!

Wheels Week.

Next week is wheels week. Constable Fenton Herrick will be at the school on Monday to talk about bike safety and to do some activities with our tamariki. So could you please ensure that if your child / children are bringing bikes that they are at school on Monday and ready to go. As the name implies, tamariki can bring anything along to school with wheels. Unfortunately this does not include motorised wheels of any sort as this would be wrong on so many levels.

Our seniors have been busy making ramps and trails especially for the week, which are looking great!



Dylan Rawcliff, Hayden Gardyne, Lucan Faamoe Ioane, Travis Harris

If bikes, skateboards, roller blades etc could be dropped off to the school on Monday and then picked up again on Friday, it would be much appreciated.

Tapanui Christmas Walk

On the 10th of December, the whole school will be going to Tapanui to do the Christmas Walk. We will be travelling there via our school bus and cars. Our lovely teacher Megan MacBeth, ensured that our school contributed in some way so our tamariki made decorated Christmas trees from wooden pellets. So if you get the chance and you want to do something a little different, then please pop along to this event.

Date: 10th December

Where: Tapanui

Time: 9.15am - 2.15pm

Items that each child will need:

Warm clothes, jacket, sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle, decent walking shoes and a big packed lunch - no heat ups.

WCD (Waikaka Combined Districts) Fun Day

Our year 7 & 8s will be having their end of the year event on the 11th of December.

Activities are still be finalised, but a letter with an accompanying permission slip will go out to families within the next week.

Swimming

Could you please send your child / children along to school with their togs and a towel. Our weather has picked up and so has the water temperature in the pool.

Pool Keys

The Knapdale School Pool is now ready for public use. The cost for the season is \$50.

If you are interested, then please contact Rachel Milne on 021 051 8849.

Swimming lessons

Rachel has also kindly offered to take our tamariki for swimming lessons. If you are interested, could you please let Rachel know as soon as possible so that she can organise this.

10YPP

We had a meeting with Wendy Eade (MOE Property Advisor) and John Langveld (One of our property managers) about what is next for our school in regards to building etc. We have had a slew of workmen through the school doing checks on every system and building that we have.



Apart from the replacement of one circuit board, we have received a clean bill of health. This means that we were able to decide on what we would like for the school once the next round starts. So we are going to get the deck off from the senior room covered and we are also going to get another covered area just off from the junior sandpit. This is not due to start until next year.

Grandparent's Day

We want to give a special shout out to all of the grandparents who attended grandparent's day last Friday. We cannot thank you enough for the influence that you have had in your grandchildren's lives. We look forward to doing this all over again next year.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held at the Knapdale Hall on the 17th of December.

It will start promptly at 6pm due in part to the number of Year 8s that will be leaving us this year..

We look forward to seeing everyone on the night..

Pool Use

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Library books and reading books

We are about to begin the end of year audit. If you could have a hunt around your house for any PM readers,

Sports tops

We appear to be missing sports tops, so if you have any of them could you please return them back to

Sickness

If your child is exhibiting flu like symptoms, could you please keep them at home until they are better. We

Sun screen & Sun Hats

This is just a wee reminder to ensure that your child / children have sun hats. The school will have a supply

Calf Fundraiser

We would like to give a massive thank you to all our generous farmers who have donated and grazed



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

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

Up and coming events

Dates for 2024	
(This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)	
<u>Term 4</u>	
<u>Wheels Week</u>	
Dec 2 - 6	
<u>Tapanui Trip</u>	
Dec 10th	
<u>WCD Year 7 & 8 Fun Day</u>	
Dec 11th	
<u>Prize Giving</u>	
Dec 17th	
<u>End of Term</u>	
Dec 18th - Day finishes at 12pm.	
	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.

We wish to thank the following businesses for supporting our school

- The Broughton Street Discounter
- Abernethy Contracting 2008 Limited
- McClintock Contracting Ltd
- Baynes Machinery
- AB Lime
- AJAX building Contractors Ltd
- Southern Horizon Surveying & Resource Management

The Knapdale Board of Trustees and the Knapdale School staff would like to thank these businesses for supporting our school.. Your support is much appreciated.

Gore District Council - Christmas Parade

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL + PARADE

Santa Parade:
12 Noon on Main
Street, Gore

Christmas Carnival:
12:30pm – 4:00pm
Main Reserve, 40 Ardwick

**Sunday 8
December
2024**

**COME
JOIN THE
FUN!**



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Whakotauhi: Mā te huihuhu ka roa te manu. (Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly)