



Newsletter

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Nga mihi ki a koe me to whanau Greetings to you and your family

Our school vision is to empower our children to become connected and caring lifelong explorers who will make a difference. Our children live this vision every day in so many ways. At the moment our senior explorers are working on passion projects, learning in areas they really care about. They have so many ideas about how they can make a difference. We help them to understand that most significant difference that they can make is within themselves by developing their own understandings, views and empathy towards others. Many of our children are also very keen to make a practical difference and to support a worthy cause. We help to balance their enthusiasm with what is a reasonable demand on our community and turn away many worthwhile projects. We do give the green light to some initiatives and over the coming weeks some explorers will lead a bake sale, a wheels day and a pyjama day. There is no expectation to support any, or all, of these events but we do encourage our children to bring in a gold coin from their pocket money if the event and cause are things that appeal to them. If a child forgets or loses their coin - we will help. We also acknowledge that this is an expensive time of the year and that there will be costs to end of year trips and our year 6 dinner. It is a fundamental policy of our school that NO child will miss out on ANY activity due to financial constraints. If cost for any activity is an issue then please contact me in confidence and we will be able to help. Thank you for your support, David.

Have a great week
David & Team

Welcome

We would like to extend a huge Goodwood School Welcome to: Kaden Rowe, Susie Rowdon, Mila Hotter and Elsie Dahlberg.

School Hours

Our Before School Care is available from 7.30 am to 8.15 am and After School Care is available from 3.00 pm until 5.45 pm. Please do not drop off your child any earlier than 7.30 am as there is no supervision until 7.30 am.

Staff News

We would like to congratulate Anna Gerritsen who has won a position at Marian School in Hamilton. We are delighted that Deb Taylor has accepted our junior team leader role. Will will have one new member of teaching team for 2018 with Clayton Smith joining our Year 5 and 6 team.

Group Day



Our Goodwood Explorers had a very successful day at Group Day last week. Results as follows:

1st Place - Group of 3 Kid Goat - FMG Cup Evie, Logan & Elliot Ismay

1st Place - Group of 3 Calves - Coubrough Cup - Kendyl, Anika & Trista Cowley

1st Place -Group of 3 Lambs - Animal Bedding Supplies Cup - Josh & Heidi Rickit & Mikayla Rogers

Guzzler Trophy Champion Calf - Rosie Callender

Williams & Kettle Trophy for Champion Leading Lamb - Mikayla Rogers

Property Projects

You will have noted the recladding work that is happening in our junior area. This is to ensure weathertightness prior to a school repaint scheduled for this summer break. We are also excited to be pushing go on stage one of our playground redevelopment. Starting next Monday diggers will remove all of the safe fall material from both adventure playgrounds. This will be replaced by a special wood chip product which will provide a safe, well draining surface under our play equipment. Your support of our colour run has helped to get this work underway. Stage two will involve adding and replacing play equipment.

Cohort Entry

At this stage our board of trustees has decided to retain the status quo with children starting school from their 5th birthday and not to go ahead with start of term, large group or cohort entries. The board considered many factors before making this decision and were influenced by views strongly shared at a community evening with Early Childhood Education Centres. ECE's shared their belief that transition at this early age is more effective when individualised, to best meet the needs of the child and their family. Large cohorts leaving ECE's also has the flow on effect of cohort entry into the ECE. Our board's preference is to continue the work we are developing in tailoring transition to best suit individual children and their families. We recognise and celebrate the important milestone of 'turning five.' For some children an entry part way through a term is a more manageable period of time at that early stage. Children will experience large cohort entries into Middle and High School we feel that tailoring that special and important first transition on a more individual basis will bring the greatest benefits. We will continue to review this policy in 2018.

Goodwood School Colour Run

The rain only made the day more fun! A huge thank you to Steph Rowe for organising the Colour Run.

FINAL REMINDER - If you would like to order a prize for your child(ren) from their colour run fundraising efforts, this needs to be submitted online by 5pm 11/11/17 - this Saturday. You will not be able to order after this time.

Should you experience any issues while doing this, please get in contact with Steph - therowetribes@gmail.com or phone/text 021 738 987. Thank you! Steph



COLOUR RUN

Photo Credits: Amy Bell Photography & Carrie Shaw





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THANK YOU!

For Your Support

MONSTER MASH SCHOOL DISCO



Big scares and a lot of fun was had at the Monster Mash Disco last week. There was some very inventive characters parading around. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the decorations and making the Disco happen.

The Amazing Race



Last week some explorers took up the challenge offered in the Amazing Race at the Hamilton Gardens. Thanks to the support from fabulous parents to help make this day happen. Working as a team our explorers completed challenges against other teams.

Kids for Kids Choir



Congratulations to Claire Bertrand and our wonderful choir who rocked the house along with Jackie Clarke and choirs from other Waikato schools.

What an exciting and accomplished performance in support of World Vision.

Mother and Daughter Evening

Our ever popular pubertal change evening for year 6 girls and their mums, or other female caregiver, with Dr Claire Hamilton will take place on Monday 13 November at 6.00 pm. Advice from local doctors is that this type of evening is more effective for boys if delayed until Middle School.

Goodwood School App

Are you reading this newsletter on our new app? You could be - just visit your app store for the free download - available for IOS or Android.

136 users have downloaded our school app so far - It is a great way to stay connected to the events and happenings at Goodwood. Thank you to our amazing PTA for supporting this great new initiative!



**School will close for the end of Term 4, 2017 on Friday 15 December at 3.00 pm.
School starts on Wednesday 31 January for Term 1 2018**

Next year's Year 5 and 6 Camp at Port Waikato is booked for the week of 19 - 23 March 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are very excited to announce Goodwood School is entering the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon as a school group.

The Hamilton Weetbix Kids Tryathlon is going to be held next year on **Sunday the 11th February 2018** at the **University Fields**, Hamilton East.

The event course is as follows:

Age	Swim	Bike	Run
7 year olds	50m	4km	1.5km
8 -10 year olds	100m	4km	1.5km

The swim is done in a 50m pool. A participant is allowed to stop during the swim without being penalised. The focus throughout the event is the **TRY** in Tryathlon.

If you are interested in registering your child/children you can do so online at tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz. Please register under the school name as we have set up a school account. You are able to register your child as an individual or as part of a team.

Your child must be 7 years old on the day of the event to be eligible to enter.

By entering as a team we are in with a chance to win \$5000 worth of sporting equipment for the school.

All Dates to Diary are available on our school calendar at...

[GOODWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR](#) and are also available on our school app for [Android](#) or [Apple](#)

Spanish lessons with Pepa will resume again in Term 4. If you would like your child to learn Spanish there will be a beginners class on a Wednesday from 3.10pm - 4.10pm.

The cost is \$60 for the Term. Contact Pepa: 021 278 2512





Goodwood School PTA

Goodwood School has a great PTA tradition. Over many years, parents, caregivers and family members like you have given their time to raise funds and organise events that help to:

- Keep communication open between home and school
- Equip our children with the best quality learning resources and
- Strengthen friendships within our school community

Over the years the PTA have organised different family and community events such as; Ice Skating, Casino, Quiz and Family nights and run a café at school events like the cross country and swimming sports days. Together with our regular sausage sizzles, raffles, plant sales, themed lunches and discos, the PTA not only raises much needed funds for the school, but also brought the school community together.

One of the finest ways to get acquainted at Goodwood is by taking part in a PTA event. The Goodwood community is filled with great talents and we know you've got lots to offer too.

5 reasons to get involved in the PTA

1

Discover a little more about your children's learning

By getting involved in the PTA, parents, teachers and children benefit from the knowledge and insight shared. Through the PTA movement, parents have an opportunity also to become involved in the wider decision-making process of the education system

2

Have fun

PTA work shouldn't be drudgery. Our aims are ambitious and they will not always be easy. But we're not taking ourselves too seriously and we're going to have fun along the way.

3

We can match your involvement to your skills and interests

The roles needed to deliver the PTA's aims cover a broad spectrum - from planning events creating flyers, filing, fundraising to building relationships with local businesses. We encourage creative ideas and are thrilled when people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

4

As a group, we pledge to honour your time constraints

You may be reluctant to get involved because you are concerned you'll be pulled into a black hole of never ending commitment. Not so! There is a lot to do, but even just a few hours of your time will make a difference. We'll not push you to commit to anything more than you are able.

5

It will be rewarding

If we get it right, there are big and small rewards for everyone involved.

As parents you are automatically members of the PTA (as is all the teaching staff). But there is absolutely no pressure for you to get involved in any of the events being planned. After all, life's busy. We get that.

If you are looking for opportunities to make a positive difference, please remember the PTA. Because by taking one small step and contributing an hour or more at one of our events really does make a difference to your child(ren)'s school experience.

Want to know more or be involved? Email goodschoolpta@gmail.com and we'll be in touch.



COOKING CLASS



with Chef Sophie Beck

Creator of 'Your Lunch Box', local chef

Co-author of Little and Friday's latest cookbook

\$35

Per person

Includes gift

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS
THEMED COOKING AND STORIES FROM
SOPHIE'S TIME WORKING IN FAMOUS
KITCHENS AROUND THE WORLD.**

SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH,
7.00 PM
RSCC
24-26 RALEIGH ST,
CAMBRIDGE**

Book by Friday 10th Nov

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Limited spaces available

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