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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.*

It was great to see so many of you at our Matariki Parakuihi / Breakfast last week. Community celebrations are important, and Matariki is the perfect opportunity to gather together to celebrate and look forward. Thank you our Hoa Pai group, teaching team and kapa haka for your work in making this wonderful morning possible.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you who took the time to complete our biennial community survey. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and was a strong endorsement of the quality education and care we strive to deliver. There were also many useful comments and suggestions we have enjoyed reading. Look for feedback on these in future newsletter. Links to the survey results are included in this newsletter. We encourage you to take a look.

We look forward to another term of high quality home and school partnerships and would like to signal two upcoming opportunities. Parenting is a TOUGH job and is, perhaps, the most important role you will ever have. Take the chance to upskill yourself by making the most of the following opportunities.

John Parsons is presenting a digital safety / anti online bullying session at **Goodwood at 7 pm on Tuesday 15 August** - Don't miss it! If you saw the [Paddy Gower Has Issues](#) show about cyber bullying you will know the challenges ahead - parents who attend John's evening will have a clear advantage in supporting their children. All details are below.

We are also partnering with NZ Police this term to deliver our biannual Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. This is a school wide child abuse prevention programme that teaches your explorer a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face. There will be a parent information session as part of the programme. This will be held at 2.15 pm on Thursday 10 August in our break room. If you can not attend - all of the information is on the [parents and caregivers' section](#) of the [Keeping Ourselves Safe](#) website.

Here is to a great term of learning and connection.
David and your Goodwood Team

School App - have you downloaded?

All current information is available on our school calendar at... [GOODWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR](#) and are also available on our school app for [Android](#) or [Apple](#) at present we have over 2000 downloads.



Happy July birthday to:

Lia W, Sasha T, Brodie B, Kinleigh B, Ava C, Clara V, Isla B, Olive O, Willow H, Lilya R, Olivia N, Sophia N, Jack D, Lara B, Sofia D, Ty M, Maddison N, Theia M, Brodie S, Madison F, Noah O, Riley B, Millie O, Sasha C, William J, Benjamin H, Charlotte C, Chase W, Kezia J, Charlotte M, Paige B, Belle C, Isabelle M and Arlo K.

Pāngarau/Maths week and our whānau wero/challenge

Maths Week/Pāngarau Wiki 2023

Monday 7 August – Friday 11 August

Maths Week was established by the **New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers** in 1998. It is a premier mathematics event in New Zealand, with an estimated more than 250,000 students, teachers and parents that take part in some way. Goodwood School is looking forward to contributing to this 250,000.

The aim of maths week is to promote mathematics learning in an exciting, challenging and authentic way. Outlined below are just some of the activities planned for the week.

Whānau Challenge

- Emailed out to all whānau Monday 7th August
 - Work alongside your explorer/s to solve the mathematical crime/mystery.
- Two whānau activities: Year 0-2 (Who Stole Mr Keene's Mule?) and Year 3-6 (Hamilton Zoo Monkey Mystery)
 - Entries must be handed in or emailed to Miss Goble (tori@goodwood.school.nz) by Thursday 10th August
 - Winners from each level will be rewarded house points.

Explorer Challenges

- **FOUR** daily explorer challenges per day posted on Rūma Korimako's window (Mon-Thurs).
 - Questions suitable for all levels (Level 1-4).
 - Explorers can answer questions in their break times.
 - Explorers will submit their answers into their house box outside Rūma Korimako.

- Winners from each level will be rewarded house points.

Lunchtime Challenges

- Monday - Thursday lunchtime activities in the amphitheatre.
- All explorers are welcome to come along and participate.

Community Survey

The past few years have been tough for many, and **very few surveys or opinion polls show higher levels of satisfaction than pre-covid**. Our community survey bucks that trend and shows high and improving levels of satisfaction.

Here are links to...

- 1) [A summary of this year's community survey results](#)
- 2) [Trend data comparing community survey results from 2019, 2021 and 2023.](#)

We received a VERY high response rate with 177 whānau (around 62%) taking the time to fill in the survey. There were hundreds of positive statements about our school and our work and a number of useful suggestions. Thank you to everyone who shared their views.

This data triangulates what [ERO found last term](#), Goodwood is a high performing school backed by a caring and generous community.

Thank you to our hardworking team for all that they do to create a wonderful learning environment. We have started work on analysis of the Health Consultation questions and will share those results when available.

Any questions or comments - please let us know david@goodwood.school.nz - we love hearing from you!

New enrolments

Do you have a three or four year old that will be **starting school this year OR NEXT YEAR in 2024?** If you have not already done so could you please let Trudy know so we can add them to our system - trudy@goodwood.school.nz

Attendance Update

We know that you are interested in our explorers' rates of attendance. The Ministry of Education has a goal for 70% of all children to attend school regularly (more than 90% of the time). Our BOT has set a slightly higher target of 73% (a return to our pre-Covid levels).

In term two 50.51% of our explorers attended regularly according to this definition.

Over 10% of our explorers are absent for over 80% of the time (more than a day per week)

Our BOT reflected on what impact this might be having on student achievement and relationships / friendships? We look forward to working with you to lift these rates of attendance in term 3 and beyond.

2023-04-24 to 2023-07-26	# of Students attending	% of students attending
90.1-100	199	50.51%
80.1-89	144	36.55%
70.1-80	37	9.39%
0-70	14	3.55%

Where are our explorers if not at school?

During term 2, 57.3% of absence was due to illness. A further 23.7% of our absences were due to term time holidays. In total around a third of our absences were for reasons that are considered to be not justified according to MOE policy.

John Parson - Save the Date

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. If you can't make our Goodwood one, parent sessions will be available at **St Peters Catholic School** (Monday 14 August) **Cambridge East School** (Wednesday 16 August) and a session for parents of older children at **Cambridge Middle School** (Thursday 17 August). You are welcome to attend any / all sessions.

We recommend John's session as providing information that is essential for any parent raising children in this digital age.

Included in John's workshop for Parents/Guardians

Identifying the specific challenges children face when using ICT

Informing parents and giving you the tools to support your children in how to use ICT safely and ethically at home and at school

Guidance on behaviour management processes for parents in the practical situations you will face

Advice for how to manage when things go wrong - and things WILL go wrong

Empowers parents to take responsibility for safeguarding their children

Refusing to let other parents, parent YOUR child

Follow John on Facebook and watch here for his most recent [videos on Cyber Safety](#).

Birthday Treats...

We appreciate your generosity in thinking that sending along a cake or muffins or a little treat on your explorer's birthday is a kind gesture. And it is. However, we ask that you DO NOT send along birthday treats etc... to share. We are managing a number of food allergies and dietary needs across our school. It can be difficult to assess ingredients and make the right call about what an explorer may be allowed to eat, or not. We want to leave those decisions for parents. It is also tricky for explorers who are excluded from the treat due to their dietary needs. For these reasons we also do not allow explorers to share / swap snacks or lunches.

Folding Baby Change table

Does anyone have a folding baby change table in good condition that they no longer need. It has to be a folding one as we are quite limited to space where it will go.

Thank you to our New Sponsors



If you joined us for Matariki breakfast yesterday- you may have noticed two smart new gazebos! These have been sponsored by Goodwood supporters Cambrilea Riparian Native Planting and Supply (the Lea Family) and CST Group (the Brewer Family). This amazing generosity makes a huge difference to what we can achieve at school and is greatly appreciated. We aim to provide reciprocal support to our sponsors so please consider supporting these companies whenever you can.

Waikato Children in need

We had a fantastic response to our last request for used clothes, blankets, coats etc, thank you very much if you donated. We still have the box in the front office if you have some items that you would like to drop off. The more the merrier!

Goodwood News



We are excited to introduce Anna Drumm who has joined us in term three to teach in Rūma Weka following Brooke Burton's move to Nelson.

Anna is an experienced teacher who has taught in Auckland, England and in the Waikato. Anna's last position was at St Columba School in Hamilton where she was also teaching a Year 3 and 4 class.

Anna lives in Cambridge with her family and is looking forward to getting to know Rūma Weka and our Goodwood community.

Wow, thank you for another wonderful celebration of Matariki. It was great that so many of you could join us around the fires, for kai and to see our Kapa Haka perform.

Thank you to Hoa Pai, Matua Rawiri, our Goodwood team and many helpers.

Mānawatia a Matariki.





Now this looks a bit like Goodwood!!

THIS Saturday 29th July 6pm - meet us at the Gaslight Theatre

Light up your bike or yourselves- wear your flashing sneakers or your glowsticks - grab a snazzy Goodwood jacket on the Friday before and join us for a night ride!!

There is no parking at the event - so please ride from home or from town.

We had another great day with Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti. This rōpu spent a day at Cambridge Middle School, enjoying learning about our local history and tikanga. There was also the opportunity to learn waiata, enjoy kai and spend time with students from other Cambridge kura. A real bonus of having the day at CMS was catching up with some of our ex Goodwood explorers!! Thanks to our leaders and parent helpers. This is an initiative of our kāhui ako [Te Kaahui Ako o Te Oko Horoi - Cambridge Community of Learning](#)



Explorer led clubs are a wonderful opportunity to see our vision of 'making a difference' in action.

On Monday Jack and friends' Disco Club brought together over a hundred explorers for a lunchtime of fun and dancing!

On Tuesday, Sophia and her team delivered another excellent Pony Club session. Throughout the week there will be clubs as diverse as Drawing and Drones, RC cars and Art! Clubs bring awesome opportunities for leadership AND are a great place to meet new friends.

Connor and Josh were selected by the Rikki Herbert Academy for a National Camp a few months back where they stayed for 3 nights with players from all over the country.

From there they were selected to be in the 10th Grade National Team for Rikki Herbert and went to Christchurch for 5 days with the team to play in the International Cup.

The weather was terrible however the team only lost 1 game and Josh and Connor had a great experience.



Get to know the Goodwood Team

Miss Nickee Verstraten is one of our wonderful Year 1-2 teachers, here are a few of her favourite things:

1. What are your hobbies/interests?

Nickee: Going to the gym, hiking, baking & reading.

2. Are you an early bird or a night owl?

Nickee: Night owl.

3. If you could have a superpower what would it be?

Nickee: Teleportation.

4. When you were a child what did you want to be when you grew up?

Nickee: A Teacher.

5. What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Nickee: A bit of everything!

6. Do you have any pets, if so, what's their names?

Nickee: The love of my life, my puppy Nui.

7. What was the name of your first Primary School?

Nickee: Tahuna Primary School.

8. What is your favourite season of the year?

Nickee: Summer.

9. What is your favourite food?

Nickee: Pizza, Nachos and doughnuts.

10. What is your go to board game?

Nickee: Cluedo or Articulate.



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



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prize for best dressed!

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*Come along and be the
first kids to see the new
Paw Patrol movie!*

