



# Pānui

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## Tumuaki / Principal's Column

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

*Greetings to all family and friends of Goodwood School.*

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. Tomorrow is the first day of December! It is a rich and rewarding time of the year. Our explorers and team are working hard, striving to achieve final goals for the year. There

are almost daily celebrations of learning and connection. Over the remaining two weeks we will be celebrating with prize giving ceremonies and our Year 6 leavers dinner.

It is an especially exciting time of the year as we have one foot in 2023, ensuring that we make the most of every remaining moment. Our other foot is firmly in 2024 with preparations of the New Year well in hand. Our team is preparing to welcome many new explorers to our school while ensuring the best possible transition for our Year 6 explorers as they move to middle schools. We farewell some much loved team members as they embark on new adventures in different parts of the country or the world. At the same time we welcome some wonderful new staff who are excited to join us and who bring new talents, experience and aroha.

We are making final end of year assessment decisions and completing end of year reports. At the same time the greatest of care is being taken with placement of explorers in their 2024 classes. End of year celebrations are being delivered while 2024 events such as camps are being planned.

It is a busy and rewarding time for our team and your care and support is especially appreciated.

Enjoy your week

David

## 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.

## Happy December birthday to:

Eryn R, Elliot M, Max H, Archie T, Chloe S, Kelsey M, Sasvikaa V, Charlee C, Carter J, Elijah F, Georgia N, Brie S, Grace M, Munesu T, Oscar P, Chloe C, Aleah V, Lachlan G, Rylee M, Thomas D, Georgia L, Jake S, George P, Te Paea S, Tamsyn C, Katie T, Cassie S, Emilia G, Madi W

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You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy\* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards\* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

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## End of year celebrations:

### **Rāhina/Monday 11 December - Year 0 - 2**

9:15am - Kapa Haka performs (Year 3 - 6)

9:30am - welcome from David Graham

Presentation of certificates

Warou - Mrs Simons

Kea - Mrs Donaldson

Ruru - Mrs Kibby

Waiata - [Ma te Mahi ka ora](#)

Presentation of certificates

Kōkako - Mrs Tyschen

Pīwakawaka - Mrs Smith

Whio - Whaea Bailey

Kākāpō - Mrs Hack

Explorers stand to sing - [Aotearoa Christmas](#)

Conclusion

Morning tea for whānau

## Rātū/Tuesday 12 December - Year 3 - 6

9am Welcome from David Graham

Year 6 Leaving Families' presentation

Presentation of certificates

Kākāriki - Miss Durston

Kererū - Mrs Miles

Kiwi - Miss McKenzie

Takahē - Mrs Brier

Hihi - Mrs Foster

Waitata - [Aotearoa Christmas](#)

Presentation of certificates

Weka - Ms Copping

Kōtare - Miss Dravitski

Tūī - Mrs Alton/Mrs Foster

Korimako - Miss Goble

Waiata - [Ma te Mahi ka ora](#)

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## BOT vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: [bot@goodwood.school.nz](mailto:bot@goodwood.school.nz) by 3 pm on Thursday, 28 December 2023

Brenda Van Zyl

Presiding member (chair)

Goodwood School Board

## Trudy away...

Trudy remains in the UK caring for a family member after a sudden emergency. She is likely to be away from school for some time. Our thoughts are with Trudy and her whānau at this time.

There are some things that you can do that make a big difference for our team during Trudy's absence..

If your explorer is going to be away - please **use the school app to send an absent message** (our preferred way - available 24/7) or email [office@goodwood.school.nz](mailto:office@goodwood.school.nz) **by 8:45am**. This means we know where explorers are and do not need to follow up. This can take us over an hour each day to make contact with parents. As a school we do have a legal obligation to follow up absences. We do need (and want) to know each day your child is away and the reason for absence.

1. There will be times when the office is unattended - if you need to collect your explorer, please email the office before 9am. We can not guarantee that the phone will be answered. Reminder - teachers do not check emails or reply during the school day on a regular basis.

## Candy canes and sweet treats

This is an extra special time of year for showing generosity, and making a greeting card for a friend is a lovely (and optional) way to be creative and connected.

We do ask that explorers do not add candy canes, chocolates, sweets etc to cards. These are not needed and we do have a number of allergies and dietary requirements to manage. Thanks for your support.

## Board of Trustees kōrero

The Board held its final meeting for the year this week and we were able to reflect on some great achievements across our kura this year. It was especially notable to see that there has been some amazing work being done to support accelerated learning in literacy. It's great to see our teachers pursuing professional development opportunities with passion, and the subsequent benefits received by our explorers!

The Board would also like to make special note of the extra efforts the staff have put into a range of exciting events this term at Goodwood. The calendar has been packed full of opportunities for our explorers to challenge themselves, learn and have lots of fun! Staff have committed a lot of time and effort, much of it after hours, to making this all happen – the board wishes to acknowledge and thank them for their dedication!

Soon we will farewell our year 6's on to the next step in their journey. We have heard from recent returning explorers that they hold great pride in being Goodwood Alumni, still considering Goodwood to be 'their'

school. We wish this same sense of pride for our departing explorers, and we thank the families of these explorers for their contribution to the Goodwood community. Best of luck for your journey into year 7 next year!

The Board will be meeting again in January where we look forward to reviewing the 2023 achievement data across the school alongside the community feedback we have received. These will be the key inputs used to develop our strategic plan for 2024.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season!

## Kids in Need

Thanks for all the clothes donations to Kids in Need. They have been gladly received and are not receiving any more at this time.

Kids in need give a new care pack to all of their children filled with personalised goods donated by the community. They are currently very low on backpacks and **would really appreciate any brand new backpacks**. If you would like to donate a backpack there is a box in the office. Thanks for your support.

## Pool Keys

Pool keys for 2023/24 season are available now from the school office.

Pool keys are \$70.00.

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos or direct credit to the school bank account:

Goodwood School BOT  
12-3268-0090127-00

Please use your family name and 'pool key' as a reference.



A copy of pool rules/guidelines and hours will be given at time of purchase. Please note our swimming pool is under video surveillance and footage may be used to ensure adherence to pool rules and regulations.

The pool will open for swimming for the community from Monday 27 November.

## After School Care (ASC) - phone and number

We have replaced the After School Care phone - the new 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.

## Term dates for 2023 / 2024

Last Day for 2023 Friday 15 December - **we finish at 3pm.**

### 2024

**Term tahi/one** - Tuesday 30 January until Friday 12 April  
(Teacher Only day Monday 5 Feb)

**Term rua/two** - Monday 29 April until Friday 5 July

**Term toru/three** - Monday 22 July until Friday 27 September

**Term whā/four** - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 17 December



## Goodwood News



It was so good to have Cambridge Middle School year 7 students (and our past explorers!) visit this week with Mrs Watkins.

The CMS students shared about what middle school is like, things to look forward to, some things the same and some things that will be different. Most of all they shared some advice on being a year 7.

Our explorers asked some great questions!

Well done to our Year 0- 2 explorers and our friends from [Grow Early Education Cambridge](#) and [The Forest ECE - Cambridge, Waikato](#) for your wonderful efforts at Tabloids sports yesterday. We had so much fun sharing our athletics skills and spending time with our friends. Thanks to our Whānau supporters and hard working teaching team.



Thank you to everyone who supported [The Hits - Waikato 98.6FM](#) Toy Run this week. Our explorers loaded the bus with lots of new and pre-loved toys which are sure to bring a smile to the faces of many children this Christmas - kia ora!



Thank you to Cambridge Kindergarten and [Grow Early Education Cambridge](#) for hosting our Year 3 and 4 kapa haka for their first ever performances!!

You were a kind and considerate audience and we loved your waiata tautoko! It was extra special to bring back some of your graduates to perform at their old kura! Thanks to Matua Rawiri and our parent supporters



A huge thank you to Ross and [CST Group Ltd](#) for their generous donation of new sports equipment. CST is a wonderful supporter of our school having sponsored our new gazebo and some bikes. We invited you to support our sponsors and many of you have responded by asking CST to quote on your septic tank servicing. As a result Ross and his team are able to provide new gear which our explorers will enjoy. Thank you!!

Forget Taylor Swift - THIS is officially the hottest ticket in town!! The invitations to our annual Year 6 dinner!

These superstars are in for a fabulous night to celebrate their time with us! THANK YOU to the wonderful committee of parents who are planning this eagerly anticipated event!



You may have noticed a new location our beautiful Tuakana Teina / Buddy Bench.

This is a place explorers can go to find a friend. Other explorers will spot you there and invite you to join in their games.

The seat will move seasonally depending on where the shade / sun is located.

This was created as part of an inquiry by ex Rūma Tūi explorers a few years ago - haven't they grown!?

You can find out all about the history and meaning of the seat by scanning the QR code on the seat.

We had a wonderful day at Vogel Street for our Year 3 to 6 athletes. Thanks to Donna, our team and parent supporters for helping our explorers to shine!



Thank you to Hannah Newlands from MPI (and Goodwood parent!) who came to teach explorers about the invasive golden clam that is threatening our local waterways. The clam destroys environments and can reproduce at an alarming rate. Our new play JetSki was the perfect place to practice check, clean and dry to help prevent further spread of the clams.

What an EPIC RC car club session today! We were joined by club founders Year 7's Lachlan, Aston and William along with NZ RC champion racer Aaron Phillips!! It was great to welcome our visitors - especially our returning explorers who could see some of their legacy continuing at their school.



Many more amazing photos of school events available on our Facebook page




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