

Class of the Week

Room 16
with Mrs Phillips

Room 16 rocks!

Our class has been very busy....

Over this year.

Many of these things will be

shown at **Room 16's**

Assembly next week.

We have been:

doing art, maths, reading,
printing, kitchen chemistry, 100
laps, homework;

going to cross country, swimming, sports day;

making masks, elephant toothpaste, bird scarers;

having coaching in cricket, hockey, soccer;

being friends, buddies, playmates;

learning Māori, the values like Duty, everything!



■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 6

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 18 November, beginning at 2.00pm:

Luis (K1)	Tynan (K1)	Patrick (K2)	Meghna (K2)
Amelia (R3)	Husna (R4)	Red (R4)	Liam (R5)
Ngarewa (R5)	Lily (R22)	Aydin (R22)	Bella (R6)
Rebecca (R6)	Catalina (R7)	Tim (R7)	Evander (R9)
Lukas (R9)	Samuel (R10)	Roman (R10)	Leo (R11)
Vansh (R11)	Lucy (R12)	Ali (R12)	Poppy (R13)
Sunjeep (R13)	Abhishek (R16)	Issac (R17)	Beatrice (R17)
Sam (R18)	Alexsia (R18)	Kevin (M1A)	Asuncion (M1A)
Joseph (M1B)	Joseph (M1B)	Kirra (M2A)	Charlie (M2A)
Connor (M2B)			

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tue 15 Nov	Otago Athletics (postponement date Thursday 17 November)
Wed 16 Nov	Photo day - Sporting and cultural teams, Kindle classes, Room 4, Room 22
Fri 18 Nov	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall with R16 hosting
Mon 21 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Tue 22 Nov	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Wed 23 Nov	Strategic Plan Ideas Day 8.30am-7.30pm, Hall
	GSNS Māori Consultation meeting 6.30pm, Hall
Wed 30 Nov	GSNS Pasifika Consultation meeting 6.30pm, Te Puna Ako
Thu 8 Dec	Whole School Show at the Dunedin Town Hall, 7.00pm - All welcome
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Tue 31 Jan	First day of Term 1, 2017



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■ Learning Detectives 2016

Learning Detectives is the name given to a group of 21 Year 6 children who have been self/peer and teacher nominated as displaying leadership potential. During the year the Learning Detectives have paired up and have been assigned to one of the 21 classes at George Street Normal School. They visit classes to find out and share information. Following their visits, regular meetings are held with the Learning Detectives to discuss investigations and evaluate how well they carried out their duties.

In establishing the GSNS Learning Detectives, we wanted not only to develop leadership skills, but also to encourage all children in the school to have a voice. This year the children have participated in a variety of activities including organising our International Day, playground games at lunch time and games for the school discos. Recently they have been finding out what questions children in each class had about Japan so that they could share these with the children who went to Japan. They are about to canvas classes to see if the children have any ideas that could make our school an even better place to be as part of the development of a new strategic plan.

The success of the Learning Detectives programme is illustrated by the following reflections on how being a Learning Detective has been beneficial to our Year 6 children:

"It's helped me become a leader because I had to step up."

"It's helped me with my organisational skills."

"It's given me my own responsibility."

"It's helped me to talk to a large group loudly and clearly."

"It's helped me to look into other people's minds...work out the ideas of others."

"It's helped me work with someone out of my comfort zone."

Thank you and well done to the Learning Detectives for their contributions to our school this year.

Kind regards

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■ Welcome

Welcome to Mila (Kindle 1) and Timo (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome YuQian (R13), Sachi (R16) and Asuncion (M1A). Our current roll is 486.

■ Photo Day

Photos of our sporting and cultural teams, as well as our Kindle classes, Room 4 and Room 22, will be taken next Wednesday, 16 November. Coaches are invited to phone the school office to find out the time of their team photo and come along if possible.

■ GSNS Scholastic Book Club co-ordinator required

GSNS is looking for someone to take over the co-ordinator role for Scholastic Book Club orders for our school. This is a volunteer position which plays an important part in helping to purchase books for our school library. If you have cash handling/bank reconciliation skills, are physically fit and are interested in learning more about this role, please telephone the school office on 474 0825, or email office@georgestreet.school.nz including your name and contact number. Training is available.



GSNS Value of the Term — Duty

More "duty" advice from our children:

Do the right thing without being told; do the right thing even when no-one is looking; and do the right thing even when you are the only person doing that!



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2017 Class Structure

At a recent meeting of our Board of Trustees the following class structure for the start of 2017 was confirmed:

Junior Team	2 New Entrant Kindle classes
	2 Year 1-2 classes
Middle Team	3 Year 2-3 classes
	4 Year 3-4 classes
Senior Team	4 Year 5-6 classes
Models Team	2 Year 1-3 classes
	2 Year 4-6 classes

Children's placement in these classes will be confirmed on the End of Year Learning Summary Report that will arrive home on Friday 9 December.

■ Read-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who encouraged our children in their reading and supported the school through our recent Read-a-thon. A total of \$5,148.50 was raised which will be used to purchase further reading resources.

■ Science report

A copy of a report on science achievement at GSNS is available in the school office.

George Street Normal School Strategic Plan Ideas Day

Wednesday 23 November
School Hall

Parents, children and staff are welcome to visit our hall on **Wednesday 23 November between 8.30am and 7.30pm** to contribute to our strategic planning process. Ideas from our current strategic plan, as well as new ideas already provided, will be on display for your comment and further suggestions (sticky notes provided). In addition to providing an opportunity for informal visits during the day, everyone is welcome to join one of our consultation forums later on the same day in the hall:

3.30pm - 4.00pm Special Character
4.00pm - 4.30pm Property
4.30pm - 5.00pm Learning
6.30pm - 7.30pm Taha Māori

Please note that a Pasifika consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 November 6.30pm - 7.30pm in Te Puna Ako.**

Your ideas for George Street Normal School are welcome!