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# School App - have you downloaded?

All current information is available on our school calendar at...

GOODWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR and are also available on our school app for Android or Apple at present we have over 2000 downloads.

## Tumuaki / Principal's Column

Kia ora e ngā whānau me ngā hoa o te Kura Tuatahi of Goodwood.

### Generally it is good to lead the OECD in things! Right?

Not, however, when it is for having the worst classroom behavior of the 38 member countries!

So have things got worse in terms of behaviour in schools? The short answer is yes, absolutely.

At Goodwood, explorers are not **as** impacted by negative behaviour as other schools are reporting.

This is due in large part to a talented and dedicated teaching team, strong home and school partnerships and rich extra curricular activities such as clubs. There is, however, no doubt that we are seeing an increase in the anti-social behaviour that is affecting all schools in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

We are supporting explorers with more frequent distraction, disagreements, and friendship issues. *Why is this, what has changed?* 

I have commented on this in previous newsletters - so please excuse some repetition, but the messages are vital.

Over so many years we have seen the pressure on young children increase exponentially. Generally, their lives are far more complex than ours were at the same age. This can contribute to anti-social behaviour.

I started teaching before the internet. During those times children usually had an enforced 'social break' when they got home. The only means of communication was the home telephone landline. Children often had limited access to the phone - in case that 'important call' was coming through for the adults in the house.

These days, through social media, there is the potential for 24 hour social connection, and, dangerously, not just with one person, but potentially with hundreds of people or more. Apps such as "Kid Messenger." are targeted at children as young as eight years old! Have young brains developed so much in the past 30 years that they can cope with this onslaught of complex nonstop communication? I personally think no. **John Parsons is adamant, pre adolescent girls should have no access to any social media whatsoever.** 

I also look at the changes in the media that children are consuming. Thirty years ago, media was predictable. TV shows such as MacGyver or the Dukes of Hazzard, had predictable, albeit, somewhat corny, storylines. Bad people created a problem, there was some action, good people solved the problem and the bad people often learned a lesson. Today's media is much more ambiguous. Shows such as Survivor or Married at First Sight actively seem to PROMOTE lying, arguing, backstabbing and exclusion. The celebrated winners are usually the ones who exhibit these undesirable traits the best! Our children are ALWAYS watching. Social media platforms such at Tik Tok and Youtube don't even have the questionable level of censorship TV has. It is not hard to find anti social and negative behaviours being shared and 'liked.'

Gaming is often worse than TV or other video media. The first electronic games were simple and mind numbing bat and ball or Tetris type games. Heartbreakingly, we know that some of our explorers play games such as Fortnite or Grand Theft Auto. The object of these games can be to gang up on, and hurt, others.

Many of our explorers have access to age restricted social media and games because they have committed fraud and lied about their age - sometimes with their parents' knowledge and even support.

Is it any wonder that our explorers are confused and behave in ways that are counter to our, and your, messages and values?

We work relentlessly to support our explorers in this area. We walk, and talk, our GRIT values daily. We know that our explorers are always watching ...us. Our team models talking positively about outcomes, perspectives, learning and owning your behaviour? We have high standards and support explorers to achieve them.

Our social media is exclusively positive and promotes healthy activities and relationships. We bring in the experts, Nicky Wise / Life Education and John Parsons to name but two, with their research based and community focussed skills and messages.

We come from a trauma based stance when supporting explorers when it goes wrong. We <u>believe</u> in them, we help them to acknowledge their mistakes, make reparation, and learn from them. We listen, coach, guide and support. We aim for friendships to recover and strengthen, a much trickier approach than a simpler purely 'punitive' response - especially when that is our natural initial reaction.

You support us in this work. When we call, if your explorer has made a mistake in their friendships or behaviour, we value your reinforcement of our messages and your willingness to help your explorer to reflect upon the perspectives of ALL of those involved.

We appreciate it when you **refuse** to let others make your parenting decisions by adhering strictly to age limits on apps, games and social media for your explorer. Even when they plead that many of their friends are breaking the law so why can't they? We love it when you come along to information sessions like 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' and our John Parsons' parent evening at **7pm on Tuesday 7 May** this year.

Supporting our amazing explorers, and especially when they are displaying negative behaviours is hard work and it is community work. Mostly it is very rewarding. Each day 371 explorers walk through our gate and interact with at least 100 others across the 200 school days per year. Of those nearly seven and a half million interactions only a tiny percentage go wrong. When they do, we are committed to this work and appreciate and value your support.

## David & Your Goodwood team



## Happy April birthday to:

Josh C, Connor T, Reilly P, Lucas D, Liam G, Mason H, Carter M, Harry C, Kaia G, Richie N, Hudson C, Rosa C, Wes R, Meha T, Cadence P, Ezra V, Graham P, Arlo J-C, Yara U-M, Oscar W, Zach J, Conor E, Sienna V-W, Parth D, Strada B and Sofie J.

## Term dates

Last day of term tahi/one is Friday 12 April. School finishes at 3pm.

We welcome all explorers back for term rua/two on Monday 29 April. Before school care is open from 7:30am and school begins at 8:50am.



## Welcome Tongji School Students...

Tomorrow, we welcome 15 students from Tongji Primary School, Wuhan China. These students will spend the next five school days with us, improving their English and finding out about New Zealand culture. There will be opportunities for our explorers to find out more about China and to learn some Mandarin. Thank you to the host families who have made this opportunity possible. We hope that future reciprocal visits may be possible.

## Reuben the road safety bear...

Our year 0 - 2 explorers enjoyed a visit from Reuben the Road Safety Bear yesterday. Reuben shared a number of important road safety messages with our explorers. These included how to travel safely in cars, how to use pedestrian crossings, watching for sneaky driveways and the importance of bike helmets. Do check in with your explorer to reinforce these messages. Thanks to Waikato Regional Council for making Reuben's visit possible.



## **BOT** opportunity

As we pass the midway point of our current Board's three year tenure, we welcome expressions of interest from any parents or caregivers who may be interested in joining the board for the second half of the current term, with a view to possibly re standing in the 2025 elections.

We are looking for people who have the skills and knowledge to provide support for our strategic plan goals. Our BOT is committed to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs. If this sounds like you, please contact <a href="mailto:bot@goodwood.school.nz">bot@goodwood.school.nz</a> for more information.

## Sun Safe Policy

Thank you for supporting our sun safe policy in term one, by ensuring your explorer has a wide-brimmed hat daily. Pōtae/hats are compulsory in term one and four of our school year.

## Personal items and treasures at kura

We highly recommend that any personal items, toys, jibbitz, trading cards or other items not needed for learning are left at home.

We actively promote GRIT at our school - to be honest and have integrity around not touching, borrowing, taking or lending out these personal items. The best way for you to support this is to have your explorer leave them at home.

# After School Care (ASC) - phone number

The After school care number is: 022 405 8088

Use this to ring or text through any messages. Do not leave a message as this will not be picked up. Text is a great way to message the team.

## Pool Keys

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pool key so far. Please drop off to the office if you still have yours to return.

## Good News Goodwood



Ready for a load of cycling fun and a FREE T-Shirt?

Entries are officially OPEN for the Cambridge Cycling Festival. Join us for a day packed with adrenaline-pumping action and family fun! From awesome kids' races to heart-pounding street Criterium, there's something for EVERYONE!

All the info you need and entry forms are here



https://www.bicyclerevolution.co.nz/ccf-2024/

We welcomed two VERY special visitors to school last week. Ex Goodwood explorers Chiara and Murdoch are respectively head girl at Cambridge High School and head boy at St Peter's School. Chiara and Murdoch spent some time talking to our Year 5 and 6 explorers about leadership, their experiences and their memories of Goodwood School. Our explorers asked many very insightful questions and benefited from their wisdom and leadership skills. We would like to pass on our thanks to these two lifelong explorers who are continuing to make a difference!!





A huge thanks to Shannon, David, Nancy Josh, Anna, Pete, Fungie, Stuart and Taryn who kindly offered to be our parking team this weekend for the Te Awamutu Sports Cycling Club tour. It was pretty tough conditions for the riders. Once again we appreciate the fantastic support our community provides for our school.

## Rugby and Hockey news

### **CJRS (Cambridge Junior Rugby Sports Club)**

### www.cjrs.co.nz

CJRS are excited to again offer rugby for our intermediate (Year 7 & 8) players.

We will enter teams in the Waikato Central Rugby competition, games are played throughout Hamilton as well as at our home ground, Memorial Park, Cambridge.

For more information and to register your year 7 or 8 rugby superstar, click <u>HERE</u>

You can email <u>cirsclub@gmail.com</u> if you would like to know anything further.

## **Hautapu Sports Club**

### www.hautapusports.co.nz

# Hautapu Sports Club is thrilled to again offer Hockey and Rugby to our Junior Superstars in 2024!

### **HOCKEY**

Primary Hockey is played on Friday afternoons/evenings at St Peter's School, 1716 Cambridge Road, Cambridge. For more information or to play primary (year 3-6) hockey for Hautapu Sports Club register <u>HERE</u>

Intermediate Hockey is played on Friday afternoons/evenings at various locations throughout the Waikato. To play intermediate (year 7-8) hockey for Hautapu Sports Club or to find our more information please register

### **HERE**

If you have any questions please email Marie; juniorhockey@hautapusports.com

### **RUGBY**

### YEAR 0 - 2 RIPPA RUGBY

Rippa Rugby teams for new entrants to year 2 children, will play on Friday evenings, mainly at Memorial Park, Taylor Street with the occasional game at Leamington Rugby Club, Carlyle St, Leamington.

### YEAR 3 - 6 TACKLE RUGBY

Tackle rugby teams, year 3-6 children will play at Memorial Park, Taylor Street, Cambridge on Saturday mornings. Depending on the number of teams in each tackle grade, some grades may travel between various clubs for games as we have in the past. These clubs may include Putaruru, Hinuera and SURF (Tokoroa).

You can register your superstar **HERE** 

For any questions or further information please email our amazing Junior Rugby Co-ordinators, Rhys and Stacey at juniorrugby@hautapusports.com

Leamington Sports Club is excited to offer Hockey and Rugby in 2024! Junior Hockey is available for Years 3-8.

Providing a strong development program for all grades on a Tuesday afternoon.

Contact Nadine Butcher for more info leamingtonjuniorsport@outlook.com

Register for Hockey: https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/285577

### Junior Rugby is available for Years 0-8

Rippa Rugby for the little ones and Tackle for the big kids! Run by a Leamington 'old boy' and Dad, Jason Rouse. Passionate about all kids having a go. For more info contact Jason <a href="mailto:leamingtonjuniorsport@outlook.com">leamingtonjuniorsport@outlook.com</a>

Register for Rugby: https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/27770















## SCHOOL **HOLIDAYS** PAINTING **WORKSHOPS**

Calling all young artists aged 5-13! Dive into a world of creativity with our fun-filled painting workshop. For just \$80 per student, all materials are included. Let imaginations soar as students bring their chosen designs to life on canvas. No experience required



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Thursday 25TH APRIL

9am - 12.30pm



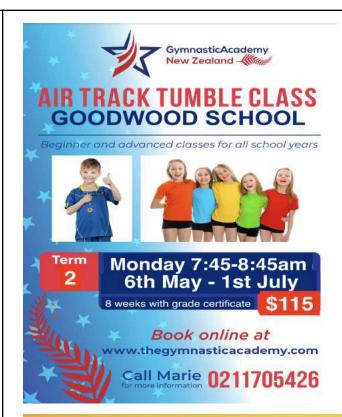
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> Contact: Peter Robinson 021 0227 6001 or fukutsu@outlook.co.nz



### MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Waikato Touch in collaboration with other local sporting organisations have teamed up to provide you with the Multi-Sport Programme.

### PROGRAMME DATES

Date: 16th, 17th, & 18th April 2024 Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm Location: Fraser High School Age: Years 5 - 8 Fee: \$20 per day

Please click the following link to register: https://netballhamilton.org.nz/holiday-programme

### What to Bring:

- · Closed in shoes that are comfortable no crocs
- · Appropriate clothing clothing they can be active in, non restricting
- Mouth guard & Shin pads are recommended for Hockey but are not essential

Lunch and water will **not** be provided, please ensure you child comes prepared

If your child has any Access, Disability, or Neurodiverse needs, please state these in the medical notes upon registering

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WAIKATO TOUCH ASSOCIATION
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WHAT:

Enjoy making art during the April school holidays guided by Elena, member of the

CAS (Cambridge Art Society) and BASNZ (Botanical Art Society New Zealand).

We will experiment with several techniques and create a different and new piece of art every day.

Come along and enjoy doing art in a friendly and creative environment. 1.30-3.00 pm

MONDAY 15th April: Flamingo with spatula

TUESDAY 16th April: Creating animals using pine cones and natural objects

THURSDAY 18th April: Painting an underwater scene in watercolours

MONDAY 22nd April: Frida Kahlo picturecollage

THURSDAY 25th April: Impressionism - painting your own art piece

WHERE: The Painting Place opposite 50 Thornton Road, Cambridge 3434

### PRICE:

\$ 40 per lesson or \$ 35 per lesson if attending 3 classes max 10 children per class

AGE: 6-12 y.o

### HOW TO BOOK:

Please contact Elena Brambilla, Ph: 0297791777 E-mail: thesewingsailor@gmail.com