

## Class of the Week

**Room 17  
with Mr Tamblyn**



In Room 17 you will find 24 awesome, hardworking, kind and caring Year 2/3 children. Our classroom is full of colour and interesting things to look at. There are 14 girls and 10 boys in our class.

Our favourite whakatauki is "kia u ki te pai" which means, stick to what is good.

In class we enjoy using our imaginations in writing, being active, reading, doing maths

and creating art. We really enjoyed our trip to the art gallery and swimming this term. At home we are dancers, footballers, musicians and we especially love playing.

We hope that you will all come along to watch us on stage next week at assembly.

### ■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 8

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 24 March beginning at 2.00pm:

Nyxie (K1)	Tynan (K1)	Persharr-Roze (K2)	Kymarni (K2)
Lewis (R3)	Mina (R3)	Noa (R5)	Emery (R5)
Tane (R6)	Mark (R6)	Coco (R7)	Manuella (R7)
Aisha (R8)	Harrison (R8)	Eyimofe (R9)	Romaisa (R10)
Riri (R10)	Emily (R11)	Alexsia (R11)	Elise (R12)
Harry (R12)	Sissi (R13)	Bella (R16)	Ariana (R17)
Willem (R17)	Layton (R18)	Emma (R18)	Alaska (M1A)
Imogen (M1A)	Mazen (M1A)	Jason (M1A)	Rivka (M1B)
Joshua (M1B)	Rayaan (M2A)	Tommy (M2A)	Camila (M2B)
Olivia (M2B)			

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 20 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day - School closed
Thu 23 Mar	Enrolment applications for Term 3 and 4, 2017 close at 3.00pm
Fri 24 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with Room 17 presenting
Fri 31 Mar	School Disco
Tue 11 Apr	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Thu 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Fri 14 Apr	Good Friday - School closed
Mon 1 May	First day of Term 2



## NEWSLETTER



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### ■ Mobilising your child's strengths

Over the past few weeks we have been asking parents and teachers to help children consider their learning goals for this year recorded on a 'Learning Commitment' form. By the end of our parent interviews tonight, we are hoping that every signed Learning Commitment will include the nomination of some of each child's strengths and at least two goals.

We have described strength categories as what children do (action strengths), the way children relate to others (character strengths) and how children make meaning from information (thinking strengths) that make them feel excited, energised and their true self. Every child has strengths, every child should be encouraged to apply their strengths at school and at home and every child should be able to recognise and validate the strengths of others. In brief, our strengths philosophy is to acknowledge where children succeed, feel happy with who they are and can maximise their strengths to benefit learning and well-being.

Of course there is still a place for managing and addressing areas where children struggle. Our Learning Commitment contracts also provide opportunities for targeting aspects of children's development that are of concern. Not surprisingly, when children discover their strengths, they are more willing to confront aspects of their lives they find difficult. In a sense they begin to see their learning through a lens of what they can do rather than what they can't do. We want the confidence and engagement that children develop in areas of strength to become transferable learning dispositions. By the time children leave our school we want them to know more about their strengths than anyone else and, in keeping with our school vision, be proud of who they are.

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

### REMINDERS

- School will be closed on Monday 20 March, Otago Anniversary Day.
- Early Bird Georgies (before school care) now opens at 7.30am.

### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Natasha (Kindle 1), Catherine and Chenran (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Rayyed (R6). Our current roll is 451.



## Fair 2017

If you missed the Fair meeting on Monday and would like to help, please contact Anne Robertson (email: anne@georgestreet.school.nz) or pop in and find out how you can help. We especially need people who can deliver letters to businesses over the holiday break.

The profits from this year's Fair will go towards the continuing development of our playground equipment.



## GSNS Value of the Term — Responsibility

All children should now have a strengths-based goal written on their 'Learning Commitment' form. We want children to take responsibility for growing at least one of their strengths from good to great!



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #4



## The Requested Donation

Thank you to all parents who have paid our requested donation (\$100.00 per child or \$180.00 per family for the year) for 2017 which helps to fund additional educational activities at GSNS this year. If you have not already made a payment, please note the following:

- the requested amount is payable now, however this may be broken into \$25 per term;
- a receipt will be issued for tax purposes;
- payment may be made at the school office or by direct credit to our school bank account 02-0912-0320963-001. Please include your child's name and the word "donation" in the details;
- statement reminders will be sent home this week.

Thank you!



## Georgies Holiday Activity Programme



Mac and the Georgies team have another

exciting programme planned for the April school holidays.

Registration forms are now available and an outline of the daily activities will be available soon. Enrolments together with payment for whole or part days should be handed in to the school office by **Friday 7 April**.

Limited places. WINZ subsidies available.

### ■ International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Each year we enter children into the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) exams. Parents should note that these tests are very competitive and could be seen as an extension activity for able children. The tests are open to children at Years 4, 5 and 6 only. Writing, English (Reading), Spelling, Science, Mathematics and Digital Technologies tests will be offered this year. Tests cost \$8.50 each, except for Writing which is \$19.50 and Spelling which is \$10.50. All money should be handed to the class teacher in an envelope marked with the child's name, year level, classroom and test name. The closing date for entries is **Friday 31 March**. Please contact Mrs Stanton if you have further questions (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).

### ICAS exam timetable:

Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 May
Science	Tuesday 30 May
Writing	Monday 12 June
Spelling	Wednesday 14 June
English	Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics	Tuesday 15 August

## George Street Normal School PTA



# DISCO



**Friday 31 March  
School Hall**

**Admission \$3.00 payable at  
the door**

Juniors (Y1-3) 6.00pm-7.00pm  
Seniors (Y4-6) 7.15pm-8.15pm

GSNS pupils only please  
Drinks, food and glow toys for sale  
Coffee and cake for parents in  
the staffroom