



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members, it is pretty hard to believe that we are currently languishing in Term 4. The time has just flown by. We are now just waiting in anticipation for the fine weather to arrive.

NZSO

At the end of last term, we were very privileged to have had Chris Lam Sam from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in our school working with our senior class. Our Tamariki learnt a lot about the composition of music pieces and just how easy it is to create music of their own. Next year Chris will be coming to work with each class and we certainly look forward to that.

New gravel on our driveway

We wish to thank Craig Abernethy for filling the potholes. It has certainly made a big difference to the driveway.

Sun screen & Sun Hats

As is customary at this time of the year, could you please ensure that your child / children have sunhats and if need be, especially for those Tamariki with sensitive skin, their own named sunscreen. The school will also have a supply of sunscreen. If you do not want your child / children to be liberally dosed in sunscreen while at school, then could you please let us know.

Labour Day

This is just a reminder that school will be closed for instruction on this day.

Wanda Waste Net Event

Yesterday, our school went to Waikaka for the Wanda Waste Net event. It was funny, informative and educational and all of our Tamariki came away with a few key ideas on the importance of our environment. We would like to thank all of the parents who gave up their valuable time to transport our Tamariki to and from the event. We really do appreciate this.

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child has diarrhoea or has been vomiting, that they must be kept home for at least 48 hours before returning to school. With your help, we will do our very best to keep our school open.

Technology

The dates from Technology at the Maruawai junior Campus are the 16th, 23rd and 30th of October and the 6th of November.

Science Roadshow

The Science Roadshow is being held on the 22nd of October at the St Peter's Hall in Gore. This event will only be for the senior class at this stage. Consent forms have been sent home and need to be back to school by Monday at the latest.

Knapdale Community Pool Working Bee

The Knapdale Community Pool Committee are holding a working bee this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. This is to tidy it up before the season kicks off. If you could bring along some tools for the job, that would be great! All help will be much appreciated.



School Photos

School photos will be held this coming Monday 21st of October. Here is the general layout of the day.

8.30am Family photos and sibling photos
 Staff photo
 Class photos.

Swimming

Knapdale School will be attending swimming lessons at the Gore Multisport. The days that we have been allocated are:

November the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.

The times that each class will be swimming is as follows.

Friday 1st of November

Seniors: 12.15-1pm

Kowhai: 1.- 1.30pm

Matai: 1.30 - 2pm

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th

Seniors: 12.30 -1.15pm

Kowhai: 1.15 - 1.45pm

Matai: 1.45 - 2.15pm

We will be traveling to and from the venue by bus.

Tamariki will get into their togs at school before leaving for the complex.

If there are any parents that could come along to help on those days especially with changing clothes, we would really appreciate it. Unfortunately, our year 7 & 8 students will miss out on swimming on Wednesday the 6th as they will have technology at Maruawai. This could not be helped as the timetable had already been set.

Breakfast

Some of our Tamariki are coming along to school without having had breakfast. The next time that our Tamariki can have something to eat is at brain break time which is at 10.30am. This still leaves a considerable amount of teaching and learning time in between. As the weather is warming up, our children are outside being more active and burning up energy, so a couple of extra bits in their lunchbox would be amazing.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be held on the 22nd of November. Our Tamariki will be writing letters or making cards to let them know. Could you please send the addresses of your parents or designated person along to school so that we know where to send them to. If each family could also supply a plate of food on the day, it would be much appreciated.

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.

Pet Day

Pet day will be held on Friday the 8th of November. The information for this event along with the Pet Diaries, have been sent home with our Tamariki. Could you please ensure that the information sheet is back to the school by Monday the 21st at the latest so that we can organise the day,

The timetable for pet day has been attached to this newsletter. We are still yet to get in touch with our community members who have been our judges. This will be organised next week.

We are also absolutely thrilled to once again have a cake category for Dads and Granddads and Uncles.

It was a resounding success last year and just so much fun to watch.

So please, if you have a penchant for baking lavish goodies and wearing your wives pinny comes naturally to

you, then please enter this competition!



Calf Fundraiser

We would like to give a massive thank you to all our generous farmers who have donated and grazed calves in the past. If you are able to be involved in this venture, could you please contact Graham Gardyne or Mel McKenzie. Their information can be found on the following poster. We are so thankful for all the support and organisation around 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.

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,
Michelle, Sara and Sara**

Up and coming events

<p>Dates for 2024 (This will be updated periodically to reflect our up and coming events)</p> <p><u>Term 3</u> <u>Term 4 starts</u> Oct 14 <u>Technology - Maruawai</u> Oct 23, 30 Nov 6 <u>Wanda Waste Net</u> Oct 17 <u>School Photos</u> Oct 21 <u>BOT</u> Oct 21 <u>Science Roadshow</u> Oct 22 <u>Labour Day</u> Oct 28 <u>Swimming</u> Nov 1st, 4-7 <u>Pet Day</u> Nov 8th <u>WCD Year 7 & 8 Programme</u> Nov 14th <u>Grandparent's Day</u> Nov 22 <u>Wheels Week</u> Dec 2 - 6 <u>Prize Giving</u> Dec 17 <u>End of Term</u> Dec 18</p>	<div data-bbox="842 300 1098 412"></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>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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Pet Day Timetable

9.00 - 9.30am

Judges to arrive: Given judging sheets and assigned their tasks

Pets to their designated areas

Lambs - Tennis Court

Horses, calves, goats etc. along the side of the pool

Dogs along the fence line by the rugby post

Cats: Break out space - Kowhai

Chickens, birds, fish, turtles and other caged animals - Rimu

Food to Matai

Lego, teddy bears, gumboot art - Kowhai

10:00am Judging starts: Tamariki to be with their pets first and then go to their other creations

11.00am Morning tea

11:30am Lamb drinking race at the soccer nets- 150mls

11:45am Dog obstacle course by the goal posts

12.00pm Grand parade on the field

12:15pm Lunch supplied by Westpac / roast and buns and coleslaw - Esther G

1:00pm Prize giving

Judges thanked - laminated photo of the school and chocolates

1:30pm Dad's Cake Auction and prize giving

Final comments - Rhonda

End of the day