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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.

I am writing this column while on medical leave following successful bilateral simultaneous cataract surgery! It was quite the experience to have my natural lenses removed and replaced with artificial intraocular ones. It is also quite the experience to regain better than 20 / 20 vision after many decades wearing glasses!

Time away always gives you time to think and I have been thinking about this process a lot. It is always SO impressive to see a skilled team at work who are great at what they do. It was a little disconcerting to 'see' what they were doing throughout my eye procedures but strong local anesthetic kept the discomfort to a minimum.

I also reflected on how hard my eye specialists must have worked to train, to learn and to develop their skills to a point where they can complete such delicate micro surgery! I so appreciate that we have such dedicated professionals providing specialist medical services. My appreciation extends across many fields, from the mechanic who keeps my car humming to the electrical engineers who keep the lights on.

It also struck me how fortunate I am to also work with a dedicated and skilled team of professionals. Our teaching and support teams also play a vital role in our society. Our eye specialists, mechanics and engineers all benefited from high quality primary school teaching that provided the baseline skills that set them on the path of lifelong learning required to excel. Our team is committed to this essential work and strive to do their best in this increasingly demanding and complex profession. This year our team's skills and knowledge have grown exponentially through considerable professional learning in partnership with expert providers. The results are clear and impressive. Our explorers are making amazing strides, particularly in their reading, writing and maths. We can't wait to celebrate their progress with you through reports and conferences later this month. We are especially excited - as we know that our explorers are our future eye surgeons, mechanics, engineers, innovators, leaders and problem solvers. Our team is doing great and important work.

Have a great week and 'see' you soon.

Ngā mihi David and your Goodwood Team



# Happy June birthday to:

Loretta C, Mansi D, Charlotte J, Shiah M, Ava V, Zarah K, James N, Alex W, William P, Brody L, Keana T, Aubrey W, Madelaina R, Ava R, Connor B, Belle C, Aubrey W, George F, Kyle M, Atharah B-i, Jackson C, Grant P, George N, Ollie K, Danielle M, Indie A, corbin W, Charlie B, Quinn E, Olive D, Silas D, Arlo J, Sophie R, Ellie O, Finn B-D, Leo H and Nixon W.



# 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 2500 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.

# Welcome to... or should we say welcome back?



We welcome back **Jane Mackie**. Jane joins us working alongside our team as a learning assistant/teacher aide. Jane was a teacher in our year 1 area for a number of years. Our explorers and team are very fortunate to have Jane working with them.



We also welcome back **Shanekea Butler**. Shanekea will be starting our next intaking Year 0 class in term 3. Shanekea has been taking a break from full time teaching this year - with some relieving. Turns out she quite likes having her own class though.

# Student-led conferences

In week 9, Monday 23 June and Tuesday 24 June we will be hosting learning conversations.

During this time you, your explorer and teacher will have 15 mins to discuss progress and achievement alongside some goal setting for term 3. We expect this to be a conversation where your explorer will share some mahi/work, you will share your goals and the teacher will share some progress and goals also.

#### **Conversations run:**

Monday 23 June - 12:30 pm - 6:45 pm and Tuesday 24 June - 3pm - 5:30pm.

School will finish at 12:00 noon on Monday 23 June and children can be collected at this time. We will care for explorers who are unable to be collected at 12:00pm. Let your explorer's teacher know if you require supervision. Normal after school charges will apply from 3:15pm.

We offer free childcare for preschoolers in the library during your explorer's conference - from 3:30pm.

We encourage you to take a strengths based approach to conversations, sharing your child's achievement and progress. There will also be opportunities to discuss future learning and plan goals for the rest of the year.

Research tells us that successful learners play an active role in their learning and allowing students the chance to lead these conferences will help to enhance and accelerate their progress. If there are issues that you need to talk to your child's teacher about, without your

child being present, these are already most likely being addressed and you are welcome to make a time to discuss such issues at any stage of the year.

Online bookings can be made at <a href="www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> and use code: <a href="bmu72">bmu72</a>
The office and your classroom teacher can also help with bookings.
Bookings will be open from Friday 13 June from 9am.

Written reports will be emailed out the afternoon of Thursday 26 June. If you require a paper copy please see Trudy in the office (<a href="mailto:trudy@goodwood.school.nz">trudy@goodwood.school.nz</a>).

# Reporting to Parents - written reports

#### Implementing a refreshed curriculum:

The Ministry of Education is working on a range of improvements to develop a consistent, engaging and easy-to-navigate system of assessment and aromatawai that supports the progress and achievement of students.

The regulatory requirements to report to parents and whānau have not changed.

At least twice a year, schools and kura are required to report to students, their parents, and their whānau in plain language on the student's progress and achievement across the curriculum and in literacy and mathematics.

There are no changes to these requirements, but schools are now required to report progress against the new English Years 0-6 and mathematics & statistics Years 0-8 learning areas.

The refreshed curriculum came into effect from 1 January 2025. The curriculum sets out the expectations for teaching, learning and assessment that underpin the national curriculum statements.

The Goodwood team welcomed these teaching statements and teaching consideration. English, in particular, was welcomed due to it aligning with much of our practice around the science of learning and teaching with a school-wide scope and sequence for literacy acquisition that is at least at your explorers curriculum level.

The Ministry acknowledges that the reporting to parents part of the implementation of the new curriculum is at the 'working on' stage. The Ministry released some DRAFT progress indicators early in May in relation to the year level students are at.

#### What is Goodwood doing?

At Goodwood we are teaching, learning and assessing against the refreshed curriculum so will be reporting against the refreshed curriculum.

#### What can I expect in the mid-year report?

This is a mid-year report - meaning teachers are making a judgement based on what your explorer has learned so far... it is interim.

#### The report will contain:

- An indication of where your explorer is tracking in relation to their year level
- A general comment showing what your explorer can do and next steps for literacy and maths
- Comments about other curriculum areas
- Indicators of dispositions towards learning
- Indicators of how tracking in other curriculum areas
- Show attendance

#### What are the DRAFT progress indicators?

The DRAFT progress indicators give a judgement against the year level your explorer is in. There are four indicators:

Needs support	Explorers: - Are not meeting expectations for their year level and need support to help them develop sufficient knowledge and skills (as described in the year-by-year teaching sequence) - Can complete tasks with significant guidance and assistance - Needs adjusted classroom practice, tailored responses, or additional learning support.
Progressing towards	Explorers: - Are progressing towards meeting expectations for year level - Can complete some tasks with guidance and assistance - Needs targeted support to increase the rate of progress
Proficient	<ul> <li>Explorers: <ul> <li>Are meeting expectations for their year level</li> <li>Can consistently complete tasks accurately and independently, and show they are continuing to develop sufficient knowledge and skills (as described in the year-by-year teaching sequence).</li> <li>Needs continued responsive learning experiences to allow for deeper exploration of the curriculum.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Exceeding	<ul> <li>Explorers:         <ul> <li>Are exceeding expectations for their year level</li> <li>Can consistently demonstrate an advanced understanding of concerns, knowledge and skills for their year level. This means they can clearly communicate their thinking, and transfer knowledge to a range situations.</li> <li>Needs extended learning and enrichment activities through the breadth and depth of the curriculum.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Matariki Breakfast

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 shortly to help prepare s'mores, sell s'mores and monitor firepits (short time slot during breakfast).

# GOODWOOD PRESENTS 2025 MATARIKI BREAKFAST

#### EVENT SCHEDULE:

6:30 STARGAZING, FIRES, HOT DRINKS

SPACE THROUGH VR

7:00 KARAKIA O MATARIKI

7:15 BREAKFAST (SERVED IN CLASSROOMS)

ROASTED S'MORES

8:30 KAPA HAKA
(IN SSCHOOL HALL)

8:45 -EXPLORERS TO CLASS

THURSDAY
19

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#### SUPERVISION

CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:15 MUST BE WITH A PARENT, OR BE IN BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

#### BRING YOUR OWN

PLATES, BOWLS, CUTLERY & NAPKINS LABELLED KEEP CUPS (WITH NAME & DRINK ORDER)

EXTRA KAI FOR EXTRA HOURS AS NEEDED

#### KOHA/DONATION

KOHA AT FIRST CLASSROOM FOR FOOD

KOHA FOR VR GOGGLES

COFFEE CARTS CASH / EFTPOS

# 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.

# Change of address

With the School Board elections coming up it is important that we have your correct address. If you have moved and have not let the school know your new address could you please do so in the next couple of weeks.

# John Parson - community evening



John works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology.

John was in Cambridge last week working with students, teachers and parents at several local schools.

John returns to Cambridge the week beginning Monday 16 June.

John will be working with Goodwood Year 3 - 6 explorers Wednesday 18 June.

Community hui - Wednesday 18 June - 7pm. Any parents within Cambridge are welcome to attend.

We strongly encourage you to come along!

John has published several books to support his work - which are available to loan from our whānau library (in office foyer). More about his books <u>HERE</u>

# Winter sports - credit/refund - for pizza lunch

Winter Sports was cancelled today for our year 5 and 6 explorers. Some explorers had ordered a pizza lunch. This is being refunded to our school.

We will credit ordered lunch monies to your Goodwood account. If you would prefer to have this refunded - email caitlin@goodwood.school.nz with your name and bank account details.

# Beyblades, tech decks and other personal toys...

Playtime in schools across the country and for many many years (even in our time as students) have managed the 'new wave craze' of toys. In fact some of us are seeing the second wave or comeback of 'new craze toys'.

At the moment beyblades and tech decks are popular items for our explorers.

We are working to support explorers in ways to manage these.

We do not encourage explorers to bring personal items to school. We say if you are doing that you need to have a korero/chat with the adults in your family to ensure you all understand that bringing personal items to school has a risk or loss or damage. We do have some school owned beyblades and tech decks that are in use and often associated with clubs.

We have also supported explorers to know that there is no trading of these items. Do remind your explorer of this. It is very difficult to work through the phases of trades when it ends in tears.

From time to time, explorers will be asked to leave their items at home. This is usually because they have been having disagreements or playing in a way that is unkind to others or they have had items out during learning time. Thank you for your support with this.

These are all learning opportunities for our explorers and most of the time - quite a bit of fun.

## Photolife Studio

Your explorer should have brought home a keycode with instructions for you to access their class, individual and sibling photos online. **FREE DELIVERY expires midnight Sunday 15th June 2025.** 

# **Head Lice**

Even with the colder weather we still have reports of head lice, make sure to check your child's hair regularly.

# Get to know the Goodwood Team

### We asked our wonderful teacher Shanekea Butler the following 10 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite pastime? Spending time at the beach with family and friends.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Dumplings.
- 3. What music do you like to listen to? Fleetwood Mac.
- 4. Are you a night owl or morning person? Night.
- Where is your dream destination? Croatia.
- 6. What season do you like best? Winter.
- 7. What is your 'go to' game? Monopoly.
- 8. What was your first Primary School? Firth Primary School, Matamata.
- 9. If you could have a superpower what would it be? To make myself invisible
- 10. What is your favourite book/movie? Top Gun.





# Good News Goodwood

Being a Goodwood explorer is a good life... learn all week with mates and play sport on the weekend with mates.

Last Saturday was another awesome morning of rugby.

Lots and lots of highlights - particular shout out to the year 5 explorer helping a year 1 explorer with some writing on the sideline. The year 1 asked how to spell - ing. The year 5 said - oh that's a vowel suffix and it's i-n-g.



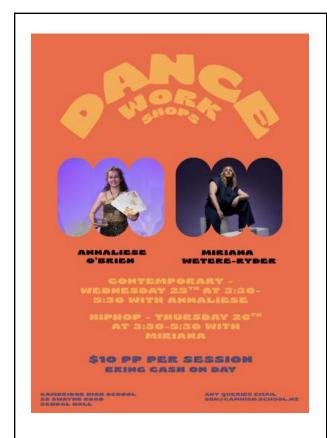




Last week was the first session Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti for 2025.

The kaupapa for this ropū is to share local knowledge within Te Ao Māori.

Thank you to Whaea Bailey for supporting our explorers. AND we do value our mini-bus sponsors - thank you.





We're offering two high-energy workshops led by professional dancers:

- Wednesday, 25th June Contemporary Workshop with Anneliese O'Brien
- Thursday, 26th June Hip-Hop Workshop with Miriana
- Cost: \$10 per student, per workshop
- Location: Cambridge High School- Dance room
- Workshops are open to all Cambridge schools

For more information Click here

Fletcher Adams and Kayley McMillan, two Te Miro MTB Club Members, are fundraising to race in Europe in five weeks. Fletcher is ranked 35th in the world, and Kayley is the current Oceania Champ.

For fundraising, Fletcher and Kayley are holding a skills clinic on July 5th from 10 am-1 pm at the Te Miro MTB Park. A group ride with Fletcher and Kayley will follow the clinic. It is open to all ages. Some skills that will be covered are cornering, race lines, drop-offs, and bunny hops.

#### Register here

The clinics are free, but Fletcher and Kayley would love a donation on their Give a Little Page:

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/europe-here-we-come

