

Class of the Week

Room 6 with Mrs Gardner



Room 6 is a great class, you can find us in the sunshine beside the senior deck. We are a class of 30 Year 5s and Year 6s with many strengths. We have started our term with a great novel, lots of poetry and next week we are going to the art gallery. So far this

year we have enjoyed our collaborative art, using Google Classroom, camp, adventure week, sports, clubs, cultural activities and using the new Chromebooks. We have been showing responsibility and kindness around the school while taking notice of others.

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 4

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 26 May beginning at 2.00pm:

Natasha (K1)	Hooria (K1)	Ruby (K2)	Siyao (K2)
Peta (R3)	Mihira (R3)	Gloria (R4)	Kendyl (R4)
Kane (R5)	Janielle (R5)	Lucy (R6)	Lucy (R6)
Nicholas (R7)	Thareni (R7)	Hazel (R8)	Nathan (R8)
Kevin (R13)	James (R9)	Milly (R9)	Kaitlyn (R10)
Lily (R10)	Oliver (R11)	Nada (R11)	Isla (R12)
Theo (R12)	Emily (R16)	Anika (R17)	Marley (R17)
Gabriella (R18)	Briar (R18)	Te Manava (M1A)	Mackenzie (M1A)
Emilia (M1B)	Nana (M1B)	Willow (M2A)	Ronnie (M2A)
Leo (M2B)			

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 19 May	Marae visit preparation meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom
Tue 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies exam 9.00am, Hall
Fri 26 May	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall, R6 hosting - all welcome
Tue 30 May	ICAS Science exam 9.00am, Hall
Mon 5 Jun	Queen's Birthday - school closed
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



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■ Physical Education Report

A report on the achievement of our children in physical education was presented at a recent meeting of our Board of Trustees. This document includes a review of our teaching and learning objectives, a summary of feedback from teachers and children and an analysis of how well our children are achieving in physical education. It was pleasing to note:

- In addition to our sport and fitness programmes, classes participate in skill-based physical education lessons. Common contexts included aquatics, large and small balls, athletics, cross country and minor and major games.
- Many children have positive attitudes regarding fair play and team work and a significant number of our children play in one or more sports teams where they learn to apply the skills practised during physical education lessons.
- Swimming lessons are well regarded as increasing children's confidence and skill levels.
- Children and teachers value the skills sessions taken by specialist tutors in hockey, football, cricket, futsal and swimming.
- Our children's achievement in physical education is high. Most children meet or exceed our achievement expectations.

Physical activity is not only a requirement of our curriculum but also a long-established favourite subject of New Zealand children. Low levels of physical activity at school and home have, however, become a cause for concern in recent years.

Well done to our teachers who are helping children to develop an active lifestyle, learn new physical skills, and participate enthusiastically in our physical education programme. The full report is available for viewing at the school office.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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■ Scholastic Book Club orders

You should have received a Book Club catalogue from your child this week. If you haven't received a catalogue, more are available at the school office. All Book Club orders are due back at school by **Friday 2 June**. Orders can also be placed online using Book Club Loop: www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Any queries, please contact Audrey on 021 189 0537.



GSNS Fair Helpers needed!

Please call in to our school office and sign up to help
at our school fair which will be held on
Saturday 16 September.

Fair 2017



GSNS Value of the Term — Kindness

Kindness in action at George Street Normal School:
Make a new friend, say hello, open a door, thank your teacher,
let others go first, forgive mistakes, share a smile.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #8



Important health message

Last year, our school participated in a Geological and Nuclear Sciences study to map chemicals in the soil across Dunedin, with one sample being taken from the school property.

The preliminary results show that lead levels are above the recommended levels for residential property. This is not surprising given that sources of lead in urban soil include natural background levels, lead-based paints, lead from petrol and certain industrial workplaces.

Advice from Public Health South is that the health risk to children is very low. However, as a precautionary measure, they will be carrying out further assessments and, once these further results are available, they will be shared with parents. In the meantime, we are restricting access to areas of bare soil in our school and reminding children of the importance of washing and drying their hands when dirty.

Further information from the Ministry of Health is included with this newsletter.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Ameera (Kindle 1), Luke and Zahra (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Mason (R4) and Kane (R5). Our current roll is 462.

■ Winter weather

In the event of snow falling or possible dangerous ice on streets in Dunedin, there are well-established procedures to follow:

1. If the snowfall is light, school will open as usual.
2. If the snowfall is heavier, or there is severe frost with icy roads before school begins, our school website and school app messages will be updated as soon as we receive information. Alternatively, most local radio stations will broadcast times that schools will open on these winter days.
3. If snow falls during a school day, children will **not** be sent home early from George Street Normal School. We will close at the usual time of 3.00pm. However, if parents or caregivers wish to collect their children before 3.00pm, that is quite acceptable. Please let the classroom teacher know before taking your child.

■ GSNS Emergency contact

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

■ Board of Trustees news

We recently welcomed Mr Che O'Neill to our Board of Trustees, replacing Peter Walker who moved overseas earlier in this year. Che and his wife Nicole have two children at our school and we look forward to working with him.