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Tumuaki / Principal's Column

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

Wow, **what a response** to our last newsletter which outlined the harm being caused to children and young people by early access to social media and smartphones! It appears after reading **OUR** newsletter the Australian government has decided to make Australia the first country in the world to [implement a complete ban on social media for under 16's!](#)

Well, maybe that is stretching the truth a little - just goes to prove that you can't believe everything you read online! We have, however, had lots of feedback from our whānau at the gate, via email and in numerous conversations. There appears to be high levels of support for our school to do all we can to protect our children from the harm that is being caused by social media and inappropriate online content. Many parents would like to know that their explorer is attending a class where their friends are also free of the pressures that can be created through online activities.

Along with this parental support came many stories of the trauma that already exists in our community, of which some is due to the influence of age restricted content. We have personally heard of heartbreaking issues including distress over body image, self harm and children's access to racist or hateful content.

The danger presented by this type of content is increasing exponentially with the growth of AI. If an explorer pulls a thread of such content - AI will work hard to lead them in that direction by creating algorithms which soon flood their accounts with similar or worse material. Young people's brains are still developing their personal filters, understanding and ability to assess such content.

If your child is asking for a smartphone - or for an account on an age restricted platform we would hope that you say a firm "no." You could also add "You go to Goodwood School and that is not what we believe."

We know that this is a partnership and we look forward to backing you up with our messaging. We have booked internet safety expert John Parsons for another visit in May next year and the Cambridge Principals' Association is making a major investment to bring highly regarded cybersafety and child welfare expert [Rob Pope](#) to Cambridge for evening sessions designed to support parents with sessions aimed at primary and high school children. Watch here for further information.

After all, we never like to let the Aussies get too far ahead of us in anything!

Have a great week and **imagine**.

David and your Goodwood team



Happy November birthday to:

Louis C, Bella C, Xavier K, Eilish E, Beth I, Priya D, Louis M, Nash M, Adam O, Lachlan M, Jessica H, Sienna P, Tyler B, Mila R, Carley C, Luca H, Grace R, Maya R, Lachlan D, Florence H, Lacey T, Baxter E, Lucas M, John R, Beau G-S, Brooklyn P, Archer C, Willum C, Jolanda H, Ella F, Lachlan A, Meila H and Declan H.

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.

Group Day Results

Some of our explorers followed up their Goodwood School Ag Day success by competing with their lambs at the Cambridge Group Day achieving some great results

Call Follow Run (Junior) Florence 4th

Leading (Junior) Florence 2nd, Madi 5th

Rearing (Junior) Florence 1st Madi 2nd

Rearing (Senior) Georgia 2nd Anie 5th

Overall Group Day Champion Florence



Term dates and last day of term whā

Our final day for 2024 is **Tuesday 17 December**. Explorers can be collected at 12.30pm. Our team is using the final afternoon of the year to coordinate redistribution of explorer's books, progressions and assessment info into New Year classes to allow our 2025 team to prepare learning programmes over the term break.

Care is available at school for those who need to stay on this day. After school care and buses will operate as per usual. Please complete [This form](#) if your explorer is not being collected at 12.30 pm

Term One 2024 starts on **Thursday 30 January** and ends on **Friday 11th April**. We are holding a teacher only day on Friday 7th February to enable further work on the newly released English and mathematics curricula. This will enable whānau to enjoy a four day Waitangi weekend.

You may have heard that there are paid union meetings this term. The teacher union, the NZEI has recognised that in light of this busy time of year - these will only involve site reps and there will be no disruption to classes.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 9th December

We are holding one of the Ministry of Education allocated teacher-only days on Monday 9 December to work on the English curriculum which was released today. Our teaching team will be working with structured literacy expert Kirsty Tater.

Teacher only days do not impact the number of days a school is open for instruction and this is set each year. You may notice that we finish later in the year than other schools. In addition to very occasional term time teacher only days - our team works through term breaks on a range of professional learning and administration tasks. Term time teacher only days are often determined by the availability of high quality facilitators. As 2500 schools work to implement new English and mathematics curricula, quality facilitators are in very high demand and some flexibility is needed with arrangement of dates. A number of whānau take these opportunities to schedule a long weekend while maintaining high rates of attendance. We try to alternate between Monday and Friday when possible as we know whānau have different weekly schedules

As always, on term time teacher only days, we will provide care at school for whānau who require it. Please complete [this form](#) to book a space. If cost of care is an issue - please contact David in confidence.

School is open tomorrow - Friday 15 November. We are aware some other schools in the area are having a teacher only day. Schools have choice around teacher only days and we are having ours to suit the availability of our literacy facilitator from Liz Kane Literacy.

Staffing update

We have two teachers leaving Goodwood at the end of this year.

Amanda Foster has accepted a position much closer to her home. We are truly appreciative of the value Amanda has added to our kura while with us. Amanda drives a considerable distance each day to teach explorers. We understand that teaching closer to home will benefit her and her family.

Kate Rowe has also accepted a teaching position in Hamilton that is much closer to her home. We thank Kate for beginning her teaching career with us and wish her all the best for the future.

We welcome two teachers to Goodwood in 2025.

Kelly Taylor is currently teaching in a kura in Hamilton and will be joining us in 2025. Kelly is currently teaching 26 year 1 students and has experience in structured literacy and structured maths.

Nick McNeil is also joining the Goodwood team in 2025. Nick is a very experienced teacher who most recently has been working as an RTLB.

ASB Getwise - 27 - 29 November

The ASB Getwise Program is being taught to all Year 3 - 6 explorers over three days. Teaching children good money habits from an early age can really help to set them up for the future - and ASB GetWise does just that. Through workshops kids learn the fundamentals of money in four different stages - from identifying needs and wants and learning to save, right through to budgeting - giving them a solid foundation to build on. These sessions are facilitated by an ASB educator and they provide follow up activities for explorers.



Fruit time at school

Classes enjoy some fruit time daily at kura. This is either prior or just after mini-break. We have noticed an increase in explorers coming to the office for fruit. We are able to provide some additional fruit. We encourage you to talk with your explorer about fruit time and check to see if they are requiring some more food to eat during the day.



Pool Keys - community use

Pool keys for 2024/25 season are available now from the school office. Pool keys are \$80.00. This covers the increasing maintenance and running costs needed to keep our pool sparkling clean

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

Goodwood School Board
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. The pool will open for swimming for the community from Monday 9 December.

MoE funded maths resource

An update on Ministry of Education funded maths resources.

Goodwood has ordered numicon for Year 0 - 3 and Maths, No Problem for year 4 - 6. We are unsure of delivery time as there is a delay in availability.

Numicon is something teachers already use in our kura so we are pleased to be having access to more equipment and teacher resources.

Maths, No Problem is aligned to the New Zealand refresh and also offers several books at each level. We believe this will give flexibility to meet the needs the explorers to support progress in maths.

These resources will be a support to the teaching and learning of maths at Goodwood.

Ice Blocks - for sale each Friday...

Ice blocks will be for sale on Friday at 3pm - in the amphitheatre.

Ice Blocks are \$2. Cash is the best way to get your ice block.



Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked Ms Copping, our DP, the following 10 questions:

1. *What is your favourite pastime?* **Laughing with my whānau**
2. *What is your favourite food?* **Sushi, ramen, tempera, sashimi, miso.....**
3. *What music do you like to listen to?* **An eclectic range to suit my mood**
4. *Are you a night owl or morning person?* **Morning**
5. *Where is your favourite holiday spot?* **Any beach in Summer**
6. *What season do you like best?* **I like aspects of them all**
7. *What is your 'go to' board game?* **It's a card game - speed**
8. *What was your first Primary School?* **Te Rapa Primary**
9. *If you could have a superpower what would it be?* **I'm a teacher - what's your superpower?**
10. *What is your favourite movie or book?* **Shrek is still good no matter how many times I watch it.**



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

Good News Goodwood



We recently enjoyed a visit from Sam Gaze.

Sam is a New Zealand cross-country and road cyclist at Olympian and World Championship winning level!

Sam, who has close connections to Goodwood, was introduced to the school by his sister - Ruby.

Sam then shared about his journey and how proud he was of his very first race - that was little bit away from the podium.

From there he shared messages about - the keeping trying, the dreams and that opportunities will come from hard work.

Sam took some questions from the explorers AND then we headed out to the bike track (thank you [Team Wealleans](#)) where Sam rode a few laps with explorers.

Thank you Sam and Ruby. It was a privilege to have you share your stories with us.

We have LIFT OFF!

Yesterday we officially opened our new helicopter! It was great to cut the ribbon and thank our wonderful supporters. The chopper was the place to be today- already taking our explorers on some fantastic journeys. Another shout out to the team from Pacific Airhub,, [Rotorcraft](#), Paul Schilov, [Wraptrade Cy-Co](#) [The Cycle Coffee Company](#) and the talented Mr Keane!



The vitality of Kapa Haka and the power of waiata to help us make connections was on full display as our Year 5 and 6 rōpū went on tour!

Visiting Little Thinkers, Cambridge Kindergarten and House of Wonder was a wonderful way to start the week.

Thank you Matua Rawiri for your guidance and awhi.

GODDESS WORKSHOPS



Empowering and inspiring young girls aged 8 - 13.

Girls will be taught skills to help them manage their big emotions.

From practical exercises such as yoga and breathwork to mindset practices with just a sprinkling of magic. The workshops are designed to be a safe, creative and fun environment that will develop self-esteem and make your daughter sparkle with confidence.

Workshop details:

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd January 2025
8:30am - 12:30pm

Fencourt Hall (next door to Goodwood School)
529 Fencourt Road, Cambridge, Waikato
Limited spaces, enrol at:
<https://goddess-workshops.com/>



Contact: Georgia
027 606 0308
georgia.goddessworkshops@gmail.com

PB TECH in Hamilton have created a web page especially for **Goodwood School** parents/caregivers to access some great deals on devices.

See the link below:

[PB TECH deals](#)

Use this promotional code to unlock some awesome deals:

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Waikato

Waikato Water Polo is excited to present

Splash Polo

- Do you love being in the water?
- Do you enjoy making new friends?
- Do you like ball sports and want to try something in the water?
- Want to try something new?

Playing in the water is FUN and splash polo gives the players a great stepping stone to Water Polo.

Splash Polo is an easy way for all children to be active while trying something new.

It's a great sport for building water confidence, learning new ball skills, learning to swim and be safe around the water all while in a shallow pool.

The game is for primary aged children from Years 3 - 6

Splash Polo
Is a beginners version of water polo for young kids wanting to get in the pool and have some fun, learning new skills and making new friends.

SOUND LIKE FUN?
See your teacher now to register!

www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz





Te Miro Mountain Bike Clubs

Thursday Night Summer Race
Series is proudly sponsored by
Riverside Adventures Waikato!

Racing runs from the 24th of October to
the 19th of December & the 23rd of
January to the 13th of March.
Rego opens at 5:45PM, closes at 6:20PM.
Racing starts at 6:30PM.

3 tracks to choose from. Tracks for all
skills, ages & fitness levels. Races last for
60 mins. Your best 10 races will determine
this years summer series winners!
Free for Te Miro club members. \$5 non
members.

Please pre-register for your first race by
4:00PM using the link provided or on our
website under events.

Any questions please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com
or contact 027 236 3778 A/H

SPRING CUP XC MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

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10th November



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XC 2024

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for more information

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Karapiro Hall on a Tuesday night at 6pm great for confidence,
exercise, self defense and good fun \$50 a term with discounts
for families, check our Facebook page

<http://www.gojuyukaratedo.org.nz/history.html>

Or for more info or call/ text Sensei Bruce 021760011



