

## George Street Normal School

### Terms and Holidays for the remainder of 2017

#### Term Dates

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

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.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Seeking a host family:** Kia ora. My name is Anna, I am 23 years old and I am from Germany. I am planning to do an internship at George Street Normal School in term 4 this year. I am in my final semester doing my bachelor to become a primary school teacher. To improve my English and to get to know New Zealand's culture and everyday life, I am hoping to find a host family for about three months starting in the beginning of October. If you are able to help, or if you have any further questions, please contact me (anna.neu@uni-muenster.de) or Leanne Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).

**Dunedin Junior Rugby Club:** There is still room for more players in all grades, but especially in the under 7 and under 11 grades. New players are welcome. If you are keen to play, please contact junior club president, Chris McLaughlan on 027 416 6385 or email pulseplumber@gmail.com

**Northern Galaxy School Holiday Football Academy:** Join the Northern Galaxy for a fun football experience. Galaxy players have planned skills, drills, warm-ups and games to improve your game. Suitable for children aged 6-12 years. To be held from 26-28 April at Chingford Park, North East Valley. For further information or to register, please phone 021 982 216, email andrew@kidzinc.co.nz or visit www.kidzinc.co.nz

#### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 14 Apr	Good Friday - School closed
Mon 1 May	First day of Term 2
Tue 16 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



## NEWSLETTER



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### ■ Term one is done!

The first school term for 2017 has finished. Over the past 11 weeks we've established the routines of daily literacy and numeracy teaching and learning, met with parents twice, signed up learning commitment contracts for most children, organised a whole school swimming programme and had a number of excursions out of the school including a wonderful week of outdoor activities for our 159 year 5 and 6 children.

At the beginning of this term I asked teachers to promote the importance of noticing what's happening around our school. "Taking notice" is one of the five ways to well-being promoted by the Mental Health Foundation and over the past weeks children have been encouraged to find simple things that make them happy. Noticing the warm autumn days, noticing if someone is feeling sad and helping them, and noticing any of the 67 new children that have begun this term and showing them friendship, are all examples of how we can find joy in the little things, both as a giver and a receiver.

We have valued the support of many parents this term. Thanks to the teachers and parents who have once again coached and managed our sports teams this term. GSNS flippaball, T-ball, futsal, rippa rugby, swimming and rugby league teams have all had excellent results. A special thanks to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who organised a successful disco a few weeks ago and are currently selling Entertainment books. Thanks also to our fair committee who are already well on the way to planning an awesome community event on **Saturday 16 September**. On behalf of the staff I do wish all our families a happy and restful break from school.

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

### REMINDER

Our last day of Term 1 is  
**today, Thursday 13 April**

### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Ben (R16), Ken (R10) and Nana (M1B) who began at our school recently. Our current roll is 457.

### ■ Staffing news

Welcome to new teachers Miss Rachel Barker (R11), Mr Jeremy Morgan (R4), Mrs Jo Brooks (Literacy and Numeracy across the school) and teacher aide Mrs Christine Sarkies. Best wishes to Mrs McCulley for her maternity leave which begins next term.



## GSNS Value of the Term — Responsibility

We encourage children to be **responsible** for their strengths. Teachers and parents can help, but we want children, themselves, to have a strengths mindset. This means knowing what some of their strengths are, knowing that their strengths change, applying their strengths in new situations, and knowing the importance of building on their strengths (see [www.georgestreet.school.nz/what-is-strengths-based-learning](http://www.georgestreet.school.nz/what-is-strengths-based-learning)). How will your child use their strengths during the school holidays?



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #6



## GSNS App

The George Street Normal School app is our preferred method of communicating with parents/caregivers in the event of an emergency. The app is free and can be installed by searching for George Street Normal School in any of the following: the Apple App Store (for iPhones and iPads running iOS 8.1 or better); the Google Play Store for android devices (phones must be running at least version 4 system software. You must also have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app); the Windows Store (for Windows 8.1 phone or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices. In the Windows Store you will need to search for "Skoolbag", install the Skoolbag app and then search for George Street Normal School).

If you do not have access to the GSNS app, please contact the school office next term advising of a preferred telephone number on which you could receive a text message in the event of emergency.

### ■ Entertainment book

The Entertainment book has been sent home with children this week 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 have any queries, please contact Mrs Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz).

