



# Newsletter

Principal David Graham

517 Fencourt Road  
R.D.1 Cambridge  
Phone: (07) 827 6817  
Fax: (07) 827 6817  
goodwood@goodwood.school.nz

Term 2 Week 3

Thursday 18 May

Number 08/17

## *In this newsletter...*

- Welcome
- School Photographs
- Frank's Farewell
- Teacher Only Day This Monday 22 May
- Whanau Meeting This Sunday 21 May
- Entertainment Books
- Thanks to...
- Dates to Diary

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

Winter is fast approaching with a decrease in temperatures and an increase in rainfall and fallen leaves. I have been impressed by the way that our explorers have taken the inclement weather in their stride and have managed their activities and behaviour appropriately. It is also exciting to see the way that our explorers are managing their learning. Research strongly tells us that children learn best when they are active participants in their learning. This approach is fundamental to what happens at our school, children are empowered to design, plan, implement and assess aspects of their learning at levels appropriate for their age and stage. Having an understanding of what you are learning, how you are going and the next step in your learning is proven to accelerate progress. This approach is also reflected in upcoming reporting to you, with student led conferences being an essential part of the reporting process and student voice a key part of written reports. Parents play an essential role in supporting learning. Keep making opportunities to talk to your child about their learning, to celebrate their successes and help define next steps.

Next week is Bully Free New Zealand Week. Bullying is defined as *when a person or a group repeatedly and intentionally uses or abuse their power to intimidate, hurt, oppress or damage someone else.*

Bullying is serious, and all schools and workplaces must remain vigilant and send the message that bullying has no place and will not be tolerated. Bully Free NZ week is a great opportunity to reiterate this message. Next Friday is NZ Pink Shirt Day and we encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt and stand together to show that bullying has no place in our country.

Kind Regards, David & Team



## School Photographs

Photolife Studios will be coming to school next Wednesday 24 May to take the class photographs. You should have received the pre-paid envelope already. Could you please make sure that you return the envelope with payment inside by no later than **Tuesday 23 May**. You can pay by cash, cheque or credit card (**EFTPOS IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOLIFE**).

## Frank's Farewell

We will be having a special farewell for Frank at the Whole School Assembly on Friday 19 May. If you and any of your family, or friends who know Frank, would like to attend they will be very welcome to join us. Assembly starts at 9.30 am with Frank's farewell scheduled from around 10.00 am. **Everyone is encouraged to wear a rugby jersey on the day if you have one.** Friends are welcome to join us for the entire assembly or just for Frank's farewell. The assembly will be followed by a special morning tea with Frank for parents, colleagues and friends. We hope to see you there.

## Teacher Only Day

This 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 can provide some childcare here at school for the day. A notice was sent home earlier this week with a return slip confirming your child's intentions.

## Fencourt Road Realignment

Thank you for your continued patience as this project is completed. The new road alignment has caused some drainage issues for our school. These are currently being addressed.

## Whanau Meeting

Our next whanau meeting will be at the home of the Stewart whanau this 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](mailto:david@goodwood.school.nz) by this Friday.

## Entertainment Books

If you have an entertainment book at home that you do not wish to purchase can you please return it back to school asap.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thank you to Constable Brenton Irwin who has taught each class three lessons in this important child safety programme. Class teachers will continue to teach aspects of the programme over the next few weeks. We encourage you to use this opportunity to discuss Keeping Ourselves Safe concepts and how they apply to your family. It may also be an opportune time to review the messages on Cyber Safety provided by John Parson's at our parent evening last term. Here are John's key points (some of these are more relevant to older children and teenagers)...

- 1) Become your child's "friend" in any social network environment your child creates.
- 2) Maintain easy access to your child's profile via their log in.....you will see everything.

3) Ensure that you can always have access to your child's phone to help them stay safe (i.e. it is not a no-go area) ...check the quality of how they are communicating with others; talk about how they connect and communicate with friends. **Is it consistent with the values of your family?**

4) Educate your children about the importance of protecting family and friends images  
....teach them to seek permission of another before they send or upload images to the internet.

5) Try to always maintain open lines of communication with children. Do not over-react if you see something that alarms you or makes you angry..... share your concerns, and always talk about the issues and how they relate to them and their friends safety.

6) Agree on a time in the evening to stop using the technology within the home...that's everyone.  
"Remember, what we model today will either come back and embrace us or bite us tomorrow"

7) Talk/ask about their friends and social activity as a way to reduce the opportunity for cyber-separation to develop.....encourage being open about new friends and what they are up to, and who their parents are. When in doubt, call the parents and introduce yourself.

8) Teach your children to protect their online identity, as a way to future proof themselves for employment.....we need to nurture and protect them online and teach them how to protect themselves as they engage information technology.

Paedophiles & online gaming platforms.

Paedophiles gravitate to areas where children play, communicate and congregate. Pay attention to the online games your children play. Questions to ask:

Are the games age appropriate? Is the quality of the language used in the games suitable for a child?

How does the game make money out of a child's use?

What processes are available to adults, should they need to make a complaint about a user?

Parents/guardians need to familiarise themselves with the game the child wants to play before the child enters the game;alternatively sit alongside the child and experience the game with them. Online gaming platforms provide paedophiles with the ability to observe minors interacting with other minors, all the time learning about the child. This gives the paedophile the opportunity to target select and then build a relationship with a child once the grooming starts.

To learn more about online safety with John Parsons view his TV and Radio interviews here

[www.simulate2educate.co.nz/tv-and-radio](http://www.simulate2educate.co.nz/tv-and-radio)

**A digital life is a shared responsibility – John Parsons**

[www.s2e.co.nz](http://www.s2e.co.nz)

## Care of Siblings During Sports Practices

Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who do such a wonderful job coaching and managing our 28 winter sports teams. Teams are usually coached before and after school and we thank the coaches for this generous donation of their time. For after school practices and before school practices before 8.15am, siblings of players need to be supervised. This is an important health and safety consideration and a legal requirement for children under 14 years old. Coaches have their hands full and are not able to supervise siblings of players. Unless parents of children are present at school and able to supervise, siblings of players will need to be at before school or after school care. We need to know who has the duty of care for all children at school at all times. We have very reasonably priced out of school care available from 7.30 am and until 5.45 pm daily. If cost is an issue please contact David in confidence and we will be able to help.

Please support our coaches and staff by ensuring that all siblings of players are in your care, or at before or after school care, prior to 8.15 am or after school.

\* Out of School care will be provided free of charge for our coaches while they are running sessions if needed - just make a season long booking through the office or let Molly know.

Thanks for your support.

## Very big thanks to...

**Ant at Cambridge Tyre Traders** who has donated 15 rugby balls and 15 soccer balls to the school from their suppliers TRS Tyre & Wheel Ltd.

**Oderings Garden Centre** for gifting to school 4 pairs of garden gloves and 4 garden tools.

Shona Fisher sold plants for the PTA last Friday from Oderings and made \$221.00 for school.



**Steve Currin from Currin Contractors** who donated and delivered a large amount of metal to reinstate farm tracks and gateways after our recent trail ride.



**Kath Pilcher from Leven** who has kindly sponsored a team set of Netball Dresses.



**PGG Wrightsons** for supplying the grass seed to repair tracks after the trail ride.



Please support these companies whenever you can and if possible acknowledge their generous support of our school.

## WANTED - HOUSE TO RENT

Goodwood school family of 4 looking for a rural house to rent or a farm job with house in the Te Miro or surrounding areas. Both experienced dairy farmers doing relief work and other seasonal work at the moment. Tidy and houseproud. Small very well behaved dog. Please call Sam and Neil 02041429755

## Cambridge Motorcycle Club - Schools Cross Country

Please find attached to this newsletter the entry form for the 2017 Cambridge Schools Cross Country motocross event on Friday 2nd June, for your information.

This is for 12-18 year olds. Entries close 29th May.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Cambridge Motorcycle Club.

## Dates to Diary

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

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

**Teacher Only Day** - Monday 22 May

**School Photographs** - Wednesday 24 May

**Pink Shirt Day** Friday 26 May

**Student Led Conferences** - Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 June



# PETER PAN AND THE NEVERLAND PIRATES

**GOOD Union** are doing another **KIDS Night**, and we will be donating to a school of parent's choice, who are here on the night, a sum of money. This money will go towards any projects/events that the school has on their agenda. Every little bit helps! Last month the lucky school of Matangi received our donation.

## Who is going to be next?

Our next kids night will be held on **MONDAY JUNE 5** from 5pm and we are wanting to involve the community and get the word out there as this is a fun filled family event and we would love to see you there with twinkle toes and fairy dust!