

# Newsletter

## Term 3 Week 8 2023

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Knapdale Community Members,  
Welcome to this Newsletter. We have had some glorious days lately which is just the boost that we all needed. We are also starting to see the odd lamb and calf around - which in itself is very exciting especially to our tamariki. Long may their curiosity for our world remain.

### Introducing one new student to our school



**Bonnie Harrington**

We would like to welcome Bonnie Harrington into our midst. Bonnie starts school officially next week in Kowhai. Her older brother Cooper, is also in her class which is always an added bonus when attending a new place. We know that she is going to thoroughly enjoy herself and we look forward to watching her as she progresses throughout the years to come.

### Cinderfella hits the field days

There is a real buzz of excitement around the school at the moment. Costumes have arrived, practises are in full swing and room Matai has transformed into a stage. The next week is going to be exceptionally busy.

### Monday 11th September

We have a full dress rehearsal at school and then a pre-production practise in front of Waikoikoi and Otama students on the same day.

### Tuesday 12th September

Students need to be at The Little Theatre at 8.45am

Town students are to make their own way there and then be picked up from The Little Theatre at 2.45.

The bus will be running for the country kids only. Pick up times will be organised by Rhonda and she will message you. The bus will leave The Little Theatre at 2.45.

At some stage during the morning, the juniors along with some of the older tamariki will practise their parts and will then head back to school. All of these tamariki will be back at the little theatre before 2.45 and in time for the town children to be picked up.

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

**Entrance for students on Tuesday and Wednesday is the back door of the building nearest the river. Please ensure that your child / children go straight into the theatre. As this venue is close to the river, students will be closely monitored. So when you drop them off can you please ensure that your child / children go straight into the theatre.**

### **Wednesday 13th September**

Wednesday morning same arrival times as above but finish time will be 3.00. The bus will pick up the country kids in the morning only at the same times as the day before. However the bus will not be running in the afternoon, so all children will need to be picked up and dropped off between performances.

**Wednesday night performance** students return to The Little Theatre at 5.30 (use back entrance again). Students will be finished at approximately 7.45

Please note to comply with Health and Safety only parents that are helping with makeup or costumes will be allowed in the back of the Theatre while students are preparing

Please ensure your child is prompt for rehearsals and performances.

Please **do not remove** their makeup between the matinee and evening performances, touch ups will only be done if required.

Please ensure your child has sufficient food and drink to get them through the day. No heat ups or drinking fountain available.

Please note that once you are in the theatre you cannot leave your seat. If the door is opened it will affect the lighting in the theatre. As the performance is only 45 minutes we ask that you please remain seated as we want as little disruption as possible for the performers and audience.

We still have tickets for the afternoon performance. Please notify the school if you would like to purchase some.

### **Cold and Flu Symptoms**

Just a reminder that if your child has cold or flu-like symptoms, then please keep them at home. Please note that we also have conjunctivitis going around.

### **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.

### **Last day of the term**

The last day of the term is the 22nd of September. This will be a half day as the electricians are coming in to start the work for Shane Knapp Builders. School will close at 12pm. The bus times will be sorted closer to the date. Please note that there will be no fish and chips on that day.

**Sun hats:**

With the beautiful warm weather we have been having and are due to get, please ensure your tamariki have **named** sun hats in their bags. If your child doesn't have a sun hat they will need to play in the shade at break times.



**School Building Projects**

Our builders are doing a wonderful job around the school. The new toilet area is coming along nicely. They have also completed the boxing for one of our new ramps.



**Hot meals on offer this term.**

The list has been updated for your convenience.

**Please note that as of next week soup will be off the menu due to declining orders.**

<p><b>Fish and chip Day Friday</b></p> <p><b><u>\$7.00 Deals</u></b></p> <p>5 fish bites and chips <b>OR</b></p> <p>1 hotdog and chips <b>OR</b></p> <p>5 chicken nuggets and chips</p> <p>\$1.20 Fish Bites</p> <p>\$1.10 Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>\$4.00 Hot Dogs</p> <p>\$2.30 ½ Scoop Chips</p>	<p><b>Saveloys Friday</b></p> <p>\$2.00</p> <p>1 Saveloy, bread and sauce.</p>
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We will be alternating weekly between fish and chips and saveloys. Forms will go out to the families during the week. These forms need to be back to the school on Wednesday at the latest.

### 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](mailto: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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Nga mihi

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

Dates for 2023	
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	
<b><u>Cindefella hits the field days</u></b>	
13th Sept	
<b><u>Waikaka &amp; Districts Year 7 - 8 Programme</u></b>	
August 28th	
September 4th & 18th	
<b><u>Technology - Longford</u></b>	
August 29th	
September 5th & 19th	
<b><u>Last day of the term</u></b>	
September 22nd	
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