



Newsletter

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

It was lovely to welcome our explorers back to school after the Easter break. The start of term is always an exciting time with new opportunities to set, and strive to achieve, learning goals. We are looking forward to an action packed term with lots of learning activities centred around our 'Significance' inquiry. This weekend marks the start of Winter Sports and Goodwood School will be represented by 8 netball teams, 8 rugby teams and 12 hockey teams! A number of Goodwood children are also involved with Cambridge soccer and a multitude of other sports from cycling to show jumping! We would like to thank each and every one of our amazing coaches and managers. Thank you for putting your hand up to make sport happen.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the Goodwood teams in action this term, to see our explorers develop their skills, build friendships, give their all and most importantly enjoy their sport. Please remember the important role we play as supporters in setting a great example for children. The SPARC code of conduct is included in this newsletter as a reminder of what effective support looks and sounds like.

Welcome

We would like to extend a huge Goodwood School Welcome to the following students...

Blake Leabourne, Bia Minnee, Jack Hardicker, Izabella Sandbrook, Casey Pennington, Melissa Pennington, Zac Lockyer and Jed Strachan.

May Birthday Wishes...

Happy May birthday to... Max L, Jessica B, Lucy S, Maguire J, Luke H, Murdoch D, Alicia P, Amber O, Eva C, Matthew J, Jamie B, Imogen I, Casey H, Addy M, Katie M, Yuvaan S, Rafael I, India R, & Josie T.

Farewell Mr Callaghan

We are sad to announce that Mr Callaghan is resigning as caretaker at Goodwood School after 13 years of great service. Frank has had a long association with our school as a parent and a valued member of staff. Frank has won a management position on a local farm and will be returning to the land! We would like to congratulate Frank and know that we will still see him often at rugby and around the school. A farewell for Frank will be held here at school on 19 May at 9.15am, everyone is welcome.

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome back Mrs Bacon and Mrs Chapman who will both be returning from leave this term. Mrs Bacon has started back and will be opening up our latest new entrant class in a few weeks time, while Mrs Chapman will be joining us in week 4 and will be working in a number of roles across the school. We would also like to welcome Mrs Gill McCarthy who will be working in a learning support role.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to Keira, Nate, Saoirse and Mr Callaghan for representing Goodwood School at a very moving Civic Ceremony on ANZAC Day.



Teacher Only Day

On Monday 22 May, Goodwood School will be closed for instruction as the teaching staff will be travelling to the Bay of Plenty to see other high performing schools in action. Most whole staff professional development happens during term breaks, but this is not possible this time as we need to see the schools when they are open. This may be an opportunity for an extra long weekend with your children, but if this is not possible then we will be offering childcare here at school for the day. Please watch for a notice with more information.

Fencourt Road Realignment

Thank you for your patience as the redevelopment work outside of our school is completed. The bulk of the work took place during the term break but the Easter and ANZAC holidays, together with some wet weather have pushed the project into term time. We know that the finished project will be worth the inconvenience.

Whanau Meeting

Our next whanau meeting will be at the home of the Stewart whanau on Sunday 21 May from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Our whanau meetings are a relaxed forum to share ideas and meet other whanau. Children are very welcome, please bring some snacks to share. Please RSVP to david@goodwood.school.nz

SPARC Code of Conduct for Parents

I will:

- encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support my child's efforts and performance
- thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- help when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.



Keeping Ourselves Safe

This week Police Education Officer Constable Brenton Irwin taught the first lessons in the very important part of our Health Programme. Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) is a nationwide programme, supported by NZ police, which is designed to help keep children safe from all types of abuse, including bullying. KOS keeps children safe by teaching them what to do when faced with challenging situations. Please talk to your child about what they are learning in KOS and help to reinforce these messages at home. If you couldn't make the parent information evening last term, more information can be found by following this link...

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Ice Skate Tour

Thank you to Steph and the team who delivered another fun fundraising experience in the term break. Hundreds came along to have a go on the ice skating rink, raising valuable funds for our school. Our next PTA meeting is next Monday 8 May at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.



Interschool Show Hunter Series

If anyone is interested in competing in the Interschools Show Hunter Series please see the attached information.

Wanted - House to Rent

One of our school parents is looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom house to rent in the Fencourt district. If you have or know of anyone who has a house for rent could you please let Trudy in the school office know.

School Donation

As decile 10 school we receive the lowest level of Government funding per student. In 2017 our operation grant was frozen and like all organisations we face increasing costs through inflation. For these reasons we ask for a school donation. We delay our donation request until term 2 as we appreciate that term 1 is an expensive time with camp and stationery. This year our school donation remains unchanged at \$110 per child or \$210 per family. Notices will be emailed next week. Your donation is essential in maintaining quality resources for our school. Thank you for support.

Marzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Dates to Diary

PTA Meeting - Monday 8 May 7.30 pm Staffroom

Whanau Meeting - Sunday 21 May 4 - 5pm at Ian & Leanne Stewart's house

Frank's farewell and Whole School Assembly - Friday 19 May - 9.30 - 10.30am

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