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### Tumuaki / Principal's Column

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

This is my last newsletter column for a little while.

Next term I am away on a sabbatical researching ways that mainstream schools can support learners who are neurodiverse. Sabbaticals are exciting (contestable) opportunities offered to school leaders and teachers as part of our respective collective agreements.

During my leave I am fortunate to be heading to the United Kingdom to connect with researchers, school leaders and facilitators who specialise in this area. I also have time to visit some New Zealand contexts and to read widely and with depth. I will also publish a report on my findings which I hope will be of benefit to Goodwood staff and explorers as well as other schools. My last sabbatical was in 2018 and I investigated the concept of preview, which you may note is widely implemented at Goodwood and has also been used by a number of other schools across the country. You can read that report by clicking here.

All costs for my leave and travel are covered by the Ministry of Education or by me personally.

While I will certainly miss you all while I am away, I know that I couldn't be leaving our school in better hands. We have a highly experienced and capable leadership team with a combined 47 years at Goodwood (don't ask who has been here the longest!) Marsha Copping will be our acting principal, leading with her usual expertise and ethos of care. Marsha will be ably supported by Lynda Alton as her deputy and Jess Simons who will cover Lynda's associate principal duties. Deb Taylor will complete an outstanding leadership team.

My sabbatical will start in London where I am being hosted by <u>The Anna Freud</u> team. I will be attending conferences, connecting with educators and visiting schools in London and around the country. I am also travelling to Sheffield to work with the leadership team of the <u>Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools</u> (PINS) programme.

This work is crucial. Schools are being required to support learners with increasingly complex needs while managing a seemingly inverse reduction in funding and support. Goodwood is being particularly disadvantaged as one of the 60% of schools not to be allocated a Learning Support Coordinator and having the lowest equity index funding score in our area, further reducing available support. This means that our accommodations have to be increasingly creative as we strive to balance the need for inclusivity with the rights of all explorers to make progress to their potential. We also need to support our hard working and caring team as they balance these, sometimes competing demands.

I look forward to seeing what other school leaders are trialling and accomplishing. The opportunity to visit other educators in their schools and universities is a privilege and an honour.

Ngā mihi David & your Goodwood Team



### Happy July birthday to:

Clara V, Isla B, Chloe P, Olive O'C, Willow H, Lilya R, Olivia N, Sophia N, Jack D, Lara B, Sofia D, Ty M, Maddison N, Theia M, Brodie S, Noah O'B, Riley B, Millie O, Sasha C, William J, Benjamin H, Charlotte C, Oscar K, chase W, Kezia J, Charlotte M, Paige B, Isabelle M, Arlo K, Theo B, Jakari H, Zoe C, Ula R, Lucas B and Imogen H.

# School App - have you downloaded?

All current information is available on our school calendar at... <u>GOODWOOD SCHOOL 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)

What date has the Teacher Only Day changed to? Bring your answer on a named piece of paper to the office by 3 pm Tuesday 23rd July. One entry per explorer. All correct entries will go into a draw to win a free cookie time cookie!

#### Matariki - School closed



School is closed this Friday (tomorrow) for Matariki public holiday

# Learning conferences - Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July

We will be holding our learning conferences next week.

#### 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: **4uerq** 



- The office and your classroom teacher can also help with bookings.
- Bookings are open!

#### **CCTV** at Goodwood

We have 24 hour CCTV installed at Goodwood School. These cameras are here to protect our premises, our explorers and our team. The prime function of our CCTV is to discourage and follow up on after hours damage or anti-social behaviour. On very rare occasions we do view camera footage if an explorer has been hurt at a break time and we have heard different perspectives regarding what has happened. We use the camera information to follow up as needed and to ensure everyone's safety moving forward. We have robust CCTV policies that adhere to the Privacy Act 2020 and these can be viewed at any time at School Docs - search Goodwood School username **goodwood** password **explore** The cameras do not have audio and are well away from sensitive areas such as bathrooms.



# Written School Reports - sent out next week

Written reports will be emailed home next week - 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

Years and Curriculum Levels								
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		LEVEL 2						
	LEVEL 1							
Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9

These reports will be emailed. If you require a paper copy please let Trudy (<a href="mailto:trudy@goodwood.school.nz">trudy@goodwood.school.nz</a>) know when sent.

### How to order - photolife

You should have all received your keycodes to go online and order your explorer's class, individual and sibling photos. Please be aware that FREE delivery expires midnight Sunday 30th June 2024. If you have any questions please contact photolife on 0800 501 040.



# 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

#### TRUSTING GUT FEELING

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.

### Teacher Only Day - Monday 2 September (New Date!)

We will be closed on **Monday 2nd September** for a teacher only day. This date replaces the previously advertised date of Monday 29 July.

This is one of the additional teacher only days awarded to schools to unpack the new curriculum and associated support materials. **The release of these materials has been delayed** so we are needing to postpone our professional learning day to maximise its impact.

We WILL provide care on Monday 2nd September if needed to minimise disruption to families. If you have pre-booked travel on our previously advertised teacher only day in July - that is fine - just let us know and we will record this as a justified absence for you explorer.

You can view this revised date on our Community Goodwood Calendar - found in the school app and on the school website.

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

Hot Lunches are available 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 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.vourlunchbox.co.nz to order.



### Get to know the Goodwood Team

# We asked our awesome, sporty Learning Assistant Bradley Rea the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Football and family time.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Carbonara.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Bruce Springsteen.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Night Owl.
- 5. Where is your favourite holiday spot? Waihi Beach.
- 6. What season do you like best? Winter (woohoo! football season!)
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Sequence.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? St Andrews, Liverpool.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Invisible.
- 10. What is your favourite movie or book? Rocky





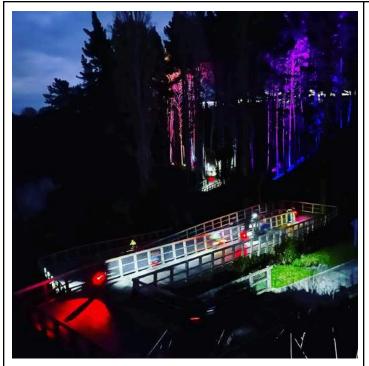
### Good News Goodwood



Manawatia o Matariki! Thank you for a wonderful morning of celebration and connection yesterday. Kia Ora to our staff team - how good were the 17 mini breakfast cafes across our classrooms? Thanks to our Hoa Pai group for the VR trips to outer space and the s'mores. Tino pai rawa to our kapa haka for your performance and to Jacqui and Miriam Cy-Co The Cycle Coffee Company for the hot drinks. Also thanks to our amazing community for turning out in such huge numbers to celebrate with us. Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou!

It was a late night for our amazing Goodwood team as they renew their first aid qualifications. Each year half of our team work with Life Care Consultants to update these essential skills to help keep explorers and team safe. We appreciate the dedication of our team after a busy day at school.





The LIGHT NIGHT is just around the Te Awa The Great NZ River Ride corner....6th July and we can't wait. Grab some wheels, mates, families and furries (on lead) and join us as we Light up the Night!

It was great to see some of our netball players out enjoying the sunshine at the Morrinsville Netball Tournament. Our team wonn four of their five games at the tournament! Thanks to our amazing coaches and supporters. Thanks also to gazebo sponsors CST Septic and Cambrilea Riparian.



A fun and challenging day was enjoyed by our explorers at last week's Tough Guy and Gal Mud Run at Ngāruawāhia.

Congratulations to everyone who showed (and wore!) some GRIT today! Feel free to send us your pics of the day for us to share. Another shout out to our gazebo sponsors CST Septic and Cambrilea Riparian.









#### OPEN DAY 09 AUGUST 2024

Two sessions 9.00am-10.00am 1.45pm-2.45pm

We are holding an Open Day for our 2025 prospective parents/caregivers.

Please meet in the hall at the beginning of your chosen session.

There will be an address by our Senior Leadership Team and tours of our school will be available.

Come and see Cambridge Middle School in action!

A copy of our enrolment zone map is available on our school website www.cms.school.nz



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