

Class of the Week

Room 18
with Ms Dunn



In Room 18 there are 24 wonderful Year 2 and 3 children, one teacher, Ms Dunn, one teacher aide, Jane, and our third year student teacher, Miss Day.

We really enjoy our writing, reading, science and P.E., and our great discovery and electives sessions on Fridays.

This year we have been focussing on our school vision of being Active, Positive and Proud learners, and we will share the Room 18 APP Rap about this next week in assembly. This term we have been writing haiku poems, which we will also share next week. We hope you can join us, as we present some highlights from this year so far, in assembly next Friday.

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 6

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 9 June beginning at 2.00pm:

Thea (K1)	Jeremy (K1)	Nina (K2)	Ruyi (K2)
Guy (R3)	Carlotta (R3)	Anotida (R4)	Mackenzie (R4)
Slade (R5)	Lily (R5)	Lachlan (R6)	Rayyed (R6)
Eli (R7)	Bella (R7)	Alex (R8)	Aidan (R8)
Tarrah-Bramble (R13)	Hannah (R9)	Ken (R10)	Beatrice (R10)
Roshan (R11)	William (R11)	Selena (R12)	Timothy (R12)
Harrison (R16)	Zoe-ann (R16)	Leo (R17)	Isaac (R17)
Allena (R18)	Blake (R18)	Benjamin (M1A)	Joseph (M1A)
Elaine (M1B)	Red (M1B)	Wyatt (M2A)	Newzy (M2A)
Tanu (M2B)	Ruby (M2B)		

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 5 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday - school closed
Wed 7 Jun	Fair meeting at 7.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 9 Jun	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall, R18 hosting - all welcome
Mon 12 Jun	ICAS Writing exam at 9.00am, Hall
Wed 14 Jun	ICAS Spelling exam at 9.00am, Hall
Fri 16 Jun	Pasifika meeting at 6.30pm, Staffroom
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



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■ Making kindness catchy

How do children learn to be kind? Over the past few weeks our classes have been thinking and talking about what kindness means in our school, at home and in the community. Discussions have focussed on what kindness looks like, sounds like and feels like, both as the giver and the receiver. But as well as talking about kindness, children need to practise being kind. Our classrooms, corridors, and playgrounds provide daily opportunities for children and adults to put kindness into action. In our rush to get through a day it is important to notice the need to help others, the need to show concern and the need to be a friend. Developing a sensitivity to need, and the conviction to act when others require help, are aspects of kindness we are promoting within the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competency 'Relating to Others'.

Children also need to know there are consequences when they are not kind. All children have a right to feel included and safe at our school and our focus on kindness has also included reminding children about not hurting others "on the inside or the outside". We want children to know all forms of bullying are unacceptable. One of our key messages, for example, is reframing "telling on others" to the need to report what is happening in order for bullying to stop. More ideas for supporting your child, if they ever feel unsafe, are enclosed with this newsletter.

Kindness is our school value of the term and over the next few weeks we will be celebrating children who make kind choices, think of others and do what they know to be right. Let's all commit to making our school known for kindness.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER
School will be closed on
Monday 5 June
Queen's Birthday holiday

■ Welcome

Welcome to Erin (Kindle 1), Eliza (Kindle 2), Tobias (M1B) and Xinnan (M2B) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Hannah (R7). Our current roll is 467.



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme

Mac and the Georgies team have another exciting programme planned for the July 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 **Thursday 29 June**. Limited places. WINZ subsidies available.



GSNS Value of the Term — Kindness

Be the reason someone smiles today!



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #9



Parking reminders

With the onset of winter and many dark, cold mornings to follow, extra care needs to be taken on busy and slippery roads. Parents, caregivers and children are reminded of the following road safety messages:

- only stop briefly in our quick-stop bay - not for parking
- drive slowly past our school and be prepared to stop
- no u-turns outside our school
- no double-parking
- no parking on yellow lines
- children should exit from the footpath side of vehicles
- children should use the controlled crossings to cross the road
- always check that traffic has stopped before using controlled crossings.

Thank you for working together with us to keep our children safe.

■ Scholastic Book Club orders

Book Club orders are due back at school by **tomorrow, Friday 2 June**. Additional order forms are available at the school office. Orders can also be placed online at www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

■ Soil contamination update

In a follow-up report, the Ministry of Health has recently advised us that soil at our school poses little risk to children as the activity taking place is recreational. No further remedial action is required, however we will continue to remind children about hand cleanliness, particularly prior to eating.

■ South Asian diet study

GSNS families from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh are invited to find out more about the South Asian Diet Study. Please text SHERLY on 021 262 9544 or email sherly.parackal@otago.ac.nz for more information.



Fair 2017
16 September

Preparations for this year's fair are underway. We now need everyone to indicate where they are able to help. We have two boards in our school foyer for people to write their names in the areas they can help. Ideally we would like enough helpers to allow people to both enjoy the fair and give support in some way. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz) or Caroline Orchiston (caroline.orchiston@otago.ac.nz).