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Tumuaki / Principal's Column

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

As another year draws to a close, it is an opportune time to reflect upon the progress we have made and to shape future goals. We eagerly await the reappearance of the Matariki star cluster later this month, marking the start of te Tau Hou / The Maori New Year. We will once again mark the occasion with our community Matariki breakfast on Wednesday 26 June. We also mark this time of the year by reporting your explorer's achievements and progress to you in our upcoming learning conferences and written reports. There is nothing more exciting than celebrating learning progress with our explorers and with you. It is very rewarding to flick back through explorer's books, noting the visible progress that they are making. We are committed to ensuring that our explorers make at least a year's progress every year. Implementing the much publicised 'one hour a day' policies for reading, writing and maths has not been difficult. We have a long established commitment to ensuring literacy and numeracy programmes are prioritised, protected and delivered in ways that stretch our explorers. Foundational to this approach is partnership. Our explorers play a key role. They have agency in their learning and tools such as learning progressions allow them to monitor their progress. Our team is committed to implementing high quality learning programmes and having high expectations of learning and behaviour. They are also committed to their own professional growth and work hard to refine their practice. As word spreads about the great things that are happening at Goodwood, we are receiving more frequent requests for visits from teachers from other kura who want to improve their skills and knowledge. Finally we appreciate our partnerships with parents. Your role in supporting learning through accessing our preview emails as best meets your explorer's needs makes an important difference. Each year we also anticipate 100% of whānau to attend learning conferences and it is very unusual for us to not meet this target. All the best for the end of this year, ngā mihi o Matarki and all the best for Te Tau Hou / The Māori New Year.

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, Quinn E and Olive D.

School App - have you downloaded?

All current information is available on our school calendar at...<u>GOODWOOD SCHOOL</u> <u>CALENDAR</u> and are also available on our school app for <u>Android</u> or <u>Apple</u> at present we have over 2000 downloads.

Free Cookie Competition

(the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

How many RC cars do we have unclaimed in the office?

Bring your answer on a named piece of paper to the office by 3 pm Tuesday 25th June. One entry per explorer. All correct entries will go into a draw to win a free cookie time cookie!

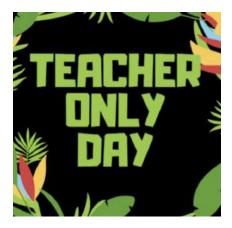
The winner from the last newsletter is Mansi D.

Teacher Only Day - Tomorrow Friday 14 June

We will be closed tomorrow, 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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



Matariki Breakfast Wednesday 26 June

What to bring:

- BYO cutlery cup, plate, knife, fork, spoon, napkins (and some extra kai)
- Koha for breakfast (pop koha in any class)

Timetable

Between 6am - 8:15am - explorers are supervised/under the care of their parent/whānau, otherwise explorers are to be in before school care (normal operating hours)

6:00 am	Optional stargazing, two coffee carts available (BYO keep cup - a 'stickie' with name and order helpful)
	Fires in drums around school amphitheatre
7am	Karakia o Matariki (house leaders Classrooms are open - activities and video can be watched in class
7:20am	Kai in classes is available and s'mores around fire drums (we serve s'mores and kai at same time so 'try' not to fill explorers with sugar) Koha boxes in classrooms

You will need: BYO cutlery - cup, knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl, napkin

- It can be a long time for some of our explorers so additional snacks or food from home is suggested - you know your explorer best around timing of food in morning.

8am - Kapa Haka to get dressed and prepped for performance - we will bing bong for year levels etc...

8:30am - Kapa Haka show

8:45am - show ends and explorers are in classrooms ready for a great day of learning.

Skyview App for Matariki

Make sure that you download the free SkyView Lite App (available on Google Play or from The App Store)

Once you have downloaded the app, search in Pleiades (another name for the Matariki Constellation) Move your phone in the direction of the arrow to find Matariki. It is also cool to take a photo and zoom in. (Please note Matariki will reappear on June 28th this year so won't be visible at our community breakfast). However, there is a whole Universe of other features to explore at our Matariki Breakfast with your explorer!

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 <u>'Equity Index</u>' 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 <u>all</u> 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.

Kapa Haka koha 2024

Kapa haka koha/donation is now being requested. We are thrilled to have such a large number of explorers taking part in Kapa Haka. Matua Rawiri is our tutor and to help cover the costs of his talent and support we do ask for a koha from all explorers. This also covers the cost of purchasing and maintaining over 130 uniforms and bus transport to a number of performances

A koha of \$60 per explorer allows us to maintain the programme at current levels.

Invoices for Kapa haka will be sent home to families this week. Please remember that any donations are optional.

Payment of accounts can be made online:

Goodwood School Board of Trustees 12-3268-0090127-00, or by eftpos or cash at the school office.

Written School Reports - sent out wiki tekau / ten

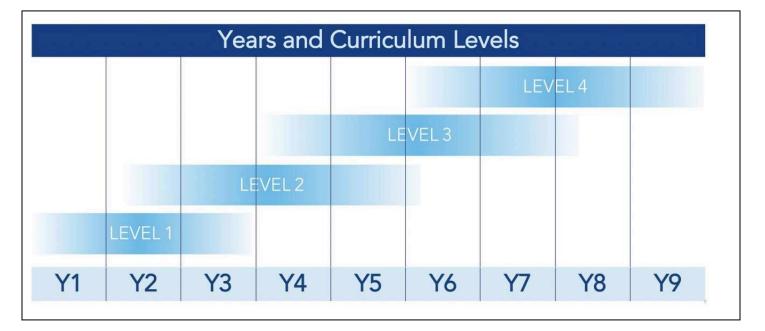
Written reports will be emailed home Week 10, Term 2 - Wednesday 3 July. This will be the first of two written

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 (<u>trudy@goodwood.school.nz</u>) know when sent.

Photolife Studios

The Photolife key codes have been sent home with your explorer today. Parents/caregivers have around 3 weeks to select and purchase their photos and they should be delivered to school week 2 - 3 of Term 3.

FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 30TH JUNE



Concerns and Complaints

We don't always get it right.

It is one of the challenges of being human!

It isn't for a lack of trying, and our team goes above and beyond to meet the widely varying needs and expectations of our almost 400 explorers, their whānau and community.

When things do go wrong, we are committed to learning, and to putting things right to the best of our ability. To support us in this work we have an excellent set of policies and procedures to guide us and you. These are available at <u>www.schooldocs.co.nz</u> Search for our school and put in the user name **goodwood** and the password **explore**.

Our policies seek to resolve conflicts at the lowest level possible, initially by talking with the person(s) involved and seeking to find resolutions and compromise. It is a wonderful 'old school' way of working, as was common in the days before social media rants and vexatious litigation! We also take EXTRA care when concerns or complaints involve explorers. They are very young people who deserve, and receive, an extra layer of protection and privacy as they find their way in the world and learn from the modelling of the adults around them. Please tell us first when something has gone wrong, allow us to work through the various perspectives, protect the mana of those involved, repair relationships, make reparations and learn from mistakes.

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 next two

Live Streaming: Understand the risks for children.

https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/244747619971043/

BEDROOM, BATHROOM, PAJAMAS

https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/1112030665810052/

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

International Students

We **<u>urgently</u>** need ONE more homestay family 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 **ONE MORE** family to **host 2 boys**.

The students are aged 10, 11 or 12 years old and will join in our Year 5 and 6 classes. Families with Year 3 to 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.

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

Hot Lunches have arrived at 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 (12 noon) 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 <u>www.yourlunchbox.co.nz</u> to order.



Goodwood whanau looking for house to rent

We have a family of 5 who are looking for a house to rent with a minimum of 3 bedrooms and ideally no more than \$800. They also have a house trained cat.

If you can help or know of anyone that can please contact office@goodwood.school.nz and we will pass on your details to the family.

Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked our wonderful Year 5 & 6 teacher Amanda Foster the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Watching sports and walking with my dogs.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Lasagne.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Anything that I can sing along to. I am a huge Pink fan.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Morning person.
- 5. Where is your favourite holiday spot? Florida but I'm sure I'll find a favourite spot in New Zealand.
- 6. What season do you like best? Summer.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Cluedo.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Barnes Junior School, Sunderland.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Invisibility.
- 10. What is your favourite movie or book? The Lion King.

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



Good News Goodwood



It was great to have a visit to the office from Rūma Tieke, our newest class and their teacher Whaea Dannii. These explorers have made a wonderful start to school - we are so happy that you have joined us at Goodwood.

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 \$252 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





Busy Bees op shop cambridge has provided a VERY generous grant to help us purchase more decodable reading books. These books are in high demand as part of our literacy programmes. Having more books available is great for explorers. If you are an 'op shopper' be sure to visit Busy Bees. Similarly if you have good quality clothing / household items to donate - consider Busy Bees - and help support their philosophies of reducing waste by re-using, and of supporting our community while doing it. In either case please pass on our thanks for their support. It was so good to see so many Goodwood explorers and families out enjoying the bike paths(and Good Union hot chips) at the Bicycle Revolution Cambridge Autumn Roll! And we stayed DRY!! If you missed out this time - no problem - just add the next event -The Light Night Ride to your calendar- from 6pm on Saturday 6th July. The Goodwood whānau who rode last year had a blast!





We had a great time at Winter Sports Day with our explorers playing a wide range of games with friends from across Cambridge. A big thank you to St Peter's Catholic School, Cambridge, NZ for organising the day and the student leaders from Cambridge High School NZ for your support. Thank you to our teachers and parents for your help and to Cy-Co The Cycle Coffee Company for the refreshments!

Our explorers were inspired by a performance from STRIKE.

STRIKE is a group from Wellington who introduced a range of percussion instruments to the school this afternoon. Oh and there was a teacher drum battle and explorers took to the stage to perform.

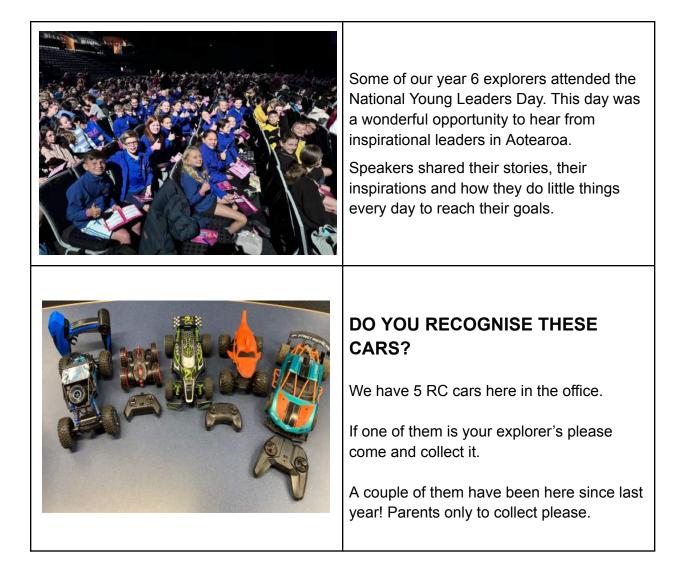




We had another great day at Ngā Hau e Wha Marae. Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti brings together more than 100! students from across Cambridge to learn more about Te Ao Māori and kapa haka. Our new school minibus means our rōpu can travel together- thanks to the sponsors who made this happen.

We couldn't resist this snap at playtime last week. This is what your support means. Your generous donations bring great opportunities. These sharp Spoken Cycles balance bikes bring explorers together and build FRIENDSHIPS! We now have a fleet of 70 bikes whizzing around the Team Wealleans bike track and the amphitheatre - Every one has been sponsored by one of the names on the signs at school. Please support these businesses whenever you can and pass on our explorers' thanks.





Learn NZ Sign Language

Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn NZ Sign Language! Our classes start the week of **Monday, 22 July,** or **Wednesday, 24 July**, and run for six weeks. Spaces are limited.

Level 1a Beginner – Monday 22 July – 26 August 2024

Level 1a Beginner – Wednesday 24 July – 28 August 2024





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