



# Newsletter

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## **Nga mihi ki a koe me to whanau**

### **Greetings to you and your family**

Welcome back to another term of fun and learning at Goodwood School. An action packed ten weeks lie ahead with many highlights on the horizon. This term is production term and 'Life in Paradise' will be performed in September! A talented team of explorers have started writing the show and auditions are taking place across the school. All explorers will play a part in putting the show together. More details will follow throughout the term but lock in **September 26 and 27** as show nights. The production is part of our learning inquiries around our theme of Significance.

I have been so impressed at the fantastic start to the term that we have had and the effort that our explorers are putting into their learning and their friendships. There is such a positive feel around the school. Particularly impressive is the way that our senior students look after our younger learners.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our team of seniors who support the 'Good Morning Goodwood' programme working with our junior explorers to ensure a welcoming and productive start to their learning for the day.

Once again, congratulations to all of our explorers who did such an amazing job at their student led conferences, these, combined with progressions and reports have provided great opportunities for reflection and to focus upon goals for the term and the year.

Thank you for your continued support of Goodwood School and here's to a wonderful term.

David and Team



## Welcome

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

Austin Hack, Emelia Whyte, Payton Needham, Ava Chadwick, Matthew McFarlane and Carter Milne.

## Goodwood School Agricultural Day: Thursday 19th of October 2017

It is time for Goodwood Explorers to start thinking about rearing a calf, lamb or kid goat to show at our Ag Day to be held on Thursday the 19th of October. Calves born after the 1st of June are eligible to enter, and Lambs and Kid Goats born after the 1st of July are eligible. Ram lambs and bull/steer calves are able to be shown at our School Ag Day and Group Day.

It is strongly recommended that each child prepares and shows only one animal and that this particular animal be shown by one child only.

Information about rearing your pet is available from the school office. Please click on the following link to register your animal by no later than **Tuesday the 19th of September**. Details of the competition format will be e-mailed to you once we receive your registration.

[Ag Day Registration Form](#)

## Absences

**PLEASE** let us know if your child is absent from school. Every unexplained absence is followed up with a phone call and the number of calls that we are having to make slows down this important safety checking procedure. The **BEST** way to notify us of an absence is through the Goodwood School App. This is a simple two touch process which generates an easy file for us to check. If you don't have the app then a phone call (827 6817) or email ([trudy@goodwood.school.nz](mailto:trudy@goodwood.school.nz)) is also fine!

## Stranger Danger?

Given recent concerning events around Cambridge and Hamilton recently, we thought that this article (below) from the latest [Education Gazette](#) may be useful. At Goodwood we take the business of child protection very seriously and you will know that this year we have already implemented the *Keeping Ourselves Safe* programme in association with NZ Police and have had internet safety expert John Parson's speak with children, staff and caregivers.

# Discussing behaviour danger

**In light of recent media coverage about suspicious approaches to children, the New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Education are encouraging schools to have conversations with students about 'behaviour danger' rather than 'stranger danger'.**

"The concept of 'stranger danger' has been discredited and could be potentially dangerous. Research shows that harm to children is also likely to come from people known to them. Teaching kids about stranger danger may stop them from seeking help from strangers when they really need it," says police prevention manager/communities, Inspector Paula Holt.

Behaviour danger refers to suspicious behaviour that could make kids feel unfamiliar, uncomfortable, unsafe or scared. Some examples of behaviour danger are unwanted approaches, inappropriate touch that could make kids feel uncomfortable, unwanted stares and random requests on social media for photos or personal information.

Hutt Central School principal Michael Gendall says that schools should work alongside their community constable to support families in having sensible guidelines for their children around safety. "It also needs to be a community-wide approach so kids can comfortably talk to their parents and schools about anything that's bothering them.

"We need to have the same message from home and school about behaviours and things that are inappropriate. It's important for kids to actually learn if it feels like it's not right, it's probably not right, and to know what to do. This could be an action from someone that's known to them, but it could also be from someone that's not known to them," says Michael.

The Police's Keeping Ourselves Safe programme for schools is working with school leaders, parents, whānau and caregivers to teach young children how to detect behaviour dangers and deal with them.

"While we acknowledge that parents are playing a more active role in protecting children and sharing information online about suspicious approaches to their kids, we would like to encourage them to work with local Police and schools to ensure that the information they'll share online is accurate and won't create unnecessary confusion and concern within our community," says Paula.

More information about Keeping Ourselves Safe can be accessed through the New Zealand Police website: [goo.gl/V7WUew](https://goo.gl/V7WUew).

## Ag Day Trophies

Could all the children who won trophies/cups at last year's Ag Day or Group Day please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks

## 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 wet weather and extra drainage requirements have pushed the project into term time. We know that the finished result will be worth the inconvenience.

## Assembly tomorrow

Council will be completing work on the car parks at the front of the school **tomorrow, Friday** so we ask that you avoid the coned off areas. Parking will be available on Fencourt Road both east and west of the school (work will continue directly in front of the Admin / Hall area) and in the school's rear carpark. Many thanks.

## Tree Work

Thank you to the team at [Florida Ltd](#) for pruning and safety checking our lovely trees over the term break. Mark, Caleb and the team arranged this work at a massively discounted rate for the school and we really appreciate their support. If you require landscaping or tree work, please support Florida.

## Winter Lunchtime / Cross Country Clothes

Our field is a popular place during break times and our explorers like to play hard. Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes, including shorts, if they wish to play on the field. A change of clothes is also highly recommended for cross country training.

## PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 1 August at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there.

## Simply Lunch

We are pleased to be supporting [Simply Lunch](#), a new initiative run by two Goodwood mums to provide healthy and nutritious lunches three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The lunches are spectacular and in a week where the quality of food offered in NZ schools came under some media scrutiny, it is great to be able to support such a quality and healthy local product. Here is what was delivered to explorers yesterday....!! Ordering is easy just click....[Simply Lunch](#).



## Casino Night

There is only 2 weeks left until the Casino Night. Make sure you get your tickets from the school office for what will be a fun filled event. Round up your family, friends and neighbours. Please see the flyer below with all the details you need to know.

**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](#)



GOODWOOD SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS.



Saturday **12** August

**DRESS CODE - RAGS TO RICHES**

**GOODWOOD SCHOOL HALL**

7PM TILL LATE

COURTESY VAN AVAILABLE FROM 10PM - EFTPOS AVAILABLE

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW UNTIL 7TH JULY

EARLY BIRD - \$45 AFTER - \$55

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE

\$1 MILLION CASINO CHIPS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE



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# Casino

PRIZE FOR WINNER

AMAZING AUCTIONS

ED SHEERAN TICKETS

LUXURY BEACH HOUSE ACCOMODATION

AUDI SUPER CAR TRACK EXPERIENCE

SIGNED WAIKATO CHIEFS RUGBY SHIRT

AND MANY MANY MORE

SILENT AUCTIONS

QUICK FIRE RAFFLES

MOUTHWATERING CANAPES

CASH BAR

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

