

Class of the Week

Model 2A

with Ms Spencer



Model 2 Awesome is like a bag of liquorice allsorts. We are all different, yet there are some things that are the same. Like liquorice allsorts, we are made up of lots of different layers that make us who we are. Some of us are like solid blocks and others are like flexible waves. Like liquorice, M2A can be sweet but chewy. Watching our assembly will be like eating liquorice: you will feel good afterwards.

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 10

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 7 July beginning at 2.00pm:

Erin (K1)	Toby (K1)	Zahra (K2)	Luke (K2)
Aydin (R3)	Selah (R3)	Isla (R5)	Lochy (R5)
Hannah (R7)	Vansh (R7)	Jorja (R8)	Caitlyn (R8)
Clara (R13)	Oban (R9)	Evie (R9)	Hannah (R10)
Ryley (R10)	Scarlett (R11)	Josh (R11)	Safira (R12)
Evander (R12)	Isaac (R16)	Zander (R17)	Sophia (R17)
Ben (R18)	Andrew (R18)	Mackenzie (M1A)	Ezra (M1A)
Ibrahim (M1B)	Joshua (M1B)	Leena (M2A)	Manu (M2B)

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 3 Jul	Fair meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom - All registered fair helpers or intending helpers should attend if possible
Fri 7 Jul	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall, M2A hosting - All welcome
	Last day of Term 2
Mon 24 Jul	First day of Term 3
Sat 16 Sep	GSNS Fair



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■ Student choice at GSNS

Each Friday morning and Wednesday afternoon this term, groups of enthusiastic children from our Junior, Middle and Models teams have participated in a variety of learning activities intended to cater for their strengths and interests, known as “Electives” or “Discovery Time”.

For the children in Kindle 1 and 2, Model 1B, Model 2B and Rooms 16, 17 and 18, Discovery Time activities may have included construction, cooking, butter-making, painting, puzzles, sewing and gymnastics. These are just a few of the 40 learning activities that happen on a Friday morning. Older children in the Models and Middle team are also involved in a variety of interesting learning options. Middle team electives happen each Friday morning between 11.20am and 12.30pm and children have been offered choices such as rocket building (and firing!), craft, construction, STEM, sport and kapa haka. Children in Model 1A and Model 2A participate in electives on Wednesday afternoons and can be found around the school involved in activities such as stop motion animation, drama, music, crafts and cupcake icing.

Elective and Discovery Time activities are popular with our children, perhaps because they are more ‘hands on’ than ‘hands up’ learning, however they also remind us of the importance of providing choice for children. Student choice in the classroom has been shown to influence motivation and performance outcomes, particularly when the choices are offered in small groups and relevant to a student’s interests. As well as contributing to our strengths-based programme, offering children choice is a practical way to increase engagement or, as our school vision says, be an “active” learner. Well done to our teachers, children and parent helpers who have ensured the success of our “Electives” and “Discovery” programme this term. (Senior team electives begin next term.)

Kind regards
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■ Head lice

Head lice are a (unwelcome) part of life, and are easily spread between people, particularly children. At present, a number of classes at our school are experiencing increased incidences of head lice. The key to managing head lice is all families checking their children’s hair, and early detection: look through your child’s hair on a regular basis - nominate a certain night of the week so it becomes routine. The best treatment is thorough combing with a head lice comb with lots of conditioner in the hair. This should be done every second day for 10 days. If you choose to use a head lice shampoo, you should still do the wet combing as described above. Shampoos do not kill eggs, and do not always kill all the live lice. For more information see: www.healthed.govt.nz/resources/headlice-facts, or contact our public health nurse, Natasha Rodger, telephone 476 9811.



GSNS Value of the Term — Kindness

Of course you can!

Thanks to everyone who supported the ‘Oct-a-can’ event last week.
Children in Room 8 collected and delivered 158 cans of food!



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #11



Reports come home tomorrow

Over the past month our teachers have been reviewing children’s progress at school, and next week we plan to meet with parents to discuss achievements and confirm learning goals for the remainder of the year. In preparation for the interviews, teachers have completed a ‘Mid-Year Learning Snapshot’ report for each child that will arrive home tomorrow.

When reading your child’s Learning Snapshot report please note the following:

- Progress in English, mathematics and character development is the focus of this report. Parents can expect a summary report on all areas of the curriculum later in the year.
- A five point scale is used to communicate progress and achievement: Well Below (WB), Below (B), Meeting (M), Above (A), Well Above (WA). We regard Meeting (M) a George Street Normal School expectation or National Standard as a success.
- Each judgement is compared to what teachers would expect for someone at your child’s age and stage of schooling or against expected progress towards the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

Interviews will be happening on Tuesday 4 July (Room 7 only), Wednesday 5 July in the afternoon and evening, and Thursday 6 July in the afternoon, with parking available in the school grounds. If you haven’t yet made your interview appointment please visit the following address: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the following code as a password: **ee9f5** then press ‘Go.’ If you would like assistance to make an appointment please talk with your child’s class teacher or our office staff.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Faaiz (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Samuel (R8), Olivia (R18), Byson (R16), Amazon (R10) and Storm (R13). Our current roll is 473.

■ Congratulations

Congratulations to the GSNS poetry recital place-getters:

Year 3: 1st - Timothy (R12); 2nd - Zac (R12); 3rd - Evie (R9)
Year 4: 1st - Joseph (M1A); 2nd - Mackenzie (M1A); 3rd - Hannah (R9)
Year 5: 1st - Story (M1A); 2nd - Aidan (R8); 3rd - Jorja (R8)
Year 6: 1st - Maya (R8); 2nd - Georgie (R6); 3rd - Thanuja (R6).

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fairs

Scholastic Book Fair
in Te Puna Ako

Wednesday 5 July and Thursday 6 July

Come along to support George Street Normal’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.

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International Day

Thursday 27 July



Dress up in your national costume
Bring a toy from your culture
Share some language from your culture