

Class of the Week

Room 12
with Ms Harper



Kindness and Mums ... two words that go hand in hand.

During Term 2 our school value is kindness. It also happens to be "Mother's Day" later this month, a day to celebrate our mothers and all that they bring into our lives. Room 12 have been investigating both these ideas and would like to share our learning with you. See you at Assembly next Friday. We might even have a challenge for you!

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 2

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 12 May beginning at 2.00pm:

Molly (K1)	Keira (K1)	Mackenzie (K2)	Samantha (K2)
Kendyl (K2)	Carter (R3)	Bella (R5)	Thomas (R5)
Kate (R6)	Georgie (R6)	Hadi (R7)	Eva (R7)
Connor (R8)	Lola (R8)	Bhavya (R13)	Lexi (R9)
Annabelle (R10)	Alexander (R10)	Liam (R11)	Danielle (R11)
Teane (R12)	Roman (R12)	Maanveer (R16)	Ngarewa (R17)
Jack (R17)	James (R18)	Hazel (R18)	Joshua (M1A)
Crawford (M1A)	Jasmeethaa (M1B)	Sebastian (M1B)	Noah (M2A)
Alex (M2A)	Max (M2B)		

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 12 May	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall, R12 hosting - all welcome
Tue 16 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Wed 17 May	Fair meeting at 7.30pm, Staffroom
Mon 5 Jun	Queen's Birthday - school closed
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



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Welcome to Term 2

Each year the Ministry of Education requires every New Zealand school to submit a charter that outlines updated plans for children's progress and achievement. Our 2017 Charter includes a new strategic plan which includes many items that were raised as part of our consultation with parents, children and staff late last year. Over the next three years our strategic aims are to:

1. Celebrate the unique characteristics of George Street Normal School with a focus on strengths-based approaches and character education:

- Continue to implement strengths-based learning and teaching approaches
- Continue to actively teach and demonstrate our school values and implement comprehensive character education integral to our school ethos
- Promote multicultural support for, and enhance relationships with, the wide range of nationalities, ethnicities and communities represented in the school
- Update and streamline the accessibility of information and signage around GSNS.

2. Ensure high quality teaching and learning outcomes:

- Support and further improve achievement of Māori students
- Support and further improve achievement of Pasifika students
- Improve all student achievement by recognising, providing for and enhancing learning opportunities throughout the school.

3. Continue to improve the physical assets of GSNS to ensure high quality educational outcomes, safety and the attractiveness of the school environment:

- Investigate the provision of innovative environment(s) in the junior team
- Ensure Te Puna Ako is fully utilised to realise its potential
- Continue to enhance all playground environments
- Ensure the safety and sanitary requirements of all buildings are met
- Continue to advocate for a safe and cost-effective solution for connecting the two sides of the school
- Regularly prioritise maintenance projects
- Ensure the continued success of Georgies (out-of-school-care) programmes.

Each of these aims has a set of annual objectives outlined in the Charter which is now available at the school office. Thanks to everyone who contributed ideas for the ongoing success of our school and, in particular, our Board of Trustees and Chairperson Maree McDonald for creating a document that is inclusive, progressive and confirming.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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GSNS PTA Meeting

Monday 8 May

7.30pm

Staffroom

(along the deck from the hall)

Special presentation about
Google Apps for Education (G Suite)
by senior class teachers

All welcome

GSNS Value of the Term — Kindness

At George Street Normal School this term we will be asking children to consider and practise kindness as a willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #1



Term 2 is full of activity at GSNS. Children and parents are reminded of the following practice times:

Miniball	Four teams (Yr 2-6)	Thursday	12.30pm-1.15pm	Miniball Court or Hall
Netball	Flames (Yr 5)	Tuesday	1.00pm	Netball court
	Kikorangi (Yr 5/6)	Tuesday	1.00pm	Netball court
	Kowhai (Yr 5/6)	Tuesday	1.00pm	Netball court
	GSNS (Yr 1/2)	Monday	Game after school	Kaikorai School
	Blue/Gold (Yr 3/4)	Tuesday	Game after school	Edgar Centre
Hockey	Bolts (Yr 3/4)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
	Sticks (Yr 5/6)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
	Thunder (Yr 5/6)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
	Strikers (Yr 5/6)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
Soccer	Nike, Adidas, Puma	Thursday	12.30pm	Gardens ground
Guitar	Yr 2-6	Wednesday	12.30pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Guitar	Juniors	Wednesday	1.00pm	Room 5A
Ukulele	Beginners (Yr 2-4)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Room 10
Ukulele	Jam (Yr 4-6)	Monday	12.30pm	Room 10
Choir	- Yr 1/2	Friday	12.30pm	Kindle 1
Choir	- Yr 2-4	Monday	2.15pm	Room 10
Choir	- Yr 5/6	Alternate Fridays	1.30pm	Hall
Kapa Haka	(Yr 5/6)	Thursday	2.15pm-3.00pm	Hall
Pasifika	(Yr 5/6)	Thursday	1.30pm-2.15pm	Hall
Scrabble	(Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Chess	(Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Drums	(Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Hall
Programming	(Yr 2-6)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Philosophy	(Yr 2-6)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Room 7
Science Club	(Yr 2-4)	Thursday	12.30pm	Room 18
Construction Club	(Yr 1/2)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Room 4
Scooter Club	(Yr 1/2)	Thursday	1.00pm	Junior courts
Aerobics	(Yr 5/6)	Thursday	12.30pm	Room 12
Piano		As arranged with Mrs Officer or Mrs Martin		
Assembly Band		Assembly Fridays	12.30pm	Hall
Jazz Band		Wednesday	8.00am-9.00am	Hall
Enviro Kids		non-Assembly Fridays	12.45pm	Outside school office
Speech and Drama		As arranged with Mrs Hibbert		
French Beginners	(Yr 2-6)	Tuesday and Friday	12.30pm	Learning Hub
Trumpet		Wednesday	3.30pm	Room 8A

Welcome

Welcome to Thea, Jeremy, Sofia, Toby, Rosalee, Vivienne (Kindle 1), Tarn and Luka (M2B) who began school for the first time this week. Our current roll is 459.

Entertainment books

All Entertainment book orders and unwanted books are due back at school tomorrow, **Friday 5 May**. If you have not yet completed your order, we encourage you to make online payments, credit or cash. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz). Thank you for supporting this fundraising venture for our school.