

# Newsletter

## Term 4 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 another glorious week at our school. It is wheels week and the tamariki are absolutely loving it!. The seniors have ensured that safety measures are in place, and the teachers and support staff are right amongst it ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Long may this last!



Isla Cavanagh

### **Out of School achievements**

Congratulations to Esme Ladbrook who was given Rider of the Term at RDA this week. We are so proud of her and this achievement.



Esme Ladbrook

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

### **Congratulations to Charlotte and Harper McDonald**

We want to congratulate Charlotte McDonald for winning the trophy for runner up in the Irish Jig in Oamaru last week. We would also like to congratulate Harper McDonald for dancing the beginning fling. We are very proud of you both.



Harper McDonald

### **Player of the day**

We want to congratulate Saijah Singh for getting player of the day at cricket a couple of weeks ago. Well done Saihaj!



Saijah Singh

### **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. Can you please ensure that all permission forms for this event are sent back into the office ASAP.

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### **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!

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Today was our last sausage sizzle for the year. Thanks so much to everyone who has supported this. We are very appreciative.

### **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.

### **School Swimming Pool**

The pool has been painted and the new steps should be in by the end of today. The re-cladding of the pool is set to start on, or around the 8th of January.

### **Small Schools - Rural school initiative**

We have been lucky enough to have new lights and RCDs (Residual Current Devices) put up throughout our school. Our classrooms are looking fantastic. They will be coming back to work on sound proofing our classrooms in the upcoming weeks.

### **Prize Giving**

A reminder that our End of Year Prize Giving is on Thursday the 14th of December at the Knapdale Hall. This will be starting at 6pm. There is going to be lots of student art on display in the hall. So please feel free to come early and have a look.

### **Last day of term**

The end of the year is fast approaching, our last day of the term will be the 15th of December. This is a half day and school is closing at 12pm. The bus will be running this day and Rhonda will confirm bus times for this.

### **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. If your permission form is not back can you please send it in to the office ASAP.

Could you also ensure that your tamariki has a little bit more food than usual as swimming takes a lot of energy.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

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Megan MacBeth [megan@knapdale.school.nz](mailto: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

#### 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](http://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.

### Up and coming events

### 3 X 3 Basketball Festival



### Hospice Raffle



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## Glenham Trainwreck Trail



**GLENHAM  
TRAINWRECK TRAIL**

**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](http://www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz)  
or on the day from 9.30am at  
Glenham Hall  
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Facebook: GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

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

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