

Class of the Week

Room 5 with Ms Macgregor

The children in Room 5 have made a positive and enthusiastic start to the year. They are enjoying making new friendships and absorbing as much learning as they can. The children have especially enjoyed swimming and are looking forward to their Art Gallery trip next week. Room 5 is a group of 19 Year 1 and 2 children. If you want to catch up with what Room 5 is doing, you can check out our blog: gsnsr05.blogspot.co.nz



Please come and enjoy Room 5's assembly next Friday which will highlight aspects of their learning over the last six weeks.

■ 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 10 March beginning at 2.00pm:

Josiah (K1)	Zhiqing (K1)	Eniwumide (K2)	Julian (K2)
Harper (R3)	Reagan (R3)	Teina (R5)	Meghna (R5)
Anna (R9)	Evie (R10)	Luca (R10)	Jai (R11)
Isla (R11)	Alexis (R12)	Amanda (R12)	Lillie (R16)
Ahmed (R16)	Carlin (R17)	Amber (R17)	Adam (R18)
Emma (R18)	Jude (M1B)	Saranya (M1B)	Olina (M2B)

GSNS Board of Trustees - Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the George Street Normal School Board of Trustees for an elected Parent Representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to: Maree McDonald, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, George Street Normal School, 989 George Street, Dunedin 9016 by Monday 3 April 2017.

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 10 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with Room 5 presenting
Mon 13 Mar	Fair meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Tue 14 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Wed 15 Mar	Learning Commitment Interviews
Thu 16 Mar	Learning Commitment Interviews
Mon 20 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day - School closed



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■ School outside the classroom

Many of our children are participating in educational activities out of the school this week. Year 6 children are at Camp Iona near Herbert, experiencing hut-building, abseiling, archery, a search and rescue simulation exercise, yachting and outdoor cooking. Our Year 5 children are also having a wonderful week. Their programme is Dunedin-based and activities include a first aid course, orienteering, rock-climbing and a water safety programme at Moana pool.

Swimming instruction has been another feature of our programme over the past four weeks. Now that the senior and junior children have completed the series of eight lessons, children from the middle team are in the pool every day.

All of these programmes are designed to fulfil some of the objectives of the New Zealand Curriculum, enabling our children to apply classroom learning to real life situations. Education outside of the classroom encourages children to accept challenges, obey safety rules and develop their social and co-operative skills. Thanks to our teachers for providing these opportunities that involve added responsibility and workload, as well as our college teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and many parents for their practical assistance in ensuring successful outcomes.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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■ Welcome

Welcome to Kendyl (Kindle 1), Samantha and Nina (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Kymarni (Kindle 2) and Darcy (MIB). Our current roll is 450.

■ Mumps (advice from the Ministry of Education/Ministry of Health)

In the past five months there has been an increase in cases of mumps in New Zealand. Most of the cases have been in the North Island and are being appropriately managed, and spread has been limited at this stage. However, there is an increased risk of further outbreaks, particularly given the start of the school year.

Taking action before a mumps outbreak can minimise the impact and spread of the illness. The best prevention against mumps is immunisation with two doses of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR). Vaccination is free. A child attending school while they are infectious with mumps (one week before swelling of the salivary gland(s) appears, until five days after) is very likely to spread the disease to other students and teachers who are not immune. If you or your child/ren are not immunised, your immunisations are not up-to-date, or you are not sure, check with your family doctor.



GSNS Value of the Term — Responsibility

Well done to all our children who have been acting responsibly while out of the school. We have seen many children following instructions, helping others and showing leadership.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #3



If you have a concern...

We know that most children have made an excellent start to the year. We also know that from time to time parents have a concern about an aspect of our school or the progress of their child. If the matter involves the classroom programme or a teacher, parents are invited to write a note, or send an email to that teacher, with a view to making a time to discuss the concern. The staff member may not be able to talk to you when you approach them so it is best to make a time when you are both free. We ask parents to be aware that:

- The first person you should see regarding a concern or complaint is the teacher closest to the issue.
- If you have a complaint regarding another child, you must approach the school, not that child or that child's parent.
- Our school has an open door policy. We will only know of your concern or complaint if you tell us. We value open communication and prefer that you come and talk through a problem rather than discuss it in the community. If deemed necessary, a concerns form can be downloaded from our website.
- A copy of our Concerns Procedure is available from the school office.

It is our job to be fair and listen to your concerns and this involves your support as well. Our senior leadership team is available to discuss any concern or complaint that has not been solved by any of the points mentioned above.

■ School photos

Order forms for our 2017 school photos have been issued. Orders should be returned to the school office by **Wednesday 8 March**, with cheques made payable to **Heritage Productions Ltd.**

■ School Charter

The George Street Normal School Charter has been updated and can be viewed at the school office.

Enrolment Information Term Three and Four 2017

The Board of Trustees invites new applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at GSNS between Saturday 22 July and Friday 15 December 2017. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office and school website www.georgestreet.school.nz

A number of places are likely to be available for out of zone students during the second half of this year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. Application forms are available from the school office or school website and should be forwarded to the school office by

3.00pm, Thursday 23 March 2017.