

Term rua Wiki rua In this newsletter... Thursday 4 May 2023

Number 07/23

Tumuaki / Principal's Column School App - have you downloaded? Happy May birthday to: Power of Preview - thank you! Fundraising help needed Help for Hotmail users New enrolments Loose Parts Donations Spare Clothes Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April Harold and Nicky from Life Education Swimming Pool Pātai of the week: What kind of animal is Harold? Good News Goodwood TERM 2 - SPORTS

### Tumuaki / Principal's Column

Kia ora e ngā whānau me ngā hoa o te Kura Tuatahi of Goodwood. Greetings to all family and friends of Goodwood School.

After a rich and full term one it was useful to take some time over the break to reflect up our data.

We were particularly interested in our explorers' achievement data and their attendance data. Term one data is based upon teacher judgements using a range of assessment sources. These tend to be conservative as we still have a lot of learning and curriculum coverage ahead of us for the remainder of 2023. However term one 2023 data vs term one 2022 data does make for a reliable comparison and indication of progress. We are particularly interested in writing data and our BOT has set targets in this area

Writing % and (no. of explorers)	2 sub levels or more from expected levels (more than 8 months below END OF YEAR expectation)	Working towards (within 8 months - on track for end of year)	ALREADY within expected curriculum level	ALREADY above expected curriculum level	Total number of explorers
Total Term 1 2023	14.8% 55	49.9% 185	30.5% 113	4.9% 18	371
Total Term 1 2022	15.6% 54	57.9% 201	23.3% 81	3.2% 11	347

In **2023** - **39% of girls** are already at or above END OF YEAR EXPECTATION for writing vs **31% of boys.** This is an improvement on **2022** when **30% of girls** were already at or above for writing vs **21% of boys** at the same stage of the year.

Our improved writing data can be attributed to a number of factors - including our work in structured literacy as part of a high quality curriculum. We also have higher attendance due, in part, to fewer Covid cases this year.

This is promising progress. At the end of this term we will report your explorer's mid year results to you across the curriculum and will meet with you to review progress and set goals. Mid year data will give us a more reliable picture of strengths and progress.

#### The full term 1 data review presented to our BOT is here.

Our BOT has also set goals in terms of attendance. We are aiming for at least 75% of explorers attending regularly (at least 90% of the time)

Year to date - Feb - April Explorer Rate of attendance	Number of explorers attending at that rate.	% of explorers attending at that rate.	
90% - 100% of the time	299	79.73%	
80% - 89% of the time	62	16.53%	
70% - 79% of the time	11	2.93%	
Less than 79%	3	0.8%	

Your support in improving our rates of attendance is making a difference. **Every day matters.** We are noticing an increasing number of explorers taking holidays during term time. This will have an impact on learning. Thank you for working to time travel to term break times whenever possible.

We know that there are often very compelling reasons for term time travel. I recently contacted the ministry to request absence coding instructions for a whānau who were catching up with family overseas after a very long time due to Covid. The family had also assured that school work would continue where possible when away. The Ministry response was as we expected and was to code an unjustified absence.

As we enter the month of May we are now **ten months** since Primary Teachers and Principals Collective Agreements expired. This is causing our team a great deal of frustration. Rates of pay are not enough to attract or retain enough high quality candidates to staff our schools.

The starting salary for a beginning teacher with a degree (and likely a student loan) is \$51,358. If that teacher worked a 45 hour week, which they do, the pay rate would be \$21.94 per hour, or less than the minimum wage of \$22.70.

The Government's recently announced decrease in class sizes for Years 4 - 8 from 29 to 28 by 2025 will make **little to no difference for Goodwood.** We have 185 explorers in Years 4 - 6. At a ratio of 1:29 they generate 6.38 teachers. When the ratio changes to 1:28 those explorers will generate 6.61 teachers - an increase of 0.23 of a teacher. Quietly announced in the same offer is that schools will lose the small amount of teacher inquiry time we receive of 0.11 of a teacher. This means a net gain of 0.12 teachers - or extra one day of teaching for one teacher per fortnight.

We are also disappointed that there has been no announcement around <u>learning support coordinators</u>. In 2019, 1000 New Zealand schools (a little less than half) were provided with these vital roles with the promise of more to come to support other schools. Goodwood is still waiting, as the number of explorers requiring specialist support continues to grow.

How can you help? If you don't think that the above is good enough then please drop a line to the Minister for Education Jan Tinetti <u>jan.tinetti@parliament.govt.nz</u> and / or your local MP. <u>tim.vandemolenmp@parliament.govt.nz</u>, <u>upston.sthwaikato@parliament.govt.nz</u>

Thank you for your support.

David and your Goodwood Team

#### School App - have you downloaded?

All current information is available on our school calendar at...

<u>GOODWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR</u> and are also available on our school app for <u>Android</u> or <u>Apple</u> at present we have over 2000 downloads.



#### Happy May birthday to:

Isla S, Jorja M, Lottie W, Holly S, Maggie P, Austin H, Stevie T, Alexia R, Sylvie D, Jayden J, Pippa O, Emma W, Chloe H, Ayla C-S, Marley P, Eliana R, Alaynah A, Noah B, Baxter B, Solomon B, Annaliese T, James F, Lauren C, Johannes H, Henry McT, Amelia B, Zac B, Calum S, Alaska B, Scarlett M Malan V, Emerson VDS, Layla H, Rhett S, Sophie F, Ava T and Oscar H.

#### WE HAVE INTRODUCED A COUPLE OF NEW FEATURES INTO THIS NEWSLETTER PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THEM! (One of them has a prize!)

#### Power of Preview - thank you!

This is repeated message due to its importance. Goodwood does our research! At Goodwood home learning may not look like it did when you went to school. We do not send out 'tasks' to follow up or to work through at home that you may or may not see links to what is happening in class.

We provide you with **preview**. Research shows that preview gives students advantages in class lessons - they have had access to vocabulary, time to think about concepts to generate questions or are simply viewing it for a second time.

# The correlation between academic background knowledge "preview" and achievement is staggering - prior knowledge can determine whether a 50th percentile student sinks to the 25th percentile or rises to the 75th Pepper Rollins" 2014 Learning in the Fast Lane

Thank you for supporting this - our team tells us that it makes a difference. Those explorers who have had discussions, have taken even 10 - 15 mins to talk out or have a go at a preview maths, literacy or inquiry problem/wondering contribute more and do have an advantage. So, thank you again, this is a great example of home and school partnership to support explorers.

The anecdotal feedback we have from whānau is that they feel connected to what their explorer is doing in the class and they appreciate the vocabulary words and 'cheat sheet' with some top tips for ways to help learning.

Preview emails are emailed Friday afternoons for the following week. The information is aimed to help develop vocabulary and give explorers a preview into learning concepts.

## Fundraising help Needed!

Next Weekend, Saturday 13 May and Sunday 14 May we are hosting the Te Awamutu Cycling Tour. This is a great fundraiser for our school **but we need your help**.

# We receive funding for hosting the tour and for parking cars on our school field. We need a small group of volunteers each day for approximately one hour EITHER from 8 am on Saturday, OR from 7 am on Sunday to help guide parking.

We can offer... the loan of a snazzy high viz vest, a good coffee, a bacon and egg roll and the knowledge that you are fundraising for our explorers. Please contact <u>david@goodwood.school.nz</u> if you can help



Many previous TA Tour winners have gone on to win Olympic medals or World Championships.

#### Hotmail Users - Your Problems Solved!!

Our Student Management System has known issues with Hotmail / Outlook emails (this includes MSN) This is due to Microsoft filtering eTAP emails incorrectly and unfortunately won't be corrected by Microsoft: You may be missing out on important communications.

#### Here is the solution.

Add etap.co.nz to your 'safe list' and you will get our emails - including links. To do this...

- 1) Click on "Options" in the upper right corner of your hotmail screen.
- 2) Then click the link for "Safe and Blocked Senders" in the body of the page under Junk e-mail.
- Click the "safe senders" link and enter the email addresses you want to whitelist. We suggest <u>office@goodwood.school.nz</u>, <u>trudy@goodwood.school.nz</u>, <u>david@goodwood.school.nz</u>, <u>marsha@goodwood.school.nz</u> and your explorer's teacher's email.
- 4) Each time click "Add" to put the emails on your list.

We apologise for any inconvenience but this issue is beyond our ability to solve.

### New enrolments

Do you have a 4 year old that will be starting school this year? If you have not already done so could you please let Trudy know so we can add them to our system.

## Loose Parts Donations

Our loose parts play set has arrived!! Well 95% of it - a few pieces got 'loose' in transit and will be delayed! We are hoping to have the set in action next week after a special celebration with our sponsors. Thank you to all of those who helped with the donations needed to make this a reality. Please support our supporters!



## Spare Clothes

As the colder wetter weather takes hold it is a good reminder to please pack spare clothes into your explorer's bag as when it rains we have some very enticing puddles around the school. We are in need of shorts or leggings/joggers from age 5 - 10 so if you have any to spare please leave them at the office.



## Harold and Nicky from Life Education

From Monday next week Life Education led by Nicky (and Harold) are joining us to help us learn more about relationships, communities and identity.

This learning is under the health and PE curriculum area. Teachers are planning learning to support explorers to think about their identity and mana alongside friendships, peer pressure and social coaching. Our year 3 - 6 explorers will also be looking at their on-line behaviour and identity.

Part of the lessons involve time in the Life Ed truck with Harold and Nicky. We will be asking for \$5 per explorer to help cover some of the cost.

More details around Life Education can be found on this link HERE.

#### Bully Free Week and Pink Shirt Day

Bullying-Free NZ Week aims to raise awareness of how to prevent and respond to bullying in schools. The week provides an opportunity for schools to highlight their everyday work and focus on bullying prevention and awareness with students, staff, parents and whānau, and the whole school community.

At Goodwood School we encourage respect, value opinions, celebrate differences, and promote positive relationships. We use our school values of GRIT to achieve this. This makes it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated. To achieve this, we need EVERYONE – our staff, explorers, trustees, parents, whānau and community – talking about the issues and working together. The theme provides a great opportunity for all members of our school community to talk about what bullying means to us and for Goodwood to highlight our everyday work to counter bullying.

**Pink Shirt Day on Friday 19 May is** an opportunity for your explorer to wear pink to make a visible stand against bullying. You can also bring an optional gold coin donation for the Mental Health Foundation.

At Goodwood School we believe that...

Bullying is a harmful behaviour that will not be tolerated.

Our **explorers WILL make mistakes** in their friendships and relationships. We have a responsibility to support our explorers to learn from these mistakes and to support the development of healthy relationships.

**NO ONE is neutral in a bullying situation.** A BYSTANDER is enabling bullying to occur. UPSTANDERS either intervene or seek support from an adult they trust.

**Social Media has NO PLACE for pre adolescents**, especially girls, and makes a school's work **harder**. Apps like Kid Messenger are clever tools designed to hook young people as customers for a particular social media 'brand' and their advertisers at younger ages. Even if supervised - the simple act of 'removing' or 'unfriending' a classmate can be devastating for a child. Allowing falsified birth dates to provide access to age restricted social media sites communicates to your child that fraud and dishonesty are acceptable practices for your family.

Child internet safety expert John Parsons will be presenting at **Goodwood at 7 pm on Tuesday 15 August** - clear your diary now so you can attend this essential session.

#### Pātai of the week: What kind of animal is Harold?

#### (The answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

(There will be a box in the office for you to pop your name and answer in and we will draw out a name with the correct answer to win a cookie).

## Good News Goodwood

Goodwood was represented by a number of our house leaders at the ANZAC civic ceremony. A beautiful service reflected on the contributions made by our armed forces and our first responders.

Time was taken to think about the mental health challenges often faced by those who serve and who have served and how support is available.

Thanks to Junior Team Leader Jess for supporting our explorers and Goodwood mum Haylie for making the beautiful wreath: Lest we forget. Photo credit: Michael Jeans.





Lots of explorers took on the Cambridge Cycling Festival rides around the closed streets of Cambridge.

For Willow it was an extra special day as she took home a BRAND NEW BIKE as one of the major prize winners.

A big thank you to the sponsors and organisers. See you next year!

Congratulations to Miss Durston who became a fully registered teacher recently!!

Thank you Madi - we feel so privileged to have you on our team. You generously share your talents, skills and aroha with all.





Thank you Kea and Warou for hosting an epic hui at the end of last term.

Congratulations to all our explorers whose progress in learning and caring was recognised.

Our first assembly this term is tomorrow, Friday 5 May at at 9.10 am.

## Get to know the Goodwood Team

Jess Simons is our junior team leader, we asked her the following 10 questions:



1. What are your hobbies/interests?

Jess: Hiking, biking, reading and spending time with family.

2. Are you an early bird or a night owl? *Jess: Neither.* 

If you could have a superpower what would it be?

Jess: Time travel

4. When you were a child what did you want to be when you grew up? *Jess: A vet.* 

5. What kind of music do you like to listen to? *Jess: Anything.* 

6. Do you have any pets, if so, what's their names? *Jess: 2 guinea pigs, Molly and Shae.* 

7. What was the name of your first Primary School? *Jess: St Patricks.* 

8. What is your favourite season of the year? *Jess: Autumn.* 

9. What is your favourite food? *Jess: Anything spicy.* 

10. What is your go to board game? *Jess: Monopoly.* 

We will have another team member profile in our next edition.

### TERM 2 - SPORTS

#### HAUTAPU SPORTS

Planning for Hautapu Sports Clubs Junior Sports 2023 is well underway. We are excited and cannot wait for the Hockey, Netball and Rugby 2023 Seasons to start and to see all our Hautapu Junior superstars out on the turfs, courts and fields learning and improving

their skills, playing as a team and most importantly having fun!

Online registrations for primary and intermediate hockey, netball and rugby are live on our website here<u>Junior sports</u> - <u>Hautapu Sports Club</u> You will also find information there about each of our junior sports, the costs, what is required,

season dates and playing venues.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Junior Hockey, Marie Dale, juniorhockey@hautapusports.com. Junior Netball, Jody Anderson, juniornetball@hautapusports.com. Junior Rugby, Josh Bull, juniorrugby@hautapusports.com General Club Enquiries, Andrew Douglas, gmanager@hautapusports.com





## Pre-School Open Mornings 2023

9 517 Fencourt Road, RDI, Cambridge

#### 07 827 68I7

🛛 www.goodwood.school.nz

Term Tahi: Wednesday lst March 9:00 am - 10:15 am / Term Rua: Tuesday 23rd May 9:00 am - 10:15 am Term Toru: Wednesday 16th August 9:00 am - 10:15 am / Term Wha: Wednesday 8th November 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Let us introduce you to our caring, knowledgeable and passionate junior teachers and experience a year 0/1 class in action.

#### Why Goodwood?

- Experienced and caring teachers
- Inviting learning spaces
- Reading and writing taught through a structured approach
- A tailored transition plan to suit you and your explorer
- Brand new playground, large play spaces and a pool
- Tuakana-teina relationships built throughout the school - we have a strong house system where explorers build relationships across year levels

#### Why visit?

- Find out what a day will look like for your explorer
- · Experience our classes in action
- The opportunity to ask questions of both kaiako and leadership team
- · A tour of our school and all of our facilities
- Meet other prospective Goodwood parents
- · Meet some of our supportive community

Please contact us if you can't make our open morning and would like a personal tour.

BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU IN CAMBRIDGE

Jeremy Janny 3x NZ National Champion and international athlete is coming to Cambrige! Start 7 February



#### **Tuesday and Thursday**

Kids 1(5-7y) 3:30-4pm Kids 2(8-13y) 4:15-5pm Adults Beginner 6:45-7:45pm

Classes will be beginner focused, open to everyone from 5 years old to adults, come start your Brazilian Jiu Jitsu journey with us



Location: Cambridge Fitness, 20 Pope Terrace Contact: whangabjj@gmail.com

## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

# HOUSE CLEANER WANTED FOR TERM 2. PLEASE CONTACT CRYSTAL ON 027 281 3956.

Short term house for rent from mid June to Mid August.

4 bed, 2 bathroom. 5-10 minute walking distance to the Town centre.

This would suit someone who is in the process of purchasing a house or maybe have family members coming to visit from overseas who would like their own space.

Please contact Trudy on 827 6817 or call into the school office for further details.