

Class of the Week

Room 3

with Mrs Mackenzie



Room 3 is a happy and cheerful class of Year 1 and 2 children. We love reading, being read to, dancing to Go Noodle, Discovery time and writing interesting stories.

Come along to assembly next week to see some of the learning we have been doing this term. Don't forget to dress up with wacky hair or a crazy hat!

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 8

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 23 June beginning at 2.00pm:

Rosalee (K1)	Sofia (K1)	Catherine (K2)	Austin (K2)
Charlotte (R3)	Nikolei (R3)	Julian (R4)	Perry (R4)
Marcus (R5)	Amelia (R5)	Sophia (R6)	Lukas (R6)
Rebecca (R7)	Flynn (R7)	Aubrey (R8)	Abby (R8)
Amelia (R13)	Adrian (R9)	Joanne (R10)	Sam (R10)
Oakley (R11)	Anaé (R11)	Zac (R12)	Tvishaa (R12)
Rayan (R16)	Aiden (R16)	Sarah (R17)	Callum (R18)
Saffron (R18)	Bianca (M1A)	Olive (M1A)	Reicher (M1B)
Arya (M1B)	Riley (M2A)	Ruuben (M2B)	Beth (M2B)

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 16 Jun	Pasifika meeting at 6.30pm, Staffroom
Tue 20 Jun	Board of Trustees meeting at 7.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 23 Jun	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall, Room 3 hosting - all welcome
Mon 3 Jul	Fair meeting
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



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■ Chairperson's Report for 2016

Once again, 2016 has been an exciting time of high achievement for the students and staff at George Street Normal School. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to report on our achievements and activities throughout the year.

In the classrooms, teachers report happy and successful children who are engaged in their own learning. Academically our children produced excellent National Standards results with 90.1% of our students meeting the reading standard or better, 77.7% of our students meeting the writing standard or better and 85% of our students meeting the mathematics standard or better. In conjunction, we had an excellent set of results in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) results – 108 exams sat with 39 credits (top 25%), 14 distinctions (top 10%) and six high distinctions (top 1%).

Outside the classroom, our students continue to flourish with numerous opportunities available to them. The board was pleased to support the Year 6 Camp/Year 5 Adventure week and eight days of swimming for all students. Again, we saw record numbers of our students engaged in cross country, athletics, school sports teams and clubs with some achieving fantastic results and all having fun! The Kapa Haka, Pasifika and cultural groups performed frequently and to high acclaim. The year ended with a full school production; a wonderful celebration of our school and our community.

We are very proud of our multi-cultural school community and 2016 saw a continuation of the strong relationship we have with Gifu Shotoku Gakuen Elementary School in Japan, culminating in a successful trip by a group of 16 GSNS students, staff and parents to Japan in October. We were also pleased to sign a new sister school agreement with No. 1 Gaoan Road Primary School in Shanghai, China.

2016 was also a busy year for the board. We followed an agreed self-review timetable and were presented with 10 sets of aggregated data. Aside from confirming the excellent levels of achievement of our children, these reports also provide us with a valuable insight into the extensive work and high level of commitment our staff provide. We thank them for continued dedication and hard work.

In September, we welcomed staff from the Education Review Office (ERO). Their subsequent report (December 2016) confirms that we have much to be proud of, with the recognition of the quality of our teaching staff and the students' own awareness of their individual strengths being a particular highlight. Late in 2016, the board undertook a consultation process which informed the development of a new Strategic Plan.

George Street Normal School is a very active school and everything that has been achieved in 2016 is the result of a community effort. A great deal of thanks goes to all the parents and caregivers who have given their time and energy in assisting with school activities. The PTA deserves special mention and thanks for their fundraising and event organising throughout 2016. We also thank the Georgies staff for providing high quality before school, after school and holiday programmes.

We were once again very fortunate to have a fantastic leadership team in 2016. We thank our Principal, Dr Rod Galloway who was conferred a Doctor of Education in December, and our Deputy Principals, Anne Robertson and Leanne Stanton, for their commitment. They are dedicated to the success of our school and our students.

The triennial board elections took place in May 2016. We thanked Mark Nelson, Cindy Hall, Guy Bonner



GSNS Value of the Term — Kindness

This term we are encouraging children to demonstrate kindness through displaying good manners at school. Please remind children that we:

- are a 'please and thank you school'
- greet people using their names
- look after each other. We want all children to feel welcome, included and cared for in our school.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #10



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme



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

and Natalie McCulley for their service in governing George Street Normal School and welcomed new board members James Clark, Michele Dakers and Maree McDonald. Michelle Te Hiko and Tony Merriman have remained on the board and I thank them for their support. In December we farewelled former board chair, Peter Walker, and thanked him for his significant contributions during his term on the board.

George Street Normal School is in good heart and we look forward to another busy and successful year in 2017.

Maree McDonald
GSNS Board of Trustees Chair

■ **Welcome**

Welcome to Alexander (Kindle 1), Layla, Benjamin (Kindle 2) and Isabel (M1B) who began school for the first time recently. Our current roll is 470.

■ **Scholastic Book Fair - Te Puna Ako, Wednesday 5 July and Thursday 6 July**

Come along to support George Street Normal School's annual Book Fair event. The Book Fair will run during the parent/teacher interviews. All purchases made will help us to buy more books for our school library. Cash, cheque, Eftpos and credit card payments can be made.

■ **Contact details**

A reminder to parents and caregivers to please inform the school office (phone 474 0825 or email office@georgestreet.school.nz) if your address, home phone, work phone or mobile phone numbers change.



Fair

**2017
16 September**

Time to start sorting items to donate to the school fair: clothing, toys, books, household items (not electrical, please), getting plants potted-up. We will start accepting items from 26 June at the former dental clinic. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz) or Caroline Orchiston (caroline.orchiston@otago.ac.nz).

Wacky Hair or Mad Hat Day - Friday 23 June

We are asking children to bring items to be used for prizes at our school fair:

Junior - Sweet items, e.g., biscuits, bagged lollies, chocolate, any sweet treat
Senior - Savory items, e.g., crackers, pickles, condiments
Middle - Grocery items, e.g., tea, coffee, jars of delicious things
Models - Toiletries, e.g., shampoo, hand cream, body lotion, toothpaste, soap.