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Kia ora e ngā whānau me ngā hoa o te Kura Tuatahi of Goodwood.

What a wonderful last two weeks we have all enjoyed since our last newsletter! So much has been achieved by our amazing Goodwood School community.

We have had over **250 explorers** attend camps, either at Port Waikato, or closer to home at Lake Karāpiro. The explorers were supported by **close to 100 parent volunteers** and a Goodwood staff team of 16 teachers, school leaders and support staff.

Together we have helped to create wonderful memories and to promote our school vision of empowering curious, caring and connected lifelong explorers who will make a difference. To

see our explorers accept new challenges and give their best to a range of exciting opportunities is very rewarding. Explorers have come back to school buzzing about experiences such as caving or biscuiting. They have returned with increased confidence, greater independence and many new friendships.

No sooner had all of our campers returned then we enjoyed our annual whole school swimming carnival. Our near 400 explorers and over 700 spectators enjoyed a day of building water confidence and / or competing in a range of swimming events. Feedback from the venue and our community has been overwhelmingly positive.

These events take an enormous amount of work and meticulous planning. We would like to thank **ALL** of our parent volunteers whether you were squeezing through caves, driving your boat on the lake or cooking sausages at the swimming carnival. None of these events would be possible without your kindness and generosity. Thank you also to the parents who helped their explorer have everything they needed for these events - you may not have been able to be there on day BUT preparing your explorer to have their right gear and GRIT is appreciated. For our team, all of these activities are in addition to running excellent learning programmes each and every school day. Taking large groups of young people into the outdoors is a massive responsibility. We are fortunate to have dedicated, caring and capable leadership, teaching and support teams who are willing and able to lead such events in a climate of increasing compliance responsibilities and diversity of explorers' needs.

Finally I would like to acknowledge, congratulate and thank our explorers for the part that they played in the success of these events. They looked out for each other, brought their best selves and were prepared to give things a go.

We continue to review and assess all school events against a backdrop of ever changing needs, knowing that we can count on your support is a great help as we look forward to future opportunities.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi David and your Goodwood Team



Happy March birthday to:

Emily C, Sophie H, Scout W, Fletcher V Z, Caleb R, Cameron S, Skylar R, Blake K, Cason R. Emily K, Luke V, Charlie W, Sebastian G, Amelia P, sophia H, Poppy T, Kingsley E, Willa R, Noah C, Olivia R, Hozeia L, James E and Ruby T.



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.

To download app: search School Apps NZ - download and then search Goodwood School.

School Community Code of Conduct

We have high standards for our leadership, teaching and support teams and work hard to get things right for every explorer, each other and our community. We appreciate our partnership with you in achieving these goals. To help guide us we have community conduct expectations (see below)

We know that we are working with very young people and as such they have a vulnerability that requires our protection. They DO make mistakes as they learn, and we are there to support them.

Just as we don't tolerate our explorers putting others down, bullying or spreading rumours, we certainly don't accept it from the adults in our community. We appreciate that emotions can run high when we are showing care for our children. But it is important to model caring and calm ways to solve problems. Saying mean things about other people's children to other parents is unacceptable. Talk to us and we can help. Similarly our teaching, leadership and support teams work hard and have a right to a physically and emotionally safe workplace. Although rare - angry emails sent to our team late at night or on the weekend are not okay. Nor is saying derogatory things about team members to others or online. Talk to us, we are committed to working with you to achieve great things for all of our explorers. The time to focus on these ideas is when things are going well. We look forward to a great year ahead.

School Community Conduct Expectations

At Goodwood School, the board as the **PCBU** has a primary responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all workers, and others who may be affected by our school operations (including students and our wider **school community**) (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015). Goodwood School is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff and takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school (Education and Training Act 2020, s 127). See **Inclusive School Culture**.

Conduct expectations

At Goodwood School, school-related activities and events, and in all communications, we expect members of the school community to:

- comply with New Zealand <u>legislation and regulations</u>
- follow any reasonable requests or instructions from the school
- treat school staff and other members of the school community with respect
- support student learning
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that their behaviour does not negatively affect the health and safety of others
- follow relevant school policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
 - supporting our inclusive school culture and school values
 - respecting the privacy of others (e.g. sharing images)
 - using digital technology and social media safely and responsibly
 - complying with school expectations about smoking, vaping, and using alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances
 - protecting school property and resources.

For conduct expectations applying to specific groups, see **Board Responsibilities**, **Staff Conduct**, **Behaviour Management**, and **Visitors**.

Managing concerns and incidents

Our school is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our school community. Anyone who wants to bring a matter to the attention of the school is encouraged to follow our concerns and complaints procedures, including contacting an appropriate person at the school. We expect concerns and complaints to be raised respectfully, constructively, and with a willingness to work collaboratively to resolve the matter. See **Raising Concerns and Complaints**.

If there is a concern or complaint about community conduct, or an incident occurs, we aim to address the matter promptly and effectively. This includes meeting the principles of natural justice.

Certain incidents may require immediate action:

- If a person is on school grounds without permission or a legitimate reason and/or refuse to leave when requested, they may be considered a trespasser. See **Trespasser on School Grounds**.
- If gang insignia is worn on school grounds, the person wearing it may be asked to remove the gang insignia or leave.
- If necessary, staff contact the police.

Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990
- Gangs Act 2024

Let's keep our explorers social media free!

Thank you to everyone who came along to Rob Cope's internet safety sessions at Cambridge High School last week. For those parents the above message will have been well entrenched!

Rob's messages **hit home hard** as he spoke of the dangers and difficulties young people are **increasingly** facing online. One of the key points we took from Rob's presentation was how he responds to parents who believe that their child will be **'missing out'** if they are not involved in social media.

Rob agreed! - but assured parents that what their children would in fact be missing out on is... regular and increasing online bullying, exclusion, pornographic material, suicidal ideation and the associated anxiety and depression that this content invariably brings!!

Once again, we would **love** to ensure our school is a place where children can be children and where <u>ALL</u> parents tell their children that they will not have a smartphone or social media accounts. They should be proud to attend a school that cares about them so much. We are VERY happy to reinforce these messages with your children.

If you missed Rob's presentation - make an investment in your children's future and watch his <u>digital presentation online</u>

Here are some key points

Children are now watching content online not network TV - very little control / censorship.

When children get meaning / success in a fantasy world - their real world becomes grey

Online multiplayer games including Roblox is a key hunting area for predators,

Games are designed to be addictive - so addiction will happen.

FBI estimates one million sexual predators online at any one time.

Increase of sharing of nude photos and resulting exploitation

If you don't invade your child's privacy a predator certainly will.

Watch for character AI - children create an AI boyfriend / girlfriend who messages them.

Resulting addictions cause damage to real relationships

Don't allow tech in the bedroom

Filtering and monitoring is possible and ESSENTIAL Rob recommends <u>Bark</u> or <u>Safesurfer</u> Don't allow sleepovers at homes with unfiltered internet

If you are STILL going to give your child a phone consider this one kidsafephone.nz

Little Heart Day

Next week is Little Heart Day NZ! Remember to wear red on **Friday 21 March** to support Heart Kids NZ and Heart Kids Waikato Explorer and heart kid George is helping to raise money to support treatment and research of heart conditions. He was pretty 'stoked' to see our school sign this week! He will be even happier if you text 'George' to 2427 to make a \$3 donation in George's name. This is a campaign close to our 'hearts' as we have a number of whanau who support heart kids.



Swimming Season Finishing

As the cooler autumn weather closes in we will be finishing up a great swimming season. Next Friday 21 March will be the last day of lessons for explorers. The last day for community swimming will be Sunday 23 March. Please return your key as soon as possible after this date.

Lost Items

A plain black swim bag with a hooded towel, goggles and black togs with a blue band. If this was taken by mistake could it please be returned to the office so we can reunite it with the owner.

A blue/green stone washed king single fitted sheet was taken to the 2nd Karapiro camp and did not make it back home. It is part of a set so hopefully they can meet again! Please return to the office if found

After school Care

Just a reminder, when you collect your explorer from after school care could you please make sure you sign them out in the book with the time and a signature every time. If there is no collection time noted you will be charged until 5.45 pm.

Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked our wonderful Year 5 & 6 teacher Nick the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Playing Subbuteo.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Mexican.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Punk and Indie.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Bit of both.
- 5. Where is your favourite holiday spot? Coromandel.
- 6. What season do you like best? Autumn.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Scrabble.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Knighton Normal School.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Amazing Memory.
- 10. What is your favourite book/movie? The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.



We will have another team member featured in the next edition!

Good News Goodwood



And that is a wrap for camps 2025!

What a fortnight! We held 4 camps with over 250 explorers, close to 100 parent volunteers and 14 staff. Our explorers kayaked, sailed, caved, climbed, tramped, biscuited, fired arrows, ate, drank, played, 'slept' and generally had a blast. Our 360+ campers all returned home safe, well and with some lifelong memories.

Our explorers have plenty of energy! Camps and a swimming carnival couldn't tire them out and many have enjoyed a busy sporting weekend. We had a strong team at the Waipa fun run with congratulations to Katie who took out first place! We had explorers run the Hamilton airport runway with Connor taking first place in the under 13s! Congratulations to Arlo and Koda who took out five events between them at the Cambridge Athletics Club pentathlon!











THANK YOU for a wonderful day at the GoWaipa - Home of Te Awamutu Events Centre and Perry Aquatic Centre Cambridge Pools! A shout out to our amazing explorers, fantastic parent supporters and talented teaching team. Well done Miss Bell for leading this event. Congratulations to all of our swimmers. Results below.

Swimming Carnival results

Freestyle					
	8 year olds	9 year olds	10 year olds		
Girls	 Indie Rickman Kezia Jesani Sienna Taylor 	 Hannah Bradford Lauren Christopher Jessica Hawkins 	 Assif Regev-Dayan Lucia Taylor Katie Trollope 		
Boys	George Christopher Benjamin Danswan	 Anthony Cattle Henry McTamney Wes Rowdon 	Beau Rickman Jack Wooldridge Jack Middlemiss		

Backstroke					
	8 year olds	9 year olds	10 year olds		
Girls	 Sienna Taylor Natalie Nash Kezia Jesani 	 Hannah Bradford Jessica Hawkins Lauren Christopher 	 Assif Regev-Dayan Lucia Taylor Ellah McCullough 		
Boys	 George Christopher Benjamin Danswan 	 James Nancekivell Anthony Cattle Henry McTamney 	 Beau Rickman Mason Hawkins Luca Underwood Mahlum 		

Breaststroke					
	8 year olds	9 year olds	10 year olds		
Girls	 Kezia Jesani Indie Rickman Natalie Nash 	 Hannah Bradford Lauren Christopher Sasha Corbett 	 Assif Regev-Dayan Lucia Taylor Katie Trollope 		
Boys	George Christopher Benjamin Danswan	William Middlemiss Henry McTamney Anthony Cattle	 Jack Middlemiss Jack Wooldridge Fletcher van Zyl 		

Junior Rugby Registrations

Hautapu Sports is proud to be offering junior rugby again this year. Our registrations are now open for the 2025 season.

Our registration process is a two step process this year.

Create a profile and register under Hautapu Sports on Rugby Xplorer. This is NZ Rugby requirement. Instruction to this are here -Rugby Xplorer user guide 2025

Register to Hautapu Sports and pay your account using Friendly Manager - The Hautapu Sports online club management system. Junior rugby registrations - Hautapu Sports Club







Junior netball registrations are open until the 15th March. Register here:

Junior Netball Registration

Junior Hockey information

juniorhockey@hautapusports.com



Tiny Tractor Services

Do you have a lifestyle block that could benefit from a tidy up?

Turn your unruly paddocks into the start of a potential golf course!

Non destructive tyres. Happy to travel within 3-5 kms from school.

Call/text Robert on: 020 4070 9567 Email: robertjcwild@gmail.com.



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