

Class of the Week

Model 1A

with Mr Ford



What an honour, Model 1A is finally class of the week! What a great year we have had so far. A new teacher, a new style, a new look and an attitude that is always celebrating the diversity in how we learn. Since we are a mix of years four, five and six who neighbour a junior class, MIB, Model 1A prides itself on a caring environment that excels at sharing. Thus, we can't wait to show off what we do and how we do it. From multiple novel studies to even writing our own novels. We crunch up our maths number

problem by using our mouthwatering math strategies. Currently, we are inventing carnival-type fair games that will help raise money for our school. Who knows, you might even get to play one of our potential fair games at the assembly on Friday the 1st of September (wow, that time already).

■ 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 1 September beginning at 2.00pm:

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| Chester (K1) | Malachi (K1) | Zaydan (K2) | Titan (K2) |
| Josiah (R22) | Siyao (R22) | Austin (R3) | Lewis (R3) |
| Luke (R4) | Kendyl (R4) | Ghina (R5) | Krithin (R5) |
| Vance (R6) | Elijah (R6) | Anna (R7) | Olivia (R7) |
| Natalie (R8) | Jenah (R8) | Giac (R13) | Eva (R9) |
| Ewan (R9) | Monty (R10) | Emma (R10) | Issac (R11) |
| Oliver (R11) | Nived (R12) | Jack (R12) | Irene (R16) |
| Zoe (R17) | Max (R18) | Hadi (R18) | Story (M1A) |
| Emma (M1A) | Conor (M1B) | Zoe (M1B) | Brooke (M2A) |
| Lucy (M2B) | Campbell (M2B) | | |

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

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| Fri 25 Aug | GSNS Dress-up Day |
| Fri 1 Sep | Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall, M1A hosting |
| Tue 12 Sep | Polyfest - Kapa Haka and Pasifika - 5.00pm-8.30pm, Edgar Centre |
| Sat 16 Sep | GSNS Fair |
| Tue 19 Sep | Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom |
| Fri 29 Sep | Last day of Term 3 |



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■ News from George Street

It's been another busy fortnight in the life of our school as we have coped with water restrictions, participated in some excellent learning at the marae, had individual successes at the North Zone Cross Country and enjoyed an ice-skating night put on by our hardworking PTA. Late last week we were interested to read, for the first time, the 2016 results of children's achievement in reading, writing and mathematics for all of New Zealand (http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/schooling/national-standards/National_Standards). It was pleasing to note that our children's results for last year, described by year level, subject, gender and ethnicity, were **all** higher than national averages:

- 85% of our children met or exceeded the National Standard in mathematics in 2016 compared to the New Zealand average of 75.4%. Although we are pleased with this result, a maths achievement target has been set to lift the results of those children working 'below' the National Standard. In addition to our excellent classroom teaching, we currently have three intervention programmes in mathematics operating with great success.
- 77.7% of our children met or exceeded the National Standard in writing last year and this compares well with the New Zealand average of 71.2%. Once again, targets for improving writing have been set in 2017.
- Reading has traditionally been a strength of our school which continued in 2016. Most of our children (90%) were judged as meeting or exceeding the National Standard in reading which is impressive when compared to the national figure of 77.8%. We are building on children's strengths in reading by continuing to provide expert teachers of reading, modern resources and quality intervention programmes such as Reading Recovery, literacy support and Jolly Phonics.

Many of these initiatives, along with the positive results, would not be possible without the commitment of our staff and financial support of our Board of Trustees.

In other news this week, the Minister of Education announced the Government's approval of a North Dunedin Community of Learning (CoL). This cluster of schools, early childhood centres and one tertiary provider has agreed to collaborate where there are common areas of interest and/or concern relating to student progress, achievement and wellbeing. Dunedin schools are traditionally early adopters of initiatives in education, and the new Community of Learning could see significant additional resources flow into our local schools. The George Street Normal School Board of Trustees is excited to be working closely with our North Dunedin colleagues as we explore possible future directions.

As a newsworthy fortnight comes to an end, don't forget our dress-up day tomorrow. For me it will be all black. Go the ABs!

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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GSNS Value of the Term — Consideration

A longstanding tradition at George Street Normal School has been considering others around doorways. In the interests of safety and politeness we ask all children to be mindful of others as they move around our school.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #14



George Street Normal School Term Dates for 2018

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| Term 1 | Tuesday 30 January to Friday 13 April |
| Term 2 | Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July |
| Term 3 | Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September |
| Term 4 | Monday 15 October to Friday 14 December |



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme



Bex is coming back and, together with the Georgies team, has another exciting programme planned for the October 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 21 September**. Limited places. WINZ subsidies available.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Lilah, Lachlan, Stella (Kindle 1), Riyan and Amelia (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. Our current roll is 497.

■ Japanese Exchange 2018

We are currently investigating another school trip to Japan in October 2018. A feature of this trip is time that our children will spend at our sister school Gifu Shotoku Gakuen. All George Street Normal School children and their families are welcome to participate in this highly educational, well organised and enjoyable experience. Requests for further information and expressions of interest should be made to Mrs Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz or 474 0825 extension 220).



Fair

2017

16 September

3 weeks until our School Fair!

Dress-up day is tomorrow. Please can children bring along a sweet treat that can be used for a prize at the fair.

Thank you for all the donations - please keep them coming!

If you are unable to bake for the fair, maybe you can supply sugar, butter or flour so others can use it for baking? If you are a baker, please contact Anne Robertson for some ingredients.

If you want to help and are not sure how, please contact Mrs Robertson.