

#### Kia Ora Whānau

Welcome to 2023!

We hope that you have enjoyed a refreshing summer and managed to dodge those cyclones that came our way! We are excited to welcome you back for another wonderful year of learning, connection and fun at Goodwood School. Our team can't wait to see you and your explorers and to get the 2023 school year underway.

This is a brief **'all you need to know for week one'** newsletter. Watch for our first news filled full newsletter on Thursday 9 February and each fortnight on a Thursday after that.

Ngā mihi nui Your Goodwood Team

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# First day - Wednesday 1 February - what to bring:

A big lunch and a full water bottle Sunhat and sunblock Stationery if you have it (we have spare) Togs and a towel A big smile

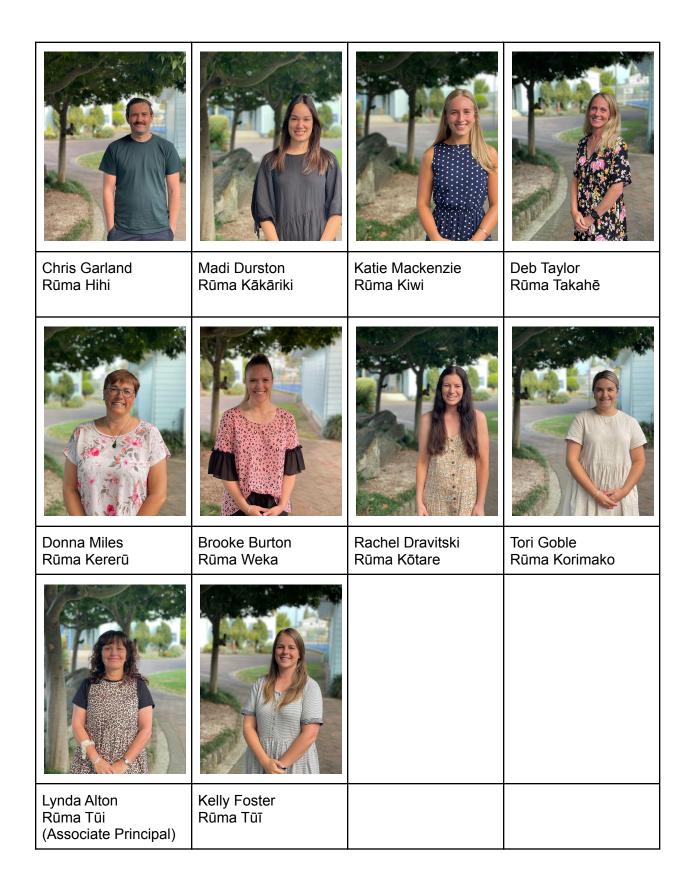
## Meet your teaching team:

Shortly we will be sharing ways to connect and get to meet the team teaching alongside your explorer/s over the coming weeks. We will also share more photos of our support, admin, property and leadership team.

Today, we introduce our teaching team to you.

#### Year 3 - 6 teaching team







#### Year 1 and 2 teaching team



# Open Afternoon - Tuesday 31 January - 1:30 - 3:30pm

We welcome all 2023 explorers to come along anytime between 1:30 - 3:30pm to meet their teacher.

This is an informal afternoon. Teachers will be in classrooms to meet you and explorers can have another look around their class.

If you have your stationery then you are welcome to bring that along and teachers will collect.

There will be activities in classrooms and the pool will be open (whānau to supervise swims of their explorers).

We look forward to seeing you.

## Mihi whakatau:

Our first mihi whakatau of 2023 will take place on **Thursday 1 February** at 10am. (**Please note slight change of time**). We invite ALL Goodwood whānau to attend and especially our whānau hou / new families. **All details are below** - we would love for a male whānau member to whaikōrero / speak on behalf of our new families and staff. We can give you lots of help - please contact <u>david@goodwood.school.nz</u> / 0278468959 if you may be interested in this exciting role - you explorer will be so excited (as will we!!)

Outline of Goodwood mihi whakatau:

The **tangata whenua** are the local people of this land (including our current students and team of our school). Our kaumatua, Rawiri Henare, our principal, staff and explorers will officially welcome our **manuhiri** (new whānau or families and new staff) onto the school grounds.

Our **manuhiri** assemble as a group, where they will be briefed by our staff. They will be called on with a haka welcome by our Kapa Haka group.

As the **manuhiri** move towards the **tangata whenua**, the women and children are at the front and men at the back. This is an act of protection and coming in peace. Men will sit in the front rows of seats, with the **Kai Korero** (designated speaker/s). The women and children sit in the seats behind the men. The **tangata whenua** speak first and as with every speech in the mihi whakatau process, it is followed by a **waiata tautoko** (supporting song).

A **whaikōrero** (speech) either welcomes or tells of the purpose of the visit and mihi whakatau. Each speaker will connect to the local land by referring to the local iwi and the Māori king. They often will include their own **pepeha** (connections and family links) as part of their whai korero.

A male (whānau member or current member of staff with links to the guests) will reply on behalf of the **manuhiri** also with a waiata to support their speech. If no manuhiri have a waiata they would like we use <u>Te Aroha</u>.

The last speaker will be our Principal David Graham to finish off the speech proceedings accompanied by another waiata.

All of our new whānau will then move over to partake in the **hongi** and **harirū** process (the pressing of noses and shaking of hands).

Once this is complete, our Principal will korerō again, this time in English addressing the tamariki and translating some of the key messages in the pōwhiri.

Our new whānau are invited to have kai (food) to complete the mihi whakatau process. The process of sharing in kai moves the mihi whakatau from a state of **tapu** (restricted and sacred) to **noa** (removed from restriction and neutral). Our **manuhiri** are now considered **tangata whenua** (local people). Please note, this will not happen during red covid protection framework.

# Stationery:

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website –<u>myschool.co.nz</u>.

Laybuy is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

When you shop on <u>myschool.co.nz</u> you'll receive free delivery on orders over \$46\*. You will also help our school earn school rewards\* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

# Meet the teacher and each other in 2023

Partnership and having a strong sense of school community is an integral part of helping explorers make the most of each year at kura.

We will be holding a meet the teacher and each other evening on Thursday 9 February.

This will give teachers and whānau an opportunity to meet each other and share ways to champion all explorers to have a great year.

The evening is divided into sessions. Times and groupings are below.

We will also be having camp info sessions for both camps as they head away in Week 3. All information from camp evenings will be shared with whānau.



### Timekeeping...

Year 1- 2 5:30pm - Meet in hall - introductions/school goals 5:45pm - Meet in classrooms - introductions/learning/systems 6:25pm - conclusion

#### Year 3- 6

6:30pm - Meet in hall - introductions/school goals
6:45pm - Meet in classrooms - introductions/learning/systems
7:25pm - Year ¼ camp hui (location) and Year ½ camp hui (location)
8:15pm - conclusion

### Welcome email from home room teacher:

You would have received an email from your explorer's home room teacher. This will have had some information about teaching and learning and structures to support this learning. There was also a google form asking for your goals and thoughts about your explorer. This is so teachers can get to know your thoughts and goals and continue a partnership between home and school.

### Camps - Year ¾ and Year %

February 2023	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thur 16th	Fri 17th
Karāpiro #1 (Year 3 and 4)			Tūī and Korimako Lynda Alton, Tori Foster		
Karāpiro #2 (Year 3 and 4)				Kotare and Weka and Takahē Rachel Dravitski, Brooke Burton, Deb Taylor & Lynda Alton	

Port Waikato #1 (Year 5 and 6)	Kiwi, Takahē and Hihi Katie Mackenzie, Deb Taylor and Chris Garland				
Port Waikato # 2 (Year 5 and 6)			Kākāriki, and Ker Madi Durston, Do		Chris Garland
Marsha Copping and David Graham will be available across the camps.					

#### Camp permission forms:

Please fill out a form for each explorer attending:

Year 5 and 6 - Port Waikato Rūma Kiwi, Takahē (year 5) and Hihi Katie Mackenzie, Deb Taylor and Chris Garland	Google Form - permission and details	
Year 5 and 6 - Port Waikato Rūma Kākāriki and Kererū Madi Durston and Donna Miles	Google Form - permission and details	
<b>Year 3 and 4 - Lake Karāpiro</b> Rūma Tūī and Korimako Lynda Alton/Kelly Foster and Tori Goble	Google Form - permission and details	
Year 3 and 4 - Lake Karāpiro Rūma Kōtare, Weka and Takahē (year 4) Rachel Dravitski, Brooke Burton and Deb Taylor	Google From - permission and details	

### Swimming - bring your togs everyday:

Explorers are encouraged to bring their rash shirts, togs and towels every day. Swimming is a planned PE activity during term one. If your explorer is unable to swim for any reason, please contact your home room teacher.

### Before School/After School

Before and after school care will operate in 2023 in our school hall. This team of people is led by our supervisor, Kerin.

Before School Care 7.30am - 8.15 am After School Care 3.00pm - 5.45 pm

### Sun Protection - Term Tahi:

Goodwood School aims to:

- protect our students and staff from excessive exposure to UVR while they are at school, or involved with off-site school activities, including sports and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- educate the whole school community about the harmful effects of excessive exposure to UVR, and how to keep themselves safe.

We inform and remind all staff, parents, and other members of the school community (such as coaches, volunteers, etc) about our sun protection policy.

We educate our students about sun safety by communicating age-appropriate information about sun exposure and protection. We provide this information annually in class programmes for every year level.

#### Timing of the policy

Our sun protection policy applies between 10 am and 4 pm, during terms 1 and 4.

Students are to wear wide brimmed hats. Goodwood hats are available at the school office for \$17.

Staff are encouraged to model appropriate sunsafe behaviour by wearing sun protective hats and clothing, sunscreen, and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.

All Goodwood School policies can be found at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz . Search for "Goodwood School" and "enter". When prompted enter goodwood (all lower case) as the username and explore (all lower case) as the password.

# Internet User Agreement and Devices at Goodwood:

HERE is our internet user agreement.

**ALL** year 3 - 6 explorers and caregivers are to read and 'sign' this form. The form has two sections. The first outlines expectations to access the internet on a device at Goodwood and the second section is specific to if your explorer is bringing their own device to kura.

Explorers are able to bring devices from week rua/two - these will be needed for PATs.

Devices can not be used (school or own) until a user agreement is signed.