



# Newsletter

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

Thank you for your support last week in allowing your teaching team to spend time in a number of schools in the Bay of Plenty. It was so valuable to visit other successful schools in action and to reflect upon their approaches and programmes. It was reassuring to see the difference that increased collaboration and learner agency was making to learning outcomes in all three schools we visited. As at our school, we saw engaged learners supported by passionate teachers. There were many similarities in approaches across the three schools and including Goodwood. All schools were at different stages in school development but all were totally committed to working collaboratively to enhance learning and teaching. We came across a number of innovative practices that have inspired us. One school spent considerable time in highly successful businesses outside of education, looking at how increasingly collaborative practice is a vital part of their success and how increasingly uncommon it is for people to work and learn in isolated silos. It was great to look at our progress as a school and to reflect upon the high levels of learner agency we already have in place that other schools are striving for. We will continue to use our findings from this very important trip to refine our practice. Thank you again for your support.

Kind Regards  
David and Team

## Welcome

We would like to extend a huge Goodwood School Welcome to the following students...  
Ryan Weinberg, Tayla Weinberg, Holly Simmons and Lottie Wilson.

## June Birthday Wishes...

Happy May birthday to...Jack B, Dylan L, Melissa K, Ashleigh H, Mac C, Emily B, Logan I, Olivia B, Jaime M, Luca C, Mason J, Emily McK, Cooper T, Dylan T, Alexi B, Anna C, Zach M, Kyla P, Ty M, Daniel M, William B and Lochlan J.

## Exploring Significant Places

Our explorers have been near and far looking at significant places. They have been into Cambridge, visited the Avantidrome and explored Maungatautari and Lake Karapiro. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to support our children on these adventures.





## 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!



## Bully Free NZ Week

We had a great celebration on pink shirt day last week. With our explorers standing up to show their commitment to keeping our school bully free. The week provided a great opportunity to revisit Constable Irwin's Keeping Ourselves Safe messages and John Parson's Cyber Safety tips. At our weekly assemblies we have been reinforcing these messages as well as empowering our explorers to show resilience and to step up as a bystander to support others.



## Whanau Group Meeting

Thank you to the Stewart Whanau for hosting our last meeting. It was great to reflect upon initiatives to date including our kapa haka group. Future plans were also discussed including developing our school entrances and extending opportunities for kapa haka.

## Thank you to our PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for funding the purchase of the wonderful new roll up foam gym mat that we now have in the hall. I am sure that it will bring hours of fun and greater safety to numerous activities.

Watch this space for two exciting new PTA events heading our way!

## School Donation

Thank you to everyone who has paid the school donation this year. As a 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. Your donation is essential in maintaining quality resources for our school. Thank you for your support.

## Change of clothes

It is that time of year when our field gets a bit wet and muddy. We try to make the field available for play whenever we can so please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and a plastic bag in case they do need to change after lunch. This is especially important if your child has an after school sports practice.

## Marrzipan

*Good news! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! Marrzipan is a revolutionary self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will perform for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a no-obligation Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website [www.marrzipan.com](http://www.marrzipan.com) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

## Fencourt Road Safety Improvements

The final stage of this project will include car park final surfacing, signage, drainage and painting. This requires a 4 day run of good weather. While we are waiting for the project to be finished - please take extra care when moving in, out and through the carpark. Thanks for your support.

## Nits

There has been another outbreak of nits. Please check your child's hair daily for signs of them and treat as necessary.

## Sickness Reminder

If your child is sick or has an appointment during school time could we please ask that you phone and let the school know by 9.00am that day or you can now use the app! Thank you.

## Dates to Diary

Winter Sports - Vogel Street - 2 June

Queens Birthday - Monday 5 June

Ruma Kea and Warou visiting Maungatautari - 6 June

PTA Meeting - 12 June - 7:30pm

Whole School Assembly - 16 June

Student Led Conferences - 22 & 23 June

[Matariki](#) begins - 25 June



## SOW SPRING VEGETABLES



Traditionally Matariki is about harvesting and preparing the land for next spring. Try sowing vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and spinach.



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## TRADITIONAL MEALS MADE HEALTHIER!



Add a variety of vegetables to any dish. Green leafy vegetables like spinach, puha, watercress and silverbeet are great. Cut visible fat from meat and skin from chicken when preparing dishes such as boil up and hangi.



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# MATARIKI

Matariki marks the Maaori new year. It's a time to celebrate new beginnings, renew relationships and prepare the land for crops and planting.



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