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

It has been exciting to be part of a wonderful start to the new school year. Our explorers, teachers and community are to be congratulated on the way this year is underway so seamlessly.

Learning programmes were in full swing from day one with rich literacy and numeracy lessons evident in all classrooms. Our playground is a place of laughter with new and established friendships helping to ensure happy and connected explorers. We enjoyed meeting with you earlier this week and sharing some of our goals in greater depth.

Our team is excited by the possibilities the refreshed curriculum offers and how closely it aligns with our existing programmes and practices. New resources are being released regularly and we are carefully evaluating how these can add value to what we do.

For your Year 3 to 6 explorers and a number of whānau, camps are approaching with the many opportunities they provide to learn in the outdoors while building confidence and reinforcing to our explorers that they are capable of stretching themselves and achieving amazing things. To be so well placed, so early in the year bodes well for what we can achieve as a Goodwood School community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a memorable year ahead.

Ngā mihi

David and your Goodwood Team



Happy February birthday to:

Lisa V, Mia B, Jack W, Mia M, Kinsley M, Grace C, Maddison C, Cameron S, Sylare R, Blake K, Cason R, Jackson R, Isla R, Ava W, Fred S, Louie D, Kyla B, Reeve C, Noah P, Maddison P, Harper W, Freida M, Lexi W & Alexander 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.

To download app: search School Apps NZ - download and then search Goodwood School.

Signing explorers in/out...

If you are dropping off or collecting explorers outside the usual drop off/pick up times - do sign your explorer/s in or out at the tari/office.

Goodwood Board News

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. A special welcome to all new students, whānau, and staff joining our school community—we're excited to have you with us.

As your Board, we are committed to supporting our kura to provide the best possible learning environment for our explorers. Your current board members are:

- Brenda van Zyl (Presiding Member/Chair)
- Katherine Rogers (Co-Chair)
- Brenda Bell (Secretary)
- Simon Corbett (Finance Officer)
- Scott Deschenes (Property Officer)
- Matthew Glover (All-Round Guru)
- David Graham (Principal)
- Marsha Copping (Staff Board Member / professional expertise)



Our current board term ends this September, 2025. If you are interested in standing for the board feel free to get in touch, or wait for further details later in the year.

We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, ideas or feedback - we value your input. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Nga mihi, Katherine Rogers On behalf of Goodwood School BoT

Concerns and Complaints Policy

We value and appreciate our strong connections with whānau and community. We know that by working together we can best support our explorers.

As with any large and dynamic organisation there can be misunderstandings and disagreements from time to time. For this reason our school has a clear and effective policy for addressing concerns and, if necessary, making a complaint.

Our concerns and complaints procedures enable us to:

- maintain a safe environment for our students and staff
- treat all people fairly and with dignity and respect
- resolve matters of concern early and at the lowest level, if possible
- respond to feedback and concerns constructively

- deal with complaints fairly, effectively, and in a timely manner
- take into account individual circumstances
- maintain privacy and confidentiality
- preserve and enhance school and community relationships
- check that solutions have been implemented and are working, including feeding back to the person who raised the issue where appropriate
- monitor and record concerns and complaints about student safety and wellbeing
- meet our legal and ethical obligations.

We foster open communication and encourage our school community and members of the public to contact us promptly when issues involving the school arise. We advise people with concerns or complaints to raise these with the school in the first instance, rather than sharing concerns with other people or online.

Most concerns can be resolved informally through discussions with the people involved – If we can't resolve a concern this way, our board has processed for making a formal complaint. All details can be found at www.schooldocs.co.nz

Please search for "Goodwood School" and "enter".

When prompted enter **goodwood** (all lower case) as the username and **explore** (all lower case) as the password.

Term 1 - pōtae/hats required - sun protection

Goodwood School aims to:

- protect our students and staff from excessive exposure to UVR while they are at school, or involved with off-site school activities, including sports and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- educate the whole school community about the harmful effects of excessive exposure to UVR, and how to keep themselves safe.

We inform and remind all staff, parents, and other members of the school community (such as coaches, volunteers, etc) about our sun protection policy.

We educate our students about sun safety by communicating age-appropriate information about sun exposure and protection. We provide this information annually in class programmes for every year level.

Timing of the policy

Our sun protection policy applies between 10 am and 4 pm, during terms 1 and 4.

Students are to wear wide brimmed hats. Goodwood hats are available at the school office for \$20.

Staff are encouraged to model appropriate sun safe behaviour by wearing sun protective hats and clothing, sunscreen, and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.



Medicines at school

To help ensure the safety of everyone, we require **ALL** medicines that are brought to school to be handed in at the school office, including asthma inhalers.

We are able to safely store these and administer them as necessary.

We require a parent/caregiver to complete a medical authority form in each instance.

Term dates - 2025

Term tahi: Thursday 30 January - Friday 11 April

Term rua: Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

Term toru: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term whā: Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked our wonderful Year 1 teacher Dannii the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Rollerblading.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Pasta.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? 70's & 80's.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Both.
- 5. Where is your favourite holiday spot? Texas.
- 6. What season do you like best? Spring.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? LOGO.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Marina View Primary, Auckland.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Invisible.
- 10. What is your favourite movie? Because of Win Dixie.



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

Good News Goodwood

Our Summer Reading Challenge was a great success. Many explorers gave it a go - enjoying hundreds of exciting books over the holidays. Each explorer who finished the challenge received a small prize earlier this week. It is also great to see rich literacy programmes in full swing across our school right from day one. Our explorers are making stellar progress!







Goodwood explorer Ellah has had a busy weekend competing at her first ever sailing regatta on Lake Karāpiro! Ellah was the youngest sailor in the 29 strong regatta and placed 3rd, 4th and 4th across her three races. Well done Ellah! We enjoy hearing of our explorers' successes with their many and varied interests.

Our year 3 and 4 explorers will be sailing on the same lake at camp next month!

We welcomed champion trainer (and Goodwood nana) Sheila Laxon ONZM and the Melbourne Cup to school! Sheila shared her experiences of training two Melbourne Cup winning horses - including last year's winner Knight's Choice. Sheila also answered our explorers' many questions about horses. Thank you Sheila and family for a memorable visit! The horseshoe in the photos is a gold plated shoe from the legendary horse Zabeel, gifted to, and autographed for, our school by Sir Patrick Hogan.



Fancy running on an airport runway?

What: Flat charity 5km run/walk/jog

Who: Anyone can enter!

When: Sunday 9 March (run starts at 6am) -

Where: On the Hamilton Airport runway- how cool is that!

This may be the last ever chance due to Hamilton welcoming international flights in the

Near future.

How: Click **HERE** for event information and to enter. Entry numbers are limited to get in quick!

Cost: \$30 for an adult, \$20 for a child, \$100 for a team of 4 adults + \$20 for wheelchair or mobility scooter entrants.

Goodwood Mum Anita Hawkins will be there and will grab a Goodwood team photo. Wear your Goodwood or house tee shirt and find Anita for a team photo just before the run begins.

We are still looking for one explorer who is ten years old or over to join our track cycling team -details have been emailed home.

Tiny Tractor Services

Do you have a lifestyle block that could benefit from a tidy up?

Turn your unruly paddocks into the start of a potential golf course!

Non destructive tyres. Happy to travel within 3-5 kms from school.

Call/text Robert on: 020 4070 9567 Email: robertjcwild@gmail.com.



Thanks for supporting our Goodwood family businesses - we appreciate their support.











Touch Rugby

We are once again hosting the touch module in Cambridge for the summer. Our registrations are now open! We would really appreciate it if you could share this on your communication forums. Registrations close on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Here is the link to the Hautapu Sports forms - Junior touch registrations - Hautapu Sports Club

Leamington Rugby are also registering teams. Families are welcome to contact them for registration info.

Year 5 & 6 Miniball registration

When - 17th February 5 pm
Where - Cambridge High School Gym.
See link for more details: Miniball Year 5/6











