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Tumuaki / Principal's Column

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

The job of a principal is without doubt (usually) the best in the world. Over thirty years as a school leader has taught me so many things about life, people and myself. One thing that has been increasingly obvious to me over the decades is that there are (at least) **THREE** sides to any story, incident or issue.

These are ...**my view, your view** and, somewhere on a sliding scale, **what actually happened**.

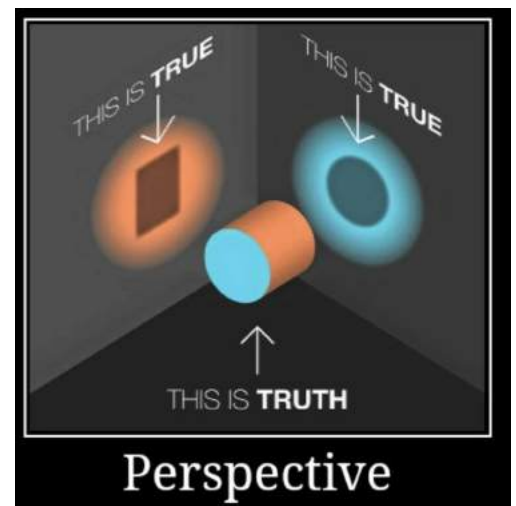
Perspective matters, including recognising the perspectives of others. It is an important skill and one that seems to come naturally and easily to some people, while for others, it is an ongoing challenge.

Our explorers are learning how to see other's perspectives, how to look at an issue from someone else's point of view. If you subscribe to Piaget's theories, you will know that our younger explorers are emerging from a pre-operational stage, where it is really tough, biologically, to see beyond their own point of view. Even as adults we have to consciously work to see the other side of an issue. Especially when we feel that we have been aggrieved or affronted.

An explorer may feel that they are being incredibly helpful in organising a game, assigning the roles and asserting the rules. After all - surely everyone will benefit from this structure? With another perspective, their friends may see this as just being too bossy. Another explorer may feel that three on three basketball is exactly the right number for a fast paced game where everyone has lots of turns.

Their friends may just see this as them being excluded when ten a side basketball would work just as well!

It can be very hard to see something from someone else's perspective. The iceberg analogy is a valid one. We often only see the surface of what may be impacting on a friend or classmate. There may well be hidden trauma, grief of past experiences that influence their words and actions, and ultimately their perspective. Yet these can be invisible to us.



As the adults in our explorers' lives, we can help. We can ask our explorers to consider what might be informing an alternate view. We can ask them to reflect upon their own perspectives - are they taking everything into consideration? We can speak positively when we speak of other people's children - even when we don't yet fully understand their actions or perspective. We can avoid jumping to conclusions.

We also have excellent guidance on hand in our school's, and your family's, values. We were excited when previous house captains surveyed and identified **generosity** as a key value, making it the G in GRIT. A little generosity goes a long way in helping to solve a problem or to help understand someone else's perspective.

I hope that this week is a great one - from all of our perspectives!

Ngā mihi

David & your Goodwood Team



Happy June birthday to:

Aashi D, Elijah M, Vivika M, Emelia S, Harry A-H, Josh B, Luca B, Ava B, Ella R, Alyssa W, Anastasia R, Loretta C, Mansi D, Charlotte J, Shiah M, Ava B, Zarah K, James N, Alex W, William P, Brody L, Keana T, Aubrey W, Madi R, Ava R, Connor B, Belle C, Aubrey W, George F, Kyle M, Jackson C, Grant P, Ollie K, Indie A, Corbin W, Charlie B and Quinn E.

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.

Free Cookie Competition

(the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

What dates are the upcoming teacher only days? Bring your answer on a piece of paper to the office by 3 pm Tuesday 4th June. One entry per explorer. All correct entries will go into a draw to win a free cookie time cookie!

Learning conferences - Week ten of this term

We will be holding our learning conferences during the last week of this term.

Conferences will be:

Monday 1 July - 12:30pm until 6:45pm

Tuesday 2 July - 3pm - 5:30pm

What do you need to know:

- 15min learning conversation with you, your explorer and kaiako
- **School will finish at 12noon on Monday 1 July** and explorers can be collected at this time.
- Tuesday 2 July is a normal school day
- We will care for children who are unable to be collected at 12.30pm.
- Let your explorer's teacher know if you require supervision.
- Normal after school charges will apply from 3:15pm.

How can I book a time?

- Online bookings can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use code: **4uerg**
- The office and your classroom teacher can also help with bookings.
- Bookings will open Wednesday 19 June - We will send an app alert to remind you.

Donation and activity payment

In term two we ask for our annual school donation. This is an essential source of income to ensure that our school can provide our explorers with the resources and support that they need.

Some school funding is determined by an ['Equity Index'](#) designed to reduce the impact that socio-economic factors can have on student achievement (this has replaced the 'decile system')

Here is an interesting comparison of funding levels between Goodwood and a higher equity needs school.

	Equity Index	Equity Funding	Inclusion Funding	School Donation Scheme	Total of support funding
Goodwood School (Roll 378)	387	\$8.13 per explorer = \$3073	\$43.91 per explorer = \$16597	Not eligible	\$19,670
Higher Equity Need School with same roll number (Roll 378)	569	\$1029 per student = \$585,501	\$102 per student = \$38,556	\$150 per student = \$56700	\$68,0757

We have no doubt of the high level of need at schools with higher equity funding and that they need every dollar allocated! We ALSO need to provide support for all Goodwood explorers who need it. Our annual teacher aide budget is in excess of **\$170000**, well above the **\$16597** that we receive in 'inclusion funding.'

Your donation will help provide support and resources for all explorers. Our 2024 school donation is set at \$120 per child or \$220 for two children or \$300 per family. This will be included on your accounts and would be greatly appreciated.

We are always reviewing to improve our systems at our kura. One of the ways we think we can work smarter is through the re-introduction of an Activity Payment. This is a fee that covers **all** trips and performances that your explorer/s take part in. **Instead** of asking for \$15 for a trip and then \$5 for a show, and then \$8 for a performer visiting the school...etc... We will invoice you an amount based on the planned and anticipated events for the remainder of the year. **Any excess will be used towards the end of year activity.**

We are transparent in these amounts and a spreadsheet of amounts spent on each event/trip will be itemised for viewing at any time.

This activity payment will cover events over the year including - Strike performance, Harold, John Parsons, Ag Day activities, Book Week and Maths Week activities and a class/team trip. The amount will be \$55 per child.

Statements for families will be sent home with explorers today. Payment can be made at the school office via cash or eftpos, or online to : Goodwood School Board of Trustees 12-3268-0090127-00.

Strike Performance - Wednesday 5 June



We look forward to having a live performance from STRIKE next week. STRIKE is a cost of \$7 per explorer - this is included in your activity payment.

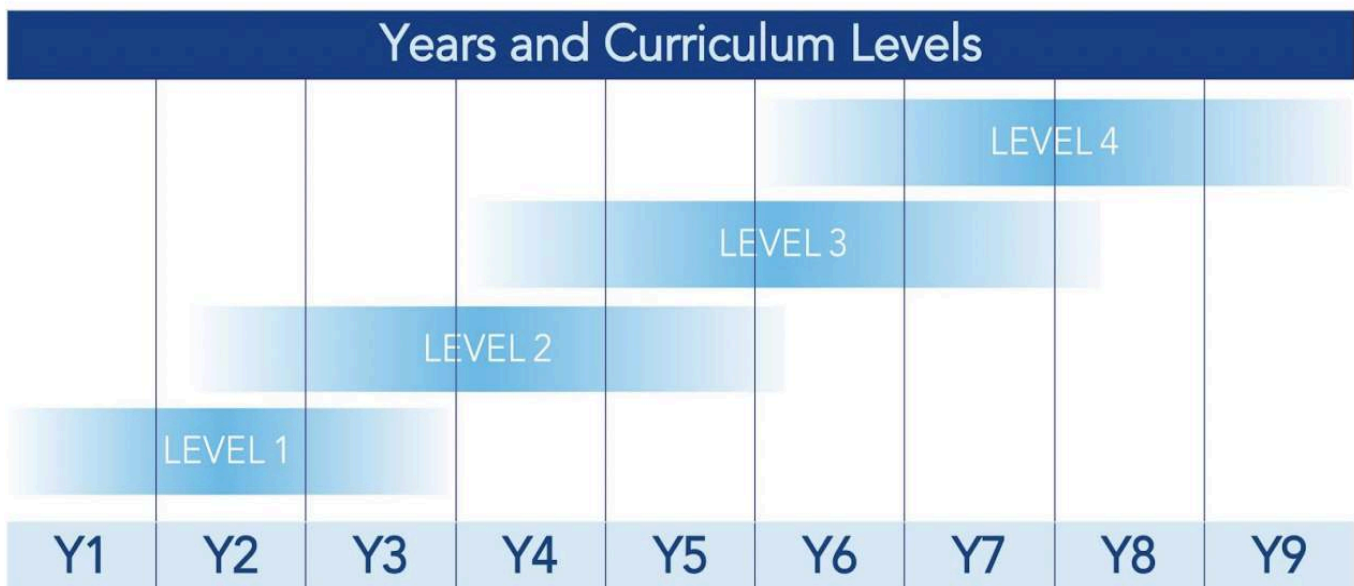
STRIKE will be performing to everyone in the hall at 2pm.

A preview/snippet of an example of performance can be found [HERE](#).

This performance is supporting our school wide learning in the Arts curriculum with a focus on music this term.

Written School Reports - sent out wiki tekau / ten

Written reports will be emailed home Week 10, Term 2 - Wednesday 3 July. This will be the first of two written reports detailing your child's progress and achievement across the curriculum, including key competencies. These reports will also show your child's interim achievement against the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum along with planned next steps in their learning. This is an interim report against the curriculum levels. The chart below shows the range of levels that can be expected at the end of each year level



These reports will be emailed. If you require a paper copy please let Trudy (trudy@goodwood.school.nz) know when sent.

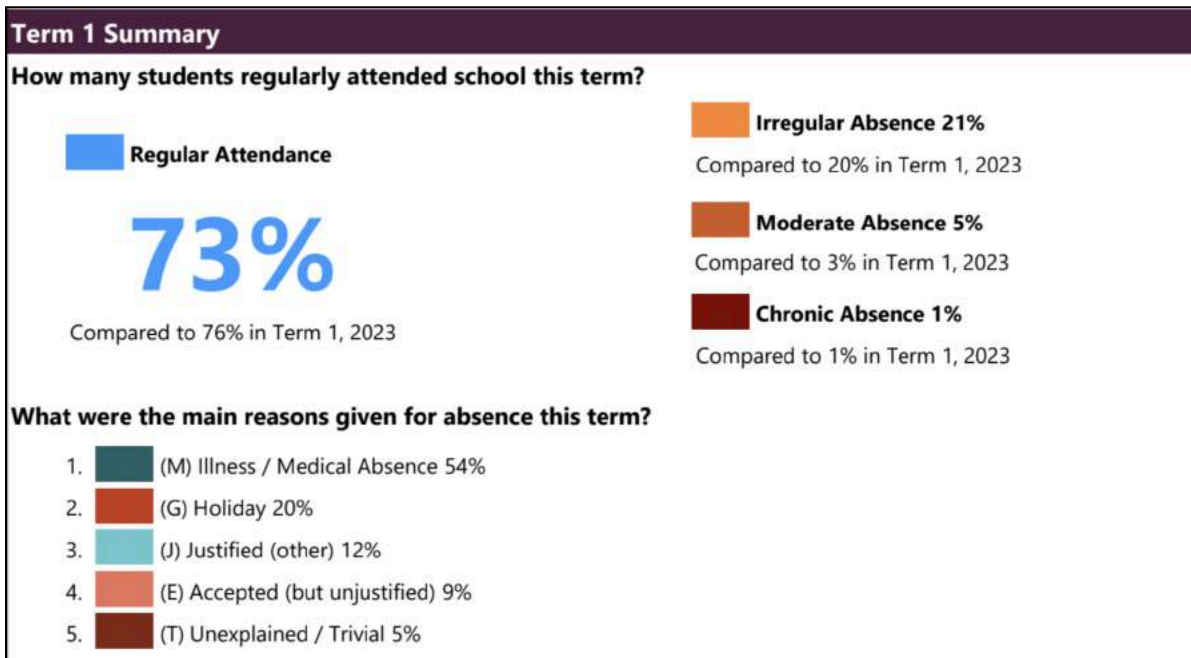
Photolife Studios

Our class, sibling and individual photos were taken last week, there will be a leaflet with a code and information to view and purchase online. We will send this home with your explorer when we receive them..



Attendance Update

The Government has set a target of 80% of children attending school *regularly (*at least 90% of the time). How are we going against this target? Our Term 1, 2024 data is below. We were below the target. We note that around 66% of our absences were for illness or other justified reasons.



John Parsons - continuing support.

It was great to welcome John Parsons to Goodwood as he empowered our Year 3 - 6 explorers, their teachers and parents / caregivers to be safe, strong and well online. If you couldn't make our parent evenings (or even if you did) John has sent through 10 short videos covering important concepts, we will share these over the next few newsletters...

Here are the second two

TRUSTING GUT FEELING

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/934567347129643>

TEENAGERS AND FUTURE PROOFING FOR EMPLOYMENT

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/592289241813040>

We also have some copies of John's book in our parent library in the office for you to borrow.

Change of clothes

It is that time of year when our field gets a bit wet and muddy. We try to make the field available for play whenever we can so please ensure that your explorer has a change of clothes and a suitable bag in case they do need to change. This applies to explorers of all ages. It is not ideal to have wet muddy explorers inside after breaktimes - for them or our classrooms.

International Students

We **urgently** need two more homestay families for a visit from students from Shanghai Lingang Foreign Language School. The group will be arriving on **27th of July** and leaving on **12th of August** in the morning, studying at school for a little over 2 weeks.

We would like **TWO** families to **host 2 boys each** if possible.

The students are aged 10, 11 or 12 years old and will join in our Year 5 and 6 classes. Families with Year 5 or 6 explorers are our preferred hosts. Visiting students have a good beginning understanding of English. Feedback from our previous host families was overwhelmingly positive.

This is a fantastic short stay opportunity to learn more about another culture. Our visitors will attend Goodwood School, with your explorer, each school day. Support will be available throughout the visit as needed. The students' teachers and principal will be staying at accommodation in Cambridge during the visit.

So for hosting the two students **each host family will receive \$1600** to cover the 16 day stay

Requirements for families are as follows...

- Be responsible for each student's day-to-day care when the student is in the custody of the caregiver.
- Provide a bedroom for your two students (it is fine to share a room between your two students, in separate beds - not bunks)
- Provide transport to Goodwood for each school day and to support the visitors' itinerary.
- We will arrange a police vet for all adults who live in your home who are over 17 years old.
- A Goodwood team member will also visit your home to check out accommodation prior to the visit.

[Please complete this form if you can help.](#)

Last Chance to Sponsor our New Minibus

We have **EIGHT** amazing sponsors to help us achieve our goal of providing sign writing and a garage for our new minibus. **We have room for 2 - 4 more** and hope to finalise our designs tomorrow, Friday.

For your investment of **\$2000** your company logo / family name will be placed on one side of the van in black and white. This is a Toyota diesel, about as reliable a vehicle as you can buy! We expect this minibus to last for 10 years. **Your brand name will be visible as a supporter of our school at every major event over this time - as well as around our town on a weekly basis.**

Once the freshly sign written van arrives - its first trip will be a fun ride to town with you and your explorer for a complementary hot chocolate / coffee and a muffin at a local cafe!

We can treat your contribution as a donation or a sponsorship.

[Please register your interest here](#)

You can't beat a hot lunch on a cold day

Hot Lunches are coming to Goodwood!

Every Wednesday there will be an additional option to order hot lunches from Your Lunch Box.

Regular lunches will still be available and delivered prior to morning tea. **Hot lunches will be delivered right before lunch break** and include a hot mince pie, tomato sauce, fresh fruit and homemade baking. (vegetarian option available too)

Orders close at 8pm daily for next day delivery.

(order by 8pm Tuesday at the latest for the Wednesday hot lunch delivery)

Head over to www.yourlunchbox.co.nz to order.



King's Birthday - Monday 3 June - school closed



Goodwood School is closed this coming Monday 3 June for King's birthday.

This is a public holiday so no out of school care is available.

Teacher Only Day - Friday 14 June

We will be closed on Friday 14 June for a Cambridge wide teacher only day. This is the day we encourage families who wish to attend Field Days to head along.

Some of our support team will be on site to supervise explorers. If you require out of school care for this day fill in the form [HERE](#).

In term three our teacher only day will in Week 2 - Monday 29 July. You can view this date on our Community Goodwood Calendar - found in school app and on school website.

Save the Date: Matariki Breakfast Wednesday 26 June

Timetable

6.30 am	Optional stargazing, Coffee carts & Hot Choc Fires in 44Ga Drums around school amphitheatre - marshmallows
6:30 - 8:00	Matariki explanation video on loop in Hall and playing in classrooms - ~30 mins Art / display in classrooms General conversations, socialising and looking at explorers' work in class
7.30	Just before Sunrise - Matariki Karakia
7:35	Food prep
7:45 am	Food in / around classrooms
8:30 am	Kapa Haka Show (15mins)
8.45 am -	Finish

Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked our wonderful Year 5 & 6 teacher Danielle Bell the following 10 questions:



1. *What is your favourite pastime?* **Walking, hiking & running**
2. *What is your favourite food?* **Anything with chocolate.**
3. *What music do you like to listen to?* **Pop and Taylor Swift.**
4. *Are you a night owl or morning person?* **Morning person.**
5. *Where is your favourite holiday spot?* **Anaura Bay, East Coast.**
6. *What season do you like best?* **Summer.**
7. *What is your 'go to' board game?* **Monopoly Deal.**
8. *What was your first Primary School?* **Makaraka Primary School, Gisborne.**
9. *If you could have a superpower what would it be?* **To be able to fly.**
10. *What is your favourite movie or book?* **The Magic Faraway Tree.**

We will have another team member featured in the next edition!

Good News Goodwood



Can you believe that two years ago we broke ground on our Jesani Health Enterprises playground?! Every day this wonderful facility is used from early morning to late afternoon for fun and physical challenges. This fantastic project was only possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors including Jesani Health Enterprises, Spectrum Tree Services, McGregors Farm Services, Spartan Construction and Numedic Ltd. Along with many others. Please support our supporters when ever you are able.

Wow! What an AMAZING [Pink Shirt Day Aotearoa](#)

Our explorers and team stood together to show that bullying has NO place at our kura or in NZ. We raised \$224 to support the work of the Mental Health Foundation. The good people at [TBI Health Group New Zealand](#) will double our amount and everyone who ordered a lunch from Your Lunch Box has also added support. Explorers had a wonderful day including chalk art and an outdoor lunchtime disco. Even our beautiful maple trees dressed in pink for the occasion! [#pinkshirtdaynz](#)





We had a wonderful visit from the [Gallagher Chiefs](#)!! Gideon, Kaleb and Hammy along with Kirstie entertained our explorers with their reflections on playing high level sport and some stories from their childhoods.

The team answered our explorers' questions on everything from pre game motivation techniques to how many Weetbix each can eat (Hammy can do 12!) The Chiefs then ran some skills sessions before signing hundreds of of autographs.



Thanks to Sheryl and the amazing team from [Ingham Hamilton](#) for making this possible and to Harrison and Lea-Anne for entering the competition! A special shout out to Mrs Miles for (bravely) flying the Crusaders' flag!

We wished a support staff day and THANK YOU to our amazing support team. They support our explorers and teaching team in so many ways! We celebrated with a yummy morning tea and some gifts from our explorers. We appreciate you all!!!



DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE CARS?

We have 5 RC cars here in the office.

If one of them is your explorer's please come and collect it.

A couple of them have been here since last year!
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Get ready for the thrill of **rock climbing**, take a ride on the **safari train**, test your aim with **axe throwing** or race your mate on the **adventure obstacle course**. With something for everyone, the Fieldays Family Activation Zone is just one of the many locations you can head to for **FREE** family fun while you're here.

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