

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 2025

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LEARNERS ARE:

- RESPONSIBLE
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(AUMANGEA)

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,
Welcome back to the last term of the year. Term 4 is going to be equally as busy as the rest of the year with pet day, Knapdale's Got Talent, swimming, photos, and testing, just to name a few! On top of that, it is great to see more of the sun and the lambs and calves frolicking in the paddocks. Long may this last!

Our three New Students

We wish to officially welcome Bonnie Warwood along with her parents Abby and Elliot Warwood and Lukah Brown along with her parents Marcia and Trent Brown to both the Knapdale Community and Knapdale School. We are really excited to have them with us and to watch the buzz of excitement that their presence has made in our junior room.



Bonnie Warwood

Lukah Brown

We are also very excited to welcome Murphy to our school. He is the second child of Jessie and Brad Sayer and brother of Blair who is currently in Room Matai. It is just lovely to watch his very protective sister take him under her wing. Our three children have had a great start to their schooling career at our school and we certainly look forward to watching their progress while with us..



Murphy Sayer

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

School Photos

School photos are set to happen on the 17th of October. Our photographers will be here at 9am and the family photos will be first up. The consent form for photos is attached to this newsletter. If they could be back to us as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Dress Up Day

On the 16th of October we are going to hold a dress up day. This is to raise some funds for the family of the young boy who passed away from Otama School. His name was Dixon Cribb and he was 9 years old. If those participating can bring a gold coin it would be much appreciated.

Strike

At this stage, primary school teachers, principals and support staff will be going out on strike on the 23rd of October. Our school will be closed for instruction on that day.

Swimming

Swimming will be held on October the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th and 31st of October. Friday the 31st replaces Strike day.

The times that each classroom will be there are:

Kowhai:	10:00 - 10:30
Matai:	10:30 - 11:00
Rimu:	11:00 - 11:45

If you can come along and assist with changing our tamariki etc, it would be much appreciated.

The consent form for swimming is attached to this newsletter. Could you please return it to the school before the **17th of October**.

Hats, Sun Screen and Swimming in the school pool.

Could you please ensure that your child / children have sunhats for this term. As with most years, could you please ensure that the hats are clearly named so as not to cause confusion. The school will supply sunscreen but feel free to supply your own if you want to. As the weather improves, teachers will begin taking their classes for swims in our pool. The teachers will let the class know verbally as well as popping this information on our face book page as a reminder.

Pet Day

Could you please ensure that the Pet day registration forms are back to the school as soon as possible. This gives the teachers time to organise space, activities, judges, prizes etc. The original form has also been attached to this newsletter.

Knapdale's Got Talent

Could you please ensure that the entry form for this event is sent back to school by the end of this week as auditions are being held next week.

Technology at Maruawai

This term there will be 4 sessions of Technology at Maruawai. Our students will be transported to and from the junior campus by bus. This bus picks up the Waikaka students, Otama students and our students.

The dates for this term are:

October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Year 7s: Hard tech - wood

Year 8s: Soft tech - fabric

Community Consultation Survey

Our Community Consultation Survey is attached to this newsletter. Your input from this is exceptionally valuable as the information received from this will set the direction for the school for the next couple of years. If we could have all of the surveys back by the **October 26th**, it would be much appreciated!

Attendance

As of 2025, the school must record all absences, along with the reason for the absence by 9 o'clock each day. This information will be monitored and gathered by the Ministry of Education at 6pm each night. If no reason is given for your child / children's absence, then we have no choice but to mark them down as truant.

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 to know the balance of any existing account, please contact Susan - office@knapdale.school.nz or ring the school on 208 9473.

Sickness

If your child / children display any symptoms of being ill, can you please keep them at home. If your child displays any symptoms on arriving at school, we will ring and ask for them to be picked up.

In the past we have had to bear the brunt from some unhappy parents. However, if a large proportion of my staff become ill, the only recourse open to me is to close the school.

Currently it is exceptionally hard to find relievers. We book weeks ahead for relievers to come to our school so ringing around the night before is definitely not an option.

So your vigilance in regards to this matter would be much appreciated.

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
Raewyn Ramage: principal@knapdale.school.nz Megan MacBeth megan@knapdale.school.nz

Nga mihi:

Raewyn, Paige, Amanda, Emma, Megan, Susan, Michelle, Sara, Viv.

Up and coming events

Dates for 2025

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

Technology at Maruawai

October 7th, 14th, 28th

WCD True in Nature

October 10th

BOT

October 16th

Photos

October 17th

Swimming

October 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 31st

Labour Day

October 27th



Policies and Procedures

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.

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Forms attached to this newsletter

- Community Consultation Survey
- Swimming consent
- Pet day forms
- Photo forms

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