

George Street Normal School

Year 6 Graduation



Parents and friends of our Year 6 pupils are invited to our graduation evening on

Tuesday 13 December

This event will be held in the School Hall beginning at 7.00pm

All welcome

George Street Normal School Stationery Requirements 2017

Packs of classroom stationery are available from Office Max, 89 Great King Street by quoting George Street Normal School and your child's 2017 room number (this is printed on their report). Customer car parking is available at the rear of the building. Stock will be available in January. For parents/caregivers wishing to order stationery elsewhere, stationery lists will be available on our website www.georgestreet.school.nz in January.

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 10

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on **Wednesday 14 December**, beginning at 2.00pm:

Dhakshaa (K1)	Guy (K1)	Eniwumide (K2)	Julian (K2)
Fynley (R5)	Isaac (R5)	Neva (R6)	Darcie (R6)
Sam (R7)	Ruby (R7)	Toby (R9)	Alex (R9)
Hunter (R10)	Anaé (R10)	Emily (R11)	Talvin (R12)
Nada (R12)	Cameron (R13)	Georgie (R13)	Sachi (R16)
Ewan (R17)	Matthew (R17)	Sophie (R18)	Raabia (R18)
Esther (M1A)	Ashleigh (M1A)	Olive (M1B)	Emma (M1B)
Colin (M1B)	Ayano (M2A)	Lincoln (M2B)	Leyton (M2B)

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tonight	Whole School Show at the Dunedin Town Hall, 7.00pm - All welcome
Mon 12 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Tue 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 7.00pm, School Hall
Wed 14 Dec	Final Whole School Assembly for 2016 at 2.00pm, School Hall
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Tue 31 Jan	First day of Term 1, 2017



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George Street Normal School
Presents

There's No Place I'd Rather Be

2016 Whole School Show

Dunedin Town Hall

TONIGHT
(Thursday 8 December)
7.00pm



No tickets required - Donation at the door

■ Reports come home tomorrow

We will be issuing our 2016 Summary Reports for all children at George Street Normal School tomorrow. Teachers have carefully compiled this extensive overview of achievement and effort in 12 learning areas and five aspects of character development. A total of 29 judgements of performance per pupil have been measured against the GSNS benchmarks of well above (WA), above (A), meeting (M), below (B) or well below (WB) expectation. In addition we have also provided comments, achievement levels and effort in the National Standards subjects of reading, writing and mathematics with recommended next learning steps.

When reading your child's 2016 Summary Report please note the following:

- ✓ The New Zealand National Standards set clear expectations that students need to meet in reading, writing and mathematics in the first eight years at school. The standards, which describe reference points or signposts of achievement at each year level, are what our children have been assessed against and are available at the school office or can be found at www.nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards
- ✓ To work out where each child is at, teachers have made an overall teacher judgement using their knowledge of each student. A range of evidence is used that includes classroom work, talking about learning with students, children's assessment of their own and each others' work and results from formal tests.
- ✓ Having met (M) expectation or better should be regarded as a success
- ✓ Next year's room number, teacher and year level for your child.

You may wish to take a few moments to sit down with your child and positively discuss the



GSNS Value of the Term — Duty

Thank you to all our children who have participated in our end of year show with kindness, cooperation, perserverance and confidence. Well Done!



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #21



George Street Normal School
Terms and Holidays
2017

Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

Holidays

Waitangi Day	Monday 6 February
Otago Anniversary Day	Monday 20 March
Queen's Birthday	Monday 5 June
Labour Day	Monday 23 October

Good Friday (14 April), Easter Monday (17 April), Easter Tuesday (18 April), ANZAC Day (Tuesday 25 April) occur in school holidays.

Learning Summary and Learning Commitments signed up earlier this year. Well done to our children and teachers who have worked so well to achieve these pleasing results.

Kind regards

Rod Galloway (Principal)
rod@georgestreet.school.nz

■ Welcome

Welcome to Lincoln (M2B) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Isabel (R13). Our current roll is 490.

■ Staffing news

We would like to thank five staff members who will be farewelled next week: Teachers Mrs Chhin and Mrs Wong are on leave next year, Mrs Karen Phillips has won another teaching position and teacher aide, Mrs Penny Martin, is retiring. Mrs Rodriguez is also retiring next week. In addition to her role as a senior teacher in Model 1A for the last 18 years, Mrs Rodriguez has made a significant contribution to school sport (in particular our miniball teams) and the Year 6 camp. Thank you, Chris!

We welcome Mrs Bronwyn Macgregor (Room 5), Mrs Tania Bretz (afternoon teacher in Room 18), Mr Richard Duffy (Room 13) and Mr Zac Ford (M1A) to our school for 2017. We also send our best wishes to Miss Potter (Room 3) who will become Mrs McKenzie following her wedding in the holidays

■ School donations

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have paid their school donation for 2016. If you haven't already done so and would like to, payments can be made to the school office or directly to our school bank account (BNZ 02 0912 0320963 001). Thank you!