

GOODWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



small school...
big on education

NEW MOTTO SAYS IT ALL

GOODWOOD Primary is a suburban school with about 100 students where everybody knows each other.

This year our Grade 6 girls group came up with a new motto for our school: "Little school... big on education".

We decided on this because we feel that as a small school we have something to offer that the big schools can't. We are one big happy family and can offer a more personalised education program for all students.

Teachers get to know all of the students and their families really well and can because of this better cater for each individual.

Older students are encouraged to work with younger students and this gives them the opportunity to develop leadership and improve their communication skills.

We have mediator training program at the beginning of the year to help us deal with any problems that occur. Senior students also run daily physical education lessons.

Grade 6 students wear special jackets to identify them as the school leaders. They also sit at the front of all assemblies to set an example to the other students. On the last day our leaving students are allowed to have a water fight which is great fun.

On October 16 the redeveloped Goodwood Primary School was officially opened by the Premier and Minister for Education, Mr David Bartlett. More than 150 special visitors attended.

Our buildings are new and each



PARACHUTE INTO LEARNING: Students enjoy a wide range of activities at Goodwood Primary School.

classroom is large and has a Smartboard. We have lots of space for students to play together and have a specially designed playground for students with a disability.

We have a new gym, a separate art room, large music room, a computer lab and plans are under way to build a resource centre that will have a big library and offices for tutoring and one on one work with students.

We have experienced staff in our school, including teachers who specialise in maths, German, IT, art, music, literac and special education.

We don't have a high turn over of staff because Goodwood is a great school to teach at.

Our school runs a breakfast club four mornings a week and we are grateful to everyone who helps out including parents, and to Woolworths for funding this program. Each day one quarter of the school population comes in for breakfast.

We have a focus on teaching students how to be responsible community members. This is done through weekly sessions where we get together to talk about things such as "Manners", "We can make a difference", "Respect this place", "Respect each other" and "Team-work".

We encourage positive behaviour by all of our students. Rewards are

given to those students who do the right thing and who model positive values. These include rewards days, discos, and special days such as school talent competitions and barbecues.

Values are displayed throughout the school and include Value Work, Respect People, Respect Property and Be Safe.

Our Grade 5/6 students take daily physical education lessons and help sort out any problems in the playground through our mediators program.

Some of our students are involved in a band.

Why is Goodwood a great school?



Andrew: We have a great playground with a lot to do.



Krystelle: Excellent teachers. We learn a lot of things.



Jeremy: Good friends, including the teachers.



Kate: We have lots of things to do.



Taylah: It is a little school with big buildings.



Brittany: It is easy to make friends.

STAFF and students at Goodwood Primary School have had many successes to report in 2009.

We have had fantastic success with our literacy and numeracy results this year — our results have put a smile on the teachers' faces. We also offer "Reading Recovery", "Bridges" and "Parents as tutors" to support the reading program.

● THE Grade 5/6 class was a finalist in the Crime Stoppers Competition based on the topic of Youth Violence. They produced a four-minute photo story with mu-

Successful students

sic. Each scene was story-boarded and the students did their own editing. Students attended an awards ceremony at the casino.

● GRADES 3-6 were involved in a German language poster competition. Grace Adams (Grade 5) received an honourable mention and Talia Foster came second in the Grade 3 competition. Grace also won a competition to design the

new logo for the Goodwood Community Centre.

● ANDREW Duffy and Bryce Plummer represented the school in the German speaking competition and did a great job.

● WE have strong connections with our local community centre and also help out at the Timsbury School. Some of our students supported the recent Special Sports

Day which involved more than 140 students with special needs. This was a fantastic day.

● STUDENTS have spent the year supporting the Hobart Cat Centre. They collected money, food and bedding for the cats and visited the centre to spend some time playing with the cats.

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