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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.*

Wow, what a year. We have enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate what has been a very successful 2023 with you. This week we enjoyed our two prize giving ceremonies, acknowledging the effort and success of each of our explorers while recognising some special successes. Our Year 6 dinner was once again a wonderful occasion full of fun, connection and reminiscing. We also sent out over 413 school reports sharing the excellent achievement and progress of our explorers.

This **special edition** of our newsletter celebrates some of the remarkable successes of our explorers throughout a highly enjoyable and memorable 12 months. Will also touch upon some current hot topics and share our thoughts about what lies ahead. We hope that you will find some time to put your feet up and have a read.

Thank you for your contribution to Goodwood School.
We wish you all a happy festive season and wonderful New Year
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

Celebrating our 2023 learning year...

Summaries of our school wide achievement data are below. We hope that you will find the time to take a look. We have once again maintained or extended our high levels of achievement, This has been despite the challenges presented by having only 65% of our explorers meeting the MOE goal of 90% attendance over the 2023 year.

[2023 Achievement Data](#)
[2017 - 2013 Achievement tracking](#)

Of special note has been the extraordinary improvements in our 6 year olds' diagnostic survey (6 year net) data. For the past four years our teaching team has been immersed in high quality professional development focussed on the 'science of reading.' Our team has developed researched backed scope and sequence programmes designed to ensure each and every explorer benefits from targeted and explicit teaching of foundational literacy skills and knowledge. This precise and systematic teaching of phonological awareness, the alphabetic principle, syllable types and morphology is producing remarkable results.

The table below compares average stanines from 2020 and 2023. Very few interventions have such a clear effect size. This nationally normed assessment data triangulates what we see every day. Explorers who love to write and read and who have the independence, confidence and skills to achieve success in literacy.

Item	Dec 2020	Dec 2023	% improvement 20 - 23	Dec 23 Boys	Dec 23 Girls
Reading Words	5.2	6.5	+20%	6.2	6.8
CAP*	5.3	5.8	+9.5%	5.8	5.9
Writing Vocab	4.9	6.4	+31%	6.2	6.6
Letter ID	6.3	7.9	+25%	7.8	8.1
Dictation	5.6	6.7	+15%	6.8	6.8

We acknowledge the hard work of our teaching team in terms of personal tertiary level study and expert implementation of effective programmes. In January we will be working with the team from Liz Kane literacy, Internationally renowned leaders in this exciting and growing field of knowledge.

*Concepts about print.

What about attendance?

Our board of trustees set 2023 goals to return levels of attendance of at least that of pre- Covid levels.

% of explorers attending according to each Ministry of Education attendance category				
	90 - 100% attendance Regular Attendance	80 - 89% attendance	70 - 79% %attendance Moderately Absent	Below 70% attendance Chronically Absent
GWD School 2023 Target (% of explorers)	72% (pre covid level)		0%	0%
MOE 2023 Target	60%		6%	5%
2023 GWD Year to date	65%	29%	3%	2%
Term 4 GWD 2023 to date	76%	14%	6%	4%

Overall attendance for 2023 is **above** the Ministry of Education target but **below** our BOT targets. We are pleased to note that Term 4 attendance is above that of pre-covid levels and hopefully signals a continued upward trajectory.

Education Review Office Findings

Following a highly successful initial [ERO review](#) we continue to work, as do all schools, with our evaluative partner to further enhance high levels performance. Of particular note is the number of schools referred to **us** through **their** ERO reviews to learn more about our effective practices, especially in literacy and assessment..

ERO identified and published the following strengths of our school

- Ongoing commitment to culturally responsive practices to give full and systemic effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- A collaborative and highly effective teaching team, working in a culture of inquiry and data-based decision making.
- Well established community partnerships, including with mana whenua and other schools.
- An experienced and supportive leadership team that promotes student centred decision making and a focus on learning and explorer agency.
- Welcoming and engaging learning environment where explorers feel they belong & have agency in their learning.

Class placement and meet the teacher and each other

Thank you for your support with class placement. We appreciate that for some explorers moving class, or having a new teacher or widening friendship circles/opportunities requires support.

Over the last three days explorers have had time in their class for 2024 meeting their classmates and teacher. We have had overwhelming positive feedback from parents of how these three visits have helped their explorer. The opportunity to have three occasions to connect, talk, work together and look around means our explorers are feeling confident for next year.

Our explorers have been generous in welcoming new students to our school - they have helped new families to our community make connections.

School structure - 2024

Confirming our school structure and teaching team for 2024.

Year 5/6	Year 3/4	Year 2	Year 1
Amanda Foster - Hihi	Kate Rowe / Kirsten Donaldson - Kākāpō	Susan Campbell - Ruru	Tracy Tychsen - Kōkako
Donna Miles - Kererū	Rachel Dravitski - Kōtare	Cathy Smith / Nickee Verstraten - Pīwakawaka	Shelley Hack - Warou - intaking year 1
Danielle Bell / Kelly Foster - Kākāriki	Jennifer Adam - Weka	Jessica Simons - Whio (Team Leader)	Bailey Harding / Paula Kibby - Kea - intaking year 1
Shanekea Butler / Kelly Foster - Kiwi	Lynda Alton -team leader / Nickee Verstraten - Tūī		
Deb Taylor - Takahē (team leader)	Alison Dady - Korimako		

Farewell Madi and Tori

There were a few watery eyes this morning as we celebrated and farewelled Miss Durston and Miss Goble.

Tori and Madi are both moving closer to home.

Thank you both - you are such talented expert teachers.

We feel so happy to have been a part of your journey in teaching.



Meet the teacher and each other:

We will hold a 'meet the teacher and each other' session on Thursday 8 February. This will begin with the year 0 -2 team at 5:30pm and move through year 3-4 (including a camp hui) and then year 5-6.

There will be full details about this in our back to school special bulletin out a few days before school starts for 2024.

Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes*.

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You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Layby* 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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Year 3 and 4 Camp - Camp Raglan

We are looking forward to our year 3/4 camp in February 2024

To begin with we require permission for your explorer/s to attend.

Please fill in the forms as appropriate for your explorer/s.

Camp # 1 Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 February Rūma Tūi, Korimako and Kōtare Lynda Alton, Alison Dady and Rachel Dravitski	Fill in this permission form
Camp # 2 Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 February Rūma Weka and Takahē Jennifer Adam, Kate Rowe (and Lynda Alton)	Fill in this permission form

Also - police vetting for those who are attending and not previously filled in can be found here: [Police Vetting Form](#)

The school office also has paper forms for you to fill out. If you are unsure of your police vetting status, please contact trudy@goodwood.school.nz in the new year.

Year 5 and 6 Camp - Lakes Ranch Rotorua

Year 5 and 6 camp 2024 will be held at [Lakes Ranch Rotorua](#) during the week of 18 - 22 March.

More details and registration forms will follow in the New Year.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 5 February

We would like to give advance notice of a teacher only day on **Monday 5 February (the day before Waitangi Day)**. This is a day to further work on the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. Most schools are closed on this

day. Although very early in the year - the day is scheduled to provide the opportunity for a four day Waitangi weekend. As schools are mandated to be open for a set amount of days per year we will be open slightly later in December. There will once again be care available at school to minimise any disruption to families.

BOT farewell Daz and BOT Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on our school board of trustees for an elected parent representative. Daz Hansen and his whānau are making an exciting move to a different region of New Zealand to pursue new opportunities. We will miss Daz and his family and wish to thank him for his wonderful contribution to Goodwood School.

The board has decided to fill this 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 by 3 pm on Thursday, 28 December 2023

Brenda Van Zyl
Presiding member (chair)
Goodwood School Board

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 Decemer



Goodwood News Goodwood



Our Year 6 dinner looked spectacular during the daytime and when the sun set it became a magical jungle wonderland!

Thank you again to Amanda, Katrina, Amanda and your amazing organising committee.

A special shout out to our talented and hard working teaching team.

Thanks also to guest speaker, performer and writer Kat Clark, DJ Gavin, BOT rep Brenda and drummers James, Ryan and Lacey.

Finally, thank you to our incredible Year 6 explorers for a great night and for all you have contributed to your kura over the years.

Well done to our [Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon New Zealand](#) team who gave their best at last week's event! Here are some of the team (the rest were out competing) Thanks Inette for keeping an eye on the team. Thanks to [Weet-Bix NZ](#) and [#KiwiKidsTRY](#) for organising such an awesome event!



On Monday morning we celebrated all our year 0-2 explorers with our end of year assembly.
Congratulations to all our explorers - together success is our reward.



On Tuesday we celebrated all our Year 3-6 explorers at their end of year assembly.

We also acknowledged our year 6 leaving families - it was heartwarming to see these explorers with their older siblings and parents. Thank you for your contributions to our kura - for some this is now extending over several generations.

Congratulations to our finalists in the Lions' Club [Cambridge Trash and Treasure Market](#) poster competition! All six finalists in the 5 - 8 year category were from Goodwood and they were joined by Charlotte as a finalist in the 9 - 11 year old category.

5 - 8 Year Category.

1st place Meha T \$300 book vouchers
2nd place Keana T \$100 book vouchers
3rd place Katie T \$50 book vouchers

9 - 11 Year Category

1st place Charlotte J \$300 book vouchers



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