

Class of the Week

Room 9 with Mrs Wood

Breaking news! Room 9 will present their assembly on Friday the 7th of April.

We are an energetic and enthusiastic group of 27 Year 3 and 4 children who have had a very busy start to the year.

Our class blog <http://2017room9.blogspot.co.nz> outlines some of the interesting things that we have been doing throughout the term. Come along to our assembly next Friday to see more of the exciting news from our classroom. We look forward to seeing you there.



■ 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 Friday 7 April beginning at 2.00pm:

Luis (K1)	Josiah (K1)	Margot (K2)	Perry (K2)
Thomas (R3)	Ziggy (R3)	Dhakshaa (R5)	Thomas (R5)
Elijah (R6)	Vance (R6)	Archie (R7)	Gabe (R7)
Amelia (R8)	Tram (R8)	Manaia (R13)	Lexi (R9)
Grace (R10)	Noah (R10)	Alden (R11)	Talvin (R11)
Huiseong (R12)	Salote (R12)	Sophie (R16)	Noah (R16)
Maple (R17)	James (R17)	Liam (R18)	Ridima (R18)
Leon (M1A)	Olive (M1A)	Darcy (M1B)	Joseph (M1B)
Sophia (M2A)	Anyia (M2A)	Lilly (M2B)	Thomas (M2B)

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 31 Mar	School Disco
Fri 7 Apr	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with Room 9 presenting
Tue 11 Apr	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Thu 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1 - Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall
Fri 14 Apr	Good Friday - School closed
Mon 1 May	First day of Term 2



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■ Teaching children to be responsible

There have been many occasions over the past few weeks when children have been observed demonstrating our “value of the term”. The question, “How can I be responsible?” has been discussed, modeled and practiced in every classroom, in our playground and even in the community. Well done to the children who have been responsible by:

- returning library books and sports equipment on time
- bringing in their own clothing from the playground
- keeping the school rubbish-free
- leaving classrooms neat and tidy at the end of the day
- carrying iPads and laptops correctly around the school
- helping younger children in the playground.

Perhaps one of the most important ways children can practise this character trait, is to take responsibility for their own learning. According to the New Zealand Curriculum, the Key Competency ‘Managing Self’ is associated with self-motivation, a “can-do” attitude and children having high personal standards. We want every child at George Street Normal School to take the responsibility for developing their strengths, accepting challenges, engaging fully in learning and making sensible choices.

Our focus on ‘responsibility’ has not been to simply clarify meaning through a class discussion. Responsible children at our school are those who are growing in their maturity to take charge of themselves and their conduct, who *own* their actions and *answer* for them. When the combined example and expectations of parents and teachers are clear and consistent, our children are more likely to make responsible choices, both now and in the future.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

Our last day of Term 1 is
Thursday 13 April

■ Otago Primary School Swimming Championships

Well done to the George Street Normal School children who competed in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships which were held on Saturday. In particular, congratulations go to: Clara (1st - Girls Age 10 years Backstroke; 2nd - Girls Age 10 years Freestyle; 3rd - Girls Age 10 years and under Breaststroke); Eva (2nd - Girls Age 10 years and under Breaststroke); Maia (3rd - Girls Age 10 years Backstroke; 4th - Girls Age 10 years Freestyle); Maia, Eva, Ellice and Clara (3rd - Mixed 10 year olds Freestyle Relay).

■ International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

The closing date for ICAS entries is **tomorrow**, Friday 31 March. All money should be handed to your child’s class teacher in an envelope marked with your child’s name, year level, classroom and test name.



GSNS Value of the Term — Responsibility

Responsibility advice from our 5 year olds: “Push in your chair”, “Pick up your toys”, “Put your rubbish in the bin”, “Put things away once you’ve used them”.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #5



Absences, lateness and leaving school early

If your child is absent or going to be late, please contact the school and **let us know, tell us why**, and **when you expect them to attend or return to school**. This can be done in a range of ways:

- phone the school (474 0825) and follow the instructions to leave a message on our absence line
- email your child’s teacher
- use our School App.

If children on the senior side arrive late to school, they must fill in the late book held in the school office. Children in the junior team who arrive late should be taken to their class and the school office notified. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please make sure the classroom teacher is told about this. Knowing that your child is safe on any given day is our first and most important priority. Parents are reminded that other than medical reasons, family bereavement or school closure, children should be at school. We are required to follow-up patterns of unjustified absences if we don’t know why your child is absent or there is an unacceptable number of absences. In addition to letting us know your child will be away and why, we also ask that contact be made with your child’s teacher if the absence is for more than three days. Thank you for your co-operation.



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme



Mac and the Georgies team have another exciting programme planned for the April school holidays. Registration forms and an outline of the daily activities are now available. 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.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Hooria (Kindle 1), Austin (Kindle 2) and Jasper (MIB) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Huiseong (R12). Our current roll is 455.

■ Entertainment book

We are again selling the Entertainment book and it will be sent home with children on Wednesday 12 April for you to peruse over the holidays. Please return the book (with or without your order) when your child comes back to school in Term 2. If you do not wish to receive a book please contact Mrs Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz).

Many people have already ordered online and have received extra early bird vouchers. To order your book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: **www.entbook.co.nz/2601n29**

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