

Class of the Week

Room 16
with Mrs Phillips



In Room 16 we have already been very busy and we are getting to know each other. We want to make good friends in our classroom. We know that to have many friends you have to be a good friend to others. We are learning a song and some poems about friendship. Come to Assembly next Friday and learn about friends.

■ Lunch reminders

Children are expected to sit quietly and eat lunch in our supervised areas between 12.30pm and 12.45pm. While most children bring a packed lunch from home, a price list for bought lunches is available from the Willowbank Dairy (lunches are available for junior classes on Mondays only; senior pupils may make their own orders at the dairy before school on any day). All Willowbank Dairy named lunches are delivered to school at 12.30pm. Pita Pit lunch orders are available on Wednesdays only and are delivered to school by 12.30pm (orders need to be made online at www.lunchonline.co.nz).

■ Saturday Morning Music Classes

The enrolment day for Saturday Morning Music Classes at George Street Normal School for 2017 is Saturday 11 February, 9.30am-11.30am. If you have any queries, please contact the co-ordinator on 477 2296 or visit the website www.smmcotago.com

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 6 Feb	Waitangi Day - School closed
Fri 10 Feb	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall - Room 16 hosting
Mon 13 Feb	Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom - All welcome
Thu 16 Feb	Meet the Teacher evening 7.15pm, School Hall / 7.45pm Classrooms
Tue 28 Feb	Year 6 Camp / Year 5 Adventure Week begins
Mon 20 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day - School closed



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GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

**“MEET THE TEACHER”
Information Evening****Thursday 16 February****7.15pm School Hall****7.45pm Classrooms****Parking available in the school grounds**■ **Welcome Back**

The new school year has commenced! We've had a busy and enjoyable few days settling back into the routines and expectations of school life and at last the Dunedin summer may have arrived! A special welcome to our 48 new children and two new teachers – Mr Ford (M1A) and Mr Duffy (R13). We also congratulate Mrs Mackenzie (Miss Potter) and Mr Ford on their recent marriages. Well done to all our students who have made happy transitions to new classes and made new friends.

At our first assembly we reminded children about the importance of the value of the term, responsibility. Our examples of being responsible included: bringing a sunhat to school every day this term, remembering the plan for pick-up after school, naming clothing (especially items removed on hot days), and taking responsibility for your own learning in class. Being accountable and trusted to do the right thing are key ideas we will promote in the school through this focus on responsibility. As with all our school values, parents may wish to adopt and reinforce this “value of the term” at home, looking to help children grow in their independence and character in a variety of settings. “How are you showing responsibility” is a question we will ask children many times this term.

To all our new and existing children, staff and families - haere mai tou kura - welcome to your school. We look forward to a happy and successful year.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

**School will be closed on
Monday 6 February
(Waitangi Day)**

■ **Rippa rugby**

Permission slips for children wishing to play rippa rugby need to be returned to the school office by **tomorrow, Friday 3 February**.

**GSNS Value of the Term — Responsibility**

This term we will be encouraging children to demonstrate a willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for their own conduct and behaviour.

**A Parent's Guide to GSNS #1****Meet your child's teacher**

We warmly invite parents to our 2017 “Meet the Teacher” information evening being held on Thursday 16 February. This is our first formal opportunity to introduce parents to their child's teacher and the classroom programme for the year. After an informal meeting and greeting time in our school hall from 7.15pm onwards, an introduction to the following classroom teaching teams is planned:

Junior Team led by Mrs Dakers with Mrs France, Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Macgregor.

Middle Team led by Mrs McCulley with Mrs King, Mrs L Spencer, Mrs Wood, Ms Harper, Mrs Phillips, Ms Dunn, Mrs Bretz and Mr Tamblyn.

Senior Team led by Mr Mulholland with Mrs Yeoman, Mrs Gardner, Ms Hunt and Mr Duffy.

Models 1A and 1B with Mr Ford and Ms Nicolau.

Models 2A and 2B with Ms C Spencer and Mrs Henderson.

Parents will then be invited to attend class-specific presentations which will be repeated at 8.15pm to allow parents with more than one child at school to visit two classrooms.

The staff at George Street Normal School look forward to sharing with you the plans we have in place to help your child succeed in 2017.



Welcome to Lilly, Lucy, Keira, Aadya, Gloria, Molly, Zhiqing, Josiah (Kindle 1), and Ruby, Mackenzie, Margot, Persia and Perry (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time this week. We also welcome Austin, Mina (R3), Teina (R5), Sophia (R6), Charlie, Coco (R7), Cody (R8), Adrian, Anna, Tom (R9), Asma (R10), Jai, Kezia (R11), Theo (R12), Ahmed, Ibrahim, Maanveer (R16), Layton (R18), Isaac (R17), Harriet, Imogen, Jason (M1A), Viola, Karin, Saranya, Jasmeethaa (M1B), Alexander, Ryan, Tommy, Leena, Riley (M2A), Olivia, Ruby, Betty and Dora (M2B). Our current roll is 447.

■ **Futsal**

Permission slips for children wishing to play futsal need to be returned to the school office with payment by **Tuesday 7 February**.

■ **Scholastic book orders**

Orders for Scholastic books close on **Thursday 16 February**.

■ **PTA invitation**

The George Street Normal School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents and teachers who support our school. We are always looking for new members and welcome all our families and the new ideas that they bring. Why not attend our first meeting of the year - **Monday 13 February** - in our school staffroom beginning at 7.30pm? Come up the steps leading to the hall and along the veranda to the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!