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## Tumuaki / Principal's Column

Kia Ora e ngā whānau me ngā hoa o Te Kura Tuatahi o Goodwood.  
Greetings to the Families and Friends of Goodwood School.

Last week I traveled to Wellington with 26 other Waikato principals to meet with the leaders of many organisations who support schools in Aotearoa. Our group met with...

- **Erica Stanford**, Minister of Education & her officials.
- **Lesley Hoskins**, CEO of the Teaching Council.
- **Ellen MacGregor**, Acting Secretary for Education and her team.
- **Gregor Fountain**, Engagement manager of Sport NZ
- **Leanne Otene**, President New Zealand Principals Federation
- **Stephanie Mills & Ripeka Lassells** Leaders of the New Zealand Educational Institute
- **Belinda Webber** Chief Advisor Governance: New Zealand School Boards Association

The main points I took from the Tour were...

1. We are **exceptionally** well placed at Goodwood in terms of managing change and adapting to the demands of the refreshed curriculum. Thank you those who have helped us to unpack the changing curriculum and to refine our practice
2. ALL schools are working **VERY** hard, daily, to support learners with challenging learning and behavior needs. In many instances - these are quite extreme. These needs continue to increase in number and complexity and require a community approach to achieve success.
3. There is a tension present in the capital for all peak bodies ahead of today's budget. The Minister described it as the learning and behaviour support budget. We hope to see provision of the support that schools need.
4. There is a significant shortage of teachers in New Zealand at the moment. This coincides with record growth in our student population.
5. System wide data continues to highlight an urgent need for change. This includes our response to learning needs, attendance, mental health, bullying and achievement..

As a school and community, it is imperative that we continue to work together to support each other to achieve great outcomes for our explorers.

Thank you to all of those who stepped up to cover my absence - including delivering a wonderful experience for teachers visiting for the Liz Kane Literacy PLD.

<a href="#">Refreshed English Curriculum</a>	<a href="#">Refreshed Mathematics &amp; Statistics Curriculum</a>
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*Have a great week.*

Ngā mihi  
David and your Goodwood Team



## Happy May birthday to:

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 is available here](#).

## Supporting attendance over winter

Regular school attendance is vital for learning, social development, and overall well being. As we enter the winter, there will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness.

However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help parents and caregivers decide when it is okay to send their child to school, when they should keep them at home, and when they should contact a health professional for advice.

[Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education](#)

# School and activities donations

We are sending out requests for school and activities donations shortly.

These are included in whānau statements.

Our activities' donation is voluntary. It covers such things as class trips, swimming carnival and visitors to our kura - such as Harold. We do rely on these donations to continue providing these services. The 2025 activities donation for each explorer is \$65.00.

Our school donations are also a voluntary payment.

## 2025 School Donations

1 explorer \$120.00

2 explorers \$220.00 per family

3+ explorers \$300.00 per family

# 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.

# 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



## 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: [OSCAR Information](#) If you have questions, please contact Caitlin in the school office, phone 827 6817, or email [office@goodwood.school.nz](mailto:office@goodwood.school.nz)

## School Board Elections – Have You Thought About Standing?

The **triennial School Board Elections** are coming up, and **Election Day is Wednesday, 10th September 2025**.

We're holding an **information session** for anyone interested in learning more about joining the board. If you've ever considered contributing to our school's direction and decision-making, we'd love to see you.



**Date:** Wednesday, 11th June 2025



**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM



**Where:** Informal meet and greet with current board members in the staff room

This is a relaxed chance to chat with current members, ask questions, and learn what's involved in being a board member. This session will be followed by our regular board meeting, which you're also very welcome to attend.

### Why Join the Board?

Being a board member is a meaningful way to support our school and help shape its future. The term is **3 years**, and we're looking to elect **5 parent representatives**.

We're especially keen to hear from people with experience or interest in:

- 🏠 Property & Project Management
- 💼 Finance
- 👥 Human Resources
- ⚖️ Legal

But don't worry if those aren't your areas — **all skills and backgrounds are welcome**. Passion, commitment, and a desire to contribute are what count most.

🔗 Find out more about becoming a board member [here](#)

If you're curious, come along to the info session — no pressure, just a chance to learn more.

## Get to know the Goodwood Team

**We asked our wonderful teacher Jess Lawry the following 10 questions:**

1. *What is your favourite pastime?* Spending time with family and friends, Yoga, anything arty.
2. *What is your favourite food?* Italian, ice cream, custard.
3. *What music do you like to listen to?* Love a good ballad, jazz, anything by Coldplay!
4. *Are you a night owl or morning person?* Morning person - I have kids.
5. *Where is your dream destination?* Bali.
6. *What season do you like best?* Summer.
7. *What is your 'go to' game?* Five Crowns.
8. *What was your first Primary School?* Hamilton East.
9. *If you could have a superpower what would it be?* Super power - to take away others pain.
10. *What is your favourite book/movie?* The Book Thief.



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





## Pre-School Open Mornings 2025

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Term Tahī: Wednesday 5th March 9:00 am – 10:00 am / Term Rua: Wednesday 28th May 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Term Toru: Wednesday 13th August 9:00 am – 10:00 am / Term Whā: Wednesday 5th November 9:00 am – 10:00 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
- Mathematics programme delivered through purposeful, engaging and hands-on explorer stations
- A tailored transition plan to suit you and your explorer
- New playground, large play spaces, a pool and a bike track!
- Tuakana-teina relationships are built throughout the school to foster relationships across year levels

### Why visit?

- Come along with your preschooler to 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 our supportive community

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

## Good News Goodwood

David was part of a group of 26 Waikato principals who travelled to Wellington last week to meet with Education Minister Erica Stanford and the heads of many of the other education peak bodies.



Last Friday our explorers wore māwhero/pink to take part in pink shirt day.

Thank you to our explorers (with support from Mrs Smith and Whaea Bailey) who have been promoting Aroha and kindness and inclusion through lunchtime activities.

Wonderful to have Miriam brewing coffee to help start Friday with a smile.

We thank you for your koha. Together we raised \$522.00.





Thank you for your support to host over 100 teachers for a structured literacy course led by Liz Kane Literacy.

Having access to and the support of quality professional learning providers is a key part of the success at Goodwood.

Those attending the course were impressed with our environment, our classrooms, the calm learning in classes and the quality teaching.

Saturday winter sport is underway ... in true foggy Waikato style!

Goodwood explorers put in a huge effort all week in learning THEN turn up for winter sports with their mates.

Thank you to all their supporters - it is appreciated.





## Waggin Tails

### Dog Walking and Pet Sitting Services

We provide the following services:

- Dog walking
- Home visits
- Pet sitting

Call us  
Phone: 021883343  
Email: [waggintails31@gmail.com](mailto:waggintails31@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Waggin Tails



## BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

### CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

**MON, TUES, THURS**

- 3.45-4.15pm Kids 5-7 yrs
- 4.15-5pm Kids 8-13 yrs
- 5pm Girls only
- 5.45-6.45pm Adults 14+ yrs (adult class not on a Monday)

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Location: Grassroots Velodrome Cambridge

## 柔道 CAMKADA JUDO CLUB

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**Mondays & Wednesdays**

- Juniors 12 and under  
6 - 6.45pm
- Seniors (12+)  
7 - 8.30pm

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## TRESKOOL

### Skateschool WEEKLY GROUP CLASSES

WHEN:  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY - LEARNER TO ADVANCE  
WEDNESDAY - BEGINNERS CLASS

Leamington Metball courts  
12 Scott Street, Leamington, Cambridge 3432

TERM 2 TIME TABLE  
When:  
Tuesday's 3.30pm - 5pm  
Wednesday's 3.30pm - 5pm  
Thursday's 3.30pm - 5pm

Beginners to advanced  
We're here to help you improve  
Or get you started.

Don't have a skateboard?  
We have brand new skateboards available for you to use during Your lesson.

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