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#### Tumuaki / Principal's Column

Thanks for coming, everyday!

Last week Lynda and I travelled with other leaders from Aotearoa, with Liz Kane Literacy, to Melbourne.

The focus of this tour was to talk with other leaders to gain their insights into implementing a knowledge-rich curriculum with explicit instruction. We then toured schools to see this in action. We were also privileged to have time with Nathaniel Swain (author of Harnessing the Science of Learning).

The refreshed English and maths curriculum (2025) are knowledge-rich. They prioritise and explicitly describe what must be taught at each year level. The curriculum is sequenced and outlines how to teach so that every student can make progress.

These curricula are welcomed by the team at Goodwood. We know a school-wide scope and sequence positively improves student achievement. Shared language about learning, similar lessons with review and teachers well equipped to check for understanding allow knowledge to become learning in the long term memory.

In the schools we visited in Melbourne we saw the next step of these approaches. We talked to leaders who lead school improvement around understanding cognitive load theory, school-wide practices for engagement and checking for understanding, the role of review, review, review for long term memory and the positive impact calm and predictable classes have for all students.

We acknowledge the mahi of the Goodwood team, in being a team. There is great momentum at our kura on what we do and how we do so that students make at least a year's progress in a year. It is the commitment of our team to work as a team in such a professional and rewarding environment that directly benefits students.

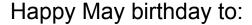
I am not one to wear hats, if I was, I would 'tip my hat' to David. As a leader, David encourages the team to grow and learn as professionals to ensure that we have fidelity in our teaching practices. Thank you.

As whānau we hope you are hearing about the learning and how our explorers can name spelling expectations, share knowledge and vocabulary across curriculum areas and are increasing their basic facts. We look forward to showcasing this learning and progress later in the year with mid-year reports and student-parent conferences.

Refreshed English Curriculum

Refreshed Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum

Have a great week
Ngā mihi
Marsha and your Goodwood Team





Emma W, Ayla C-S, Marley P, Eliana R, Noah B, Baxter B, Solomon B, James F, Annaliese T, Lauren C, Johannes H, Henry McT, Amelia B, Matteo G, Zac B, Scarlett M, Malan V, Emerson VDS, Layla H, Rhett S, Sophie F, Marcus S, Ava T, Oscar H, Jack C, Mikayla Y, Jonas M, Hayley H Mila C, Cameron LR, LeMoera N, Imogen K,Braxton M, Eva M & Alexander M.



### 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.

### Teacher Only Day - Friday 13 June

We are having a teacher only day on **Friday 13 June.** This is an annual day for all teachers in Cambridge (including Middle and High School teachers) to gather together for collective professional learning. This is Field Days Friday - if you are heading to Field Days, we strongly encourage you to attend this day and / or the weekend. Schools are required to open for a set amount of days each year so this teacher-only day will not count towards the required number of days. As always, childcare will be available at Goodwood. A booking form will be available shortly.

#### Literacy course held at Goodwood with Liz Kane

#### All you need to know for Goodwood School hosting major teacher PLD this week

#### What is going on?

Around 110 teachers are attending PLD with Liz Kane Literacy to support implementation of the refreshed curriculum. Including some Goodwood teachers.

#### When

Wednesday 14 May to Friday 16 May. From 8.30 am until 2.30 pm each day. Attendees will be working in our school hall.

#### What do I need to know?

#### **PARKING**

will be very limited in the morning. Our rear carpark will be full. Goodwood staff will park on our field.

Kiss and drop will be strictly drop and go. We will have extra staff to support.

Please do not stay at school if you don't need to - we need to turn car parks over fast in the morning. There will be some parking on the road. Take care and ensure explorers step onto the grass verge.

Afternoon parking should be unaffected.



## What do I need to know? Before and After School Care

Out of School Care will be based out of our amphitheatre and Rūma Kiwi (left). Explorers can be dropped off and collected from these places. If it is wet your explorer may be in the Library or Rūma Kiwi or Rūma Miromiro.

Crystal's guitar groups will be in Rūma Miromiro.

Thank you for your support and patience over these three days. We are excited to be playing a role in the professional development of colleagues from all over the Waikato region.

We will remind you next week via email and school app.

### Putting away readers - volunteers

We do appreciate our 'volunteering angels' that give their time to put away our readers. You are able to drop in anytime, grab a coffee and return some books. If you would like some training to do this, call into the office at any time.

### Pink shirt day - Rāmere/Friday 16 May (wiki toru)

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Pink Shirt Day is the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. The **Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand** (MHFNZ) has run the campaign since 2012, inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new student was harassed for wearing pink. Learn more about the Pink Shirt Day kaupapa here.

Pink Shirt Day is funded by your donations. By donating to Pink Shirt Day, you're helping create a kinder, more inclusive Aotearoa, where everyone feels safe, valued, and unafraid to be themselves.

At Goodwood we encourage you to wear pink and show kindness.

A gold coin donation is appreciated. We will also be donating the profits from sausage sizzle to Pink Shirt Day.

#### Matariki Parakuihi/Breakfast - save the date...

We are once again holding a Matariki parakuihi/breakfast at our school. The date is **Thursday 19 June**, ahead of the public holiday the following day. Our team and explorers are beginning the preparation of this alongside some rich learning. This will also be supported by our Hoa Pai group. We will be asking for parental help over the next few weeks.

#### **DRAFT** outline of morning

Date: Thursday 19 June:

**6:30 am** - gates open, optional stargazing, Coffee cart & Hot Chocolate

Fires In Drums around school amphitheatre - marshmallows

**6:30am - 8:00am** Matariki explanation video on loop in classes - ~30 mins



**7.30 am** Sunrise - Karakia by our school leaders

7.45 am - Food in / around classrooms - it's kai time

8:30am - Kapa Haka Show (15mins)

8.45am - Finish





#### **School Donation**

In term two we ask for our school donation. This is an essential source of funding to enable our school to have high quality learning resources.

Unlike the majority of New Zealand kura we are ineligible to access the Ministry School Donation Scheme. For this reason we do need to ask for a school donation from our families. While this is not compulsory, it does make a huge difference in ensuring that our school can provide great resources for our explorers. An invoice will be emailed later this term. We do not ask for donations in term one to help whānau manage costs of camps, stationary etc. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Inter School Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our Goodwood School Swimming Team who competed at the Interschool. Championships held in Cambridge last term. Our team swam very well, qualifying for most finals and placing in many, including winning 11 of the 20 events! Here are the results:



8 Year old Girls 25 m

Backstroke Breastroke Freestyle

1st Sienna Taylor1st Indie Rickman1st Indie Rickman2nd Natalie Nash2nd Natalie Nash2nd Sienna Taylor

3rd Kezia Jesani

9 Year old Girls 50 m

Backstroke Breastroke Freestyle

**1st Hannah Bradford 1st Hannah Bradford** 2nd Hannah Bradford

9 Year old Boys 50 m

Backstroke Freestyle

1st Anthony Cattle 1st Anthony Cattle

3rd James Nancekivell

10 Year old Girls 50 m

Backstroke Breastroke Freestyle

1st Assif Regev-Dayan 1st Assif Regev-Dayan 1st Assif Regev-Dayan

3rd Katie Trollope

#### **Attendance Celebration**

Thank you. It is exciting to see the improvement in attendance rates that is occurring at Goodwood. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to further lift these improving rates of attendance.

#### Stepped Attendance Response - STAR Responding to all absences The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time. SERIOUS CONCERN less than 5 days absent in that term less than 10 days absent in that term less than 15 days absent in that term Less than 5 Up to 10 Up to 15 15 days or days days more of absence absence absence in a school term in a school term in a school term 87%\* of students 11%\* of students 2%\* of students 0%\* of students

At the same time last year we had only **68% of explorers attending at least 90% of the time**. The impact of this improved attendance is palpable. We can see improved academic gains and very settled friendships. Thank you for ensuring that your explorer is at school EVERY DAY that they are well.

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### Ministry of Education Parent Portal

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As you may have seen in the news, the Ministry of Education has launched a Parent Portal which provides an in-depth explanation of the refreshed curriculum and the expectations for each year of school.

The portal also links to activities you can do at home to support your explorer. As a Goodwood parent / caregiver, you will know that similar information has been provided for a number of years through our weekly preview emails. We have also shared links to the refreshed curriculum in recent newsletters.

Later this term we will be inviting you to school to share more information about the refreshed curriculum and associated changes to reporting formats.

You can find the parent portal by clicking this link.

### After School Care - update contacts/enrolments

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 ASC enrolment form 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: <a href="mailto:OSCAR Information">OSCAR Information</a> If you have questions, please contact Caitlin in the school office, phone 827 6817, or email <a href="mailto:office@goodwood.school.nz">office@goodwood.school.nz</a>

#### Get to know the Goodwood Team

# We asked our wonderful Year 1 teacher Kelly Taylor the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Gymnastics.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Pasta.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Indie.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Morning.
- Where is your dream destination? Switzerland at Christmas.
- 6. What season do you like best? Summer.
- 7. What is your 'go to' board game? Scrabble.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Greenpark Primary School.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? Super Speed.
- 10. What is your favourite book/movie? Tangled.



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

#### Good News Goodwood

Haere mai to our new explorers and whānau who have recently started school at Goodwood. Last Rātū/Tuesday we held a mihi whakatau to welcome our new friends. Kia Ora to our kapa haka for their waiata tautoko / songs of support and Matua Nick for his whaikōrero/ speech. We are looking forward to getting to know our new friends.





Thank you to our house captains who represented us with mana at the ANZAC Civic Ceremony. It is always such a poignant event and important for our community to take some time to acknowledge those who have served and those currently serving us. Thanks to Goodwood mum Haylie for creating another beautiful wreath. Lest we forget.

Great to be working with Bradley and the Ricky Herbert Football Academy to give some of our future super stars extra lunch time skills sessions. All the best to ALL of our explorers who are kicking off winter sports!





A huge thank you to Shannon, James, Cassandra, Suzanne, Dominique, Brenda, Pete, Fungie, Bridget, Sam and Lucy for volunteering to help with parking at last weekend's Te Awamutu Cycling Tour. We had hundreds of visitors to our school for this fun community event - and useful fundraiser for our school. We had so many lovely comments from attendees on what a lovely part of the world we live in and how well presented our school is. Thank you to Grant, our team, community and all of our supporters who have helped to create such a beautiful environment.





Register here









#### **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.