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

Thank you for a wonderful year of connection, fun and learning. We have appreciated your support and kindness throughout a hugely successful 12 months at Goodwood. We wish you and your whānau and a happy and enjoyable festive season.

Oh, and before you go - we'd like to ask one more favour....

We'd like your support with our **Goodwood Summer of Reading!**

Our explorers have enjoyed AT LEAST an hour of reading (and writing and maths) all year. We'd like to keep up the pace over the summer break! Research shows that our children's reading stamina is slowing! Device use is pushing out traditional reading time. More than HALF of New Zealand's 15 year olds say they only read if they HAVE too! Children are reading less than ever before and this is reflected in falling levels of literacy. International research shows that children who DO read for pleasure are more likely to have advanced vocabulary development, enhanced school performance and more developed brain function. They demonstrate more prosocial behaviour at school, fit in better through connecting with others, and make healthier choices around eating and smoking.

Let's promote reading for fun this summer with Goodwood School's Summer of Reading!

We can help!

Attached to this newsletter is a reading log to complete over the holidays. Read 12 books (or six longer ones), return the form and earn a reward at the start of next year - next year's Year 7's are very welcome to come back and see us. Paper copies of the reading log are available at the office.

We are also teaming up with the wonderful librarians at Cambridge Library. You are invited to join us at the library anytime between **9.00 am and 10.30 am** next **Thursday 19 December** to help your child choose some summer reading. Meet up with your Goodwood friends and browse the shelves together. If you can't make it at this time - no problem - the librarians are available to help you at any time the library is open.

If your explorer is not already a member of the library - <u>just click this link to register</u>. It is free to join and children's books are free to borrow.

Cambridge Library also has a <u>summer reading programme called 'Wild Reads'</u> which kicks off next week. Explorers can sign up for a Bingo card to complete tasks and get an invite to the end of summer reading party!

We hope that you can join us for a fun morning exploring the library.

If you can't make the library at all and would like some summer reading material from school then please talk to your child's teacher.

Kia Pai tō Wiki - Have a great week David and your Goodwood team



Happy December birthday to:

Eryn R, Elliott McN, Brie S, Thomas D, Rylee Mc, Georgia L, Grace M, Munesu T, Beau R, Aleah V, Katie T, Cassie S, Archie T, George P, Emilia G, Max H, Kelsey M, Sasvikaa V, Carter J, Lennix W, Madison W, Elijah F, Lachlan G, April B, Riley B, Graysonn R, Thomas K, Koda J-C, Renny S & Lucy M.

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 2300 downloads.

2025 - Goodwood team and school structure

Explorers have met their kaiako/teacher and classmates over the last two days with a third visit āpōpō/tomorrow. Explorers are developing a sense of belonging with their 2025 place of learning.

Below we share with you the structure and location of our learning spaces - and the people in them!

Year 5 and 6 team	Rūma	Year 2 team	Rūma
Deb Taylor (Team Leader)	Takahē	Jess Simons (team leader)	Whio
Nick McNeil	Hihi	Cathy Smith/Claire Bertrand	Kōkako
Donna Miles	Kererū		
Danielle Bell	Kākāriki	Year 1 team	Rūma
		Kelly Taylor	Pīwakawaka
Year 3 and 4 team	Rūma	Whaea Dannii	Tieke
Jennifer Adam	Tūī	Tracy Tychsen	Ruru
Rebekah Williams	Korimako		
Alison Dady	Kākāpō	Intaking Year 1	Rūma
Rachel Dravitski	Kōtare	Whaea Bailey	Kea
Chloe James	Weka	Shelley Hack	Warou

Stationery - 2025 - 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*.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70^.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 4 interest-free payments over 6 weeks 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.

*Terms and Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details. ^Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details.

Last day of term whā - Tuesday 17 December

Our final day for 2024 is next **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 <u>This form</u> if your explorer is not being collected at 12.30 pm

Term One 2025 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.

Term dates - 2025

Term 1

Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April 2025

Public holiday: Waitangi – Thursday 6 February. Teacher Only day Friday 7 February

Term 2

Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June 2025.

Public holidays: King's Birthday – Monday 2 June and Matariki - Friday 20 June.

Term 3

Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September 2025

Term 4

Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December 2025

Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 27 October.

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.



We asked our wonderful year 1 teacher Tracy Tychsen the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Going for walks.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Sushi.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Benson Boone.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Morning.
- 5. Where is your favourite holiday spot? Any Beach.
- 6. What season do you like best? Spring.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Scrabble.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Meyerton Primary School, Johannesburg.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? To talk to significant people in Heaven.
- 10. What is your favourite movie or book? Anything by Wilbur Smith.

Weetbix Tryathon



Congratulations to our Weetbix Tryathon team (above) who competed with GRIT last weekend at this eagerly anticipated annual event. A special congratulations to Ava B who was lucky enough to win a brand new bike!



Interschool Athletics

Our Goodwood Athletics team did an amazing job at the Cambridge Interschool Championships winning many events and placing in a number of others. A special congratulation to our 8 year old, 9 year old and 11 year old relay teams who each won their event! Our 10 year olds finished third in their race! Results are below...

11 Year Old Boys	1st	Austin C	100m
11 Year Old Boys	3rd	Austin C	High Jump
11 Year Old Boys	ıst	Austin C	Long Jump
9 Year Old Boys	ıst	Caleb R	High Jump
9 Year Old Boys	ıst	Caleb R	High Jump
8 Year Old Boys	3rd	Cameron S	High Jump
11 Year Old Girls	2nd	Chloe P	100m
Fastest Girl	ıst	Chloe P	400m
11 Year Olds	1st	Chloe P, Mackenzie S, Connor T, Austin C	Relay
11 Year Old Boys	2nd	Connor T	100m
11 Year Old Boys	1st	Connor T	Vortex
9 Year Old Girls	3rd	Dilan T	100m
9 Year Olds	1st	Dilan T, Rosa C, Solomon B, Baxter B	Relay
9 Year Old Boys	2nd	Hudson C	High Jump
9 Year Old Boys	1st	Jack W	Vortex
8 Year Old Girls	1st	Kezia J	High Jump

8 Year Olds	ıst	Kezia J, Indie R, Owen P, Cason R	Relay
8 Year Old Boys	2nd	Lockie S	Shot Put
10 Year Old Girls	2nd	Lucia T	100m
11 Year Old Girls	ıst	Mackenzie S	Shot Put
11 Year Old Girls	2nd	Makenzie S	Vortex
8 Year Old Boys	ıst	Owen P	100m
8 Year Old Boys	3rd =	Owen P	Long Jump
9 Year Old Boys	2nd	Reilly B	Long Jump
9 Year Old Girls	2nd	Rosa C	Long Jump
9 Year Old Boys	3rd	Solemon B	100m
11 Year Old Boys	2nd	Thomas N	High Jump
11 Year Old Boys	3rd	Thomas N	Shot Put
11 Year Old Boys	3rd	Ty M	100m
10 Year Old Girls	ıst	Zara K	Vortex



Good News Goodwood

It was the game of the century! Fast action, super skills, wonderful teamwork - and that was just the pre-game dance off!!

Our explorers and teachers enjoyed a fantastic game with netball the winner on the day (along with the teachers!)









So good to host The Hits - Aotearoa toy bus here at Goodwood School again this year. Our explorers got to see all of the amazing toys that are being donated for those who need an extra lift this Christmas and add some extras to the bus. Some even got to be interviewed on the radio!

What a wonderful night at the Year Six dinner! Thank you to the amazing team who put together a memorable night of celebration. Thanks to DJ Ben, our wonderful committee, including leads Kelly and Sabrina and our incredible teaching team. Thanks to board members Scott, Simon and Brenda for being there along with photographer Amy.









Empowering and inspiring young girls aged δ = 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 selfesteem 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, errol at: https://goddess-workshops.com/



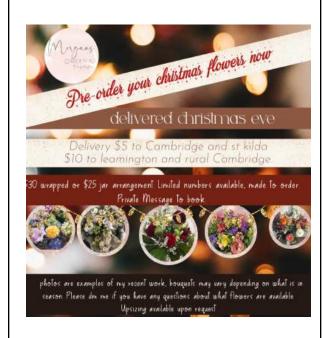
Contact: Georgia 027 606 0308 georgia.goddessworkshops@gmail.com PB TECH in Hamilton have created a web page especially for Goodwood School parents/caregivers to access some great deals on devices.

See the link below:

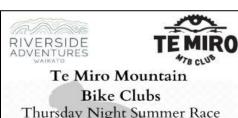
PB TECH deals

Use this promotional code to unlock some awesome deals:

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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







