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Thanks for coming, everyday!

This term has seen a remarkable improvement in attendance when compared with term one 2024. We are very close to achieving the Ministry of Education's goal of 90% regular attendance by 2030. Over 87% of explorers were here more than 90% of the days in term one. This is important. As shared in our last column, we are well underway with teaching and learning programmes implemented according to the 2025 refreshed curriculum. This is an aspirational curriculum and a feature of the document's design is its clear scope and sequence. Progress

outcomes build upon prior learning and expectations. Missing components of learning has a cumulative impact upon an explorer's future learning.

Refreshed English Curriculum	Refreshed Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum

Alongside the learning challenges regular absence can have, there are social challenges for explorer's to navigate. While explorers are away, friendships and playtime activities move along. It can be difficult at times for some explorers to reintegrate after a break from school. Our team is aware of this and makes accommodations both in learning and social times to support explorers. Sustained absences make this work more difficult.

Goodwood Attendance: Term One 2025					
	90% - 100% Regular attendance	80% - 89% Irregular attendance	70% - 79% Moderate Absence	<70% Chronic Absence	
Term 1, 2025 All explorers	87%	10%	2%	0.5%	
Term 1, 2025 Ākonga Māori	91%	9%	0%	0%	
Term 1. 2024 All explorers	69%	22%	4%	3%	
Latest <u>nationally</u> available figures Term 4, 2024	60%	20%	9%	11%	

We are excited by the improvement in attendance and are evaluating what has made the difference.

We believe a key is our partnership with home. We value your support in building excitement about school and learning, and getting your explorer to school every day and on time. In return we promote practices that support attendance, these include...

- Our soft start sessions to begin the day
- Quality 'school run' and OSCAR approved out of school care from 7.30 am 5.45pm
- Lunchtime clubs to initiate and strengthen friendships.

If there are other barriers to regular attendance - please let us know and we can help. Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to more great learning in Term 2.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi

David and your Goodwood Team

Happy April birthday to:



Lucas D, Mason H, Harry C, Kaia G, Richie N, Hudson C, Rosa C, Mary-Jane R, Wes R, Meha T, Cadence P, Graham P, Arlo J-C, Yara U-M, Oscar W, Rhys V-Z, Zach J, Conor E, Sienna V-W, Parth D, Sofie J, Eden M, William V, Henry McK, Lachlan H, Eliza T, Lila W, Milo F, William S, Archie C & Neika E.



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.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day falls with the term break. Eleven of our house captains and deputies will represent us at the Cambridge Civic Ceremony at 9.00 am at the Town Hall. Due to renovations at the Town Hall - the ceremony will be held outside this year.



Left: Some of our house captains and deputies who will represent us at the ANZAC day Civic Ceremony at 9>00 am on April 25th

Here is Delilah's (Year 5) explanation of why we wear a poppy

The ANZAC poppies that we wear on the 25th of April are to honour our brave soldiers.

World War One was a terrible time in history, destroying land and also many lives. Did you know that World War One took place over a 100 years ago? 110 years ago to be precise. Sadly many people inside and out of war have passed away. Beautiful land was demolished while being trampled over, nothing would grow in the fields except beautiful red poppies. The poppies inspired a man called John McCray to write a poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. People back home loved the poem so much that they began making and selling poppies and raising money for the soldiers coming back. Even 110 years later we wear the poppies. In summary, the poppies became a symbol of remembrance and hope.

Inter School Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our Goodwood School Swimming Team who competed at the Interschool Championships held in Cambridge today. Our team swam well earning many wins and placings. Congratulations to Assif who is this year's senior freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke champion and to our school relay team who also won this year's event. Our team showed Goodwood GRIT including providing wonderful support and encouragement for each other. Full results in the next newsletter.



Mihi whakatau

We will be holding a mihi whakatau Wednesday 30 April at 10am to welcome any new explorers, whānau and staff who have not been welcomed to Goodwood in this way as of yet. Our mihi whakatau will be in the - amphitheatre if fine - if wet horo / hall.

We are looking 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 david@goodwood.school.nz or 027 846 8959 if you may be interested in this exciting role - you explorer will be so excited (as will we!!)

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. Last week we shared our community code of conduct - which can be found on our school docs site https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/ search for Goodwood. User name **goodwood** password **explore**.

After School Care

Our enrolment forms have been updated recently to require people who are NOT allowed to collect your explorer to be listed, where applicable. If you need to add this information, please complete this new <u>ASC enrolment form</u> and return this to the school office.

If you need to update any of your other contact details, medical details for your explorer, or would like to enrol for the first time, please also complete the form and return this to the office.

Goodwood School's Before & After School Care is an approved OSCAR programme therefore families may apply for the 'Out of School Care and Recreation' (OSCAR) subsidy, a payment from WINZ which helps families with the costs of before and after school care.

If you are using Goodwood's Before & After School Care service for more than 3 hours per week (per child), and will continue to do so, now is a perfect time to check whether your family is eligible. Details about eligibility, how much you may get, and how to apply are available here:

OSCAR Information If you have questions, please contact Caitlin in the school office, phone 827 6817, or email office@goodwood.school.nz

Wanted!

Hautapu Netball are looking for a couple more players for their Year 4 Goodwood team. If your explorer is interested in playing please contact Hannah on 022 6911 358 or email juniornetball@hautapusports.co.nz

Get to know the Goodwood Team

We asked our wonderful Learning Assistant, Lauren the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Climbing the Hakarimata steps.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Pasta.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Taylor Swift.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Night.
- 5. Where is your dream destination? Greece.
- 6. What season do you like best? Summer.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Monopoly.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Tamahere Primary School.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Invisible.
- 10. What is your favourite book/movie? Up.



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

Good News Goodwood

You may remember returning explorer Gurvansh very kindly decided to donate his first ever pay cheque from his after school job to his old school - Goodwood!

We asked Gurvansh what we should spend his donation on. Gurvansh thought some new cricket gear would be welcomed. He was right! Today we invited Gurvansh to test out the new gear with some of our explorers. We certainly enjoyed testing it out with Gurvansh and his dad Raja. Truly the G for generosity in GRIT in action!





Our work is team work. Thank you to this caring and essential part of our team. These wonderful people are our before and after school carers 2025. Every school day they provide a welcoming smile for the early risers and a fun afternoon for those explorers who stay later. We know how important this service is to busy families and running our own programme allows us to provide the flexibility you need. What is extra special - is a number of this team were once Goodwood explorers themselves! It is lovely to welcome them back as part of our staff.

This is one of the favourite times of our action packed school day - soft start! When our bell goes at 8.50 am (or sometimes before the bell) our explorers are engaged in a range of self directed learning activities designed to reinforce or extend skills. This approach achieves many goals. It starts the day in a way that encourages connections and regulation. Explorers may work with a larger or smaller groups - or alone. It provides a settled introduction to the learning day.





Warmest congratulations to Miss Williams who graduated today with her Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching. Rebekah continues a proud tradition of outstanding beginning teachers who have started their careers at Goodwood. Have a wonderful day Rebekah, we are proud to have you on our team.



NATURE PLAY & CLAY school holiday craft classes

with Samara, The Pied Potter & Lizzy from Nature Club!

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL, 2025

Cost: \$68 per session* | Ages 5+

*tickets include child and parent crafting together!

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

9 - 11 am | Beeswax candles + Ceramic candle holder 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | Build a bug hotel + Clay leaf bowls 2 - 4 pm | Pressed flower lanterns + Pottery wallflowers

PARENT AREA:

Craft alongside your child or relax/work in our parent space.

A playground is also available for younger siblings.

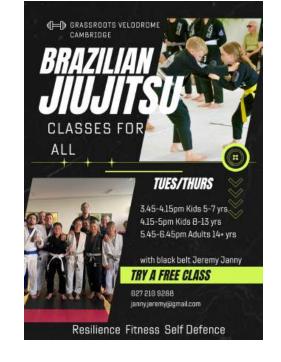
Book now – spaces are limited!

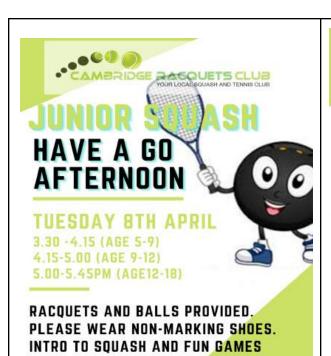
https://www.natureclub.co.nz/pages/workshops-events











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SAMBRIDGE RACQUETS CLUB
WOURLOCAL SQUASH AND TENNIS CLUB

SAO PER TERM
JUNIOR SQUASH MEMBERS FREE
TUESDAYS 3.30 -4.15 (AGE 5-9)
TUESDAYS 4.15-5.00 (AGE 9-12)
TUESDAY 5.00-5.45PM (AGE12-18)

JUNIOR FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL \$125.

AGE BRACKET IS A GUIDELINE ONLY.
PLAYERS WILL BE GROUPED BY ABILITY.
RACQUETS AND BALLS PROVIDED. PLEASE WEAR NONMARKING SHOES. THESE SESSIONS PROVIDE BASIC
COACHING, FUN GAMES TO IMPROVE FOOTWORK & BALANCE,
AND MINI-MATCHES ACROSS ALL ABILITIES.

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April Holiday Programme



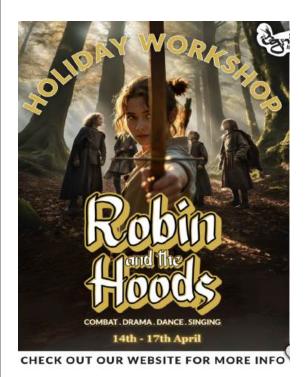
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Easter
14th April	15th April	16th April	17th April	Friday
8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	CLOSED
Easter	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	ANZAC
Monday	22nd April	23rd April	24th April	Day
CLOSED	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	CLOSED

8.45am - 3.15pm \$50.00 per day Book Now!

https://cambridgegymnasticsnz.co.nz/school-holiday-programme









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.



Thanks for supporting our Goodwood family businesses - we appreciate their support.

