

Class of the Week

Room 16 with Mrs Phillips



The children in Room 16 have only been at school for two days but we are already working hard, thinking hard and learning lots of new things. We will be talking to you about caring for friends and we are making a surprise to show you next Friday at assembly. We are still waiting for some of the children in our class to return from their holidays. We think we are awesome and amazing in Room 16 this year.

■ Futsal

Permission slips and payment for children wishing to play futsal need to be returned to the school office by **Thursday 8 February**.

■ Lunch reminders

Children are expected to sit quietly and eat lunch in our supervised areas between 12.30pm and 12.45pm. While most children bring a packed lunch from home, a price list for bought lunches is available from the Willowbank Dairy (lunches are available for junior classes on Mondays only; senior pupils may make their own orders at the dairy before school on any day). All Willowbank Dairy named lunches are delivered to school at 12.30pm. Pita Pit lunch orders are available on Wednesdays only and are delivered to school by 12.30pm (orders need to be made online at www.lunchonline.co.nz).

■ Saturday Morning Music Classes

The enrolment day for Saturday Morning Music Classes at George Street Normal School for 2018 is Saturday 3 February, 9.30am-11.30am. If you have any queries, please visit the website: www.smmcotago.com for contact details.

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tue 6 Feb	Waitangi Day — School closed
Fri 9 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R16 hosting
Mon 12 Feb	PTA Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Thu 15 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evening 7.30pm, School Hall
Tue 27 Feb	Year 6 Camp / Year 5 Adventure Week
Tue 27 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom



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GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

“MEET THE TEACHER” Information Evening

Thursday 15 February

7.30pm School Hall

7.45pm Classrooms

Parking available in the school grounds



■ Welcome back

The new school year has commenced! Well done to children, staff and parents who have coped with the climatic extremes of Dunedin this week! Despite the heat, and now the rain, we have had a busy and enjoyable few days settling back into the routines and expectations of school life. A special welcome to our 41 new children and four teachers – Mr Hamilton (R13), Mrs O'Neill (R11), Miss Dore and Ms Spain (R18). Well done to all our students who have made happy transitions to new classes and made new friends.

At our first assembly I reminded children about coming back to school ready to learn. This is the “active” part of our school vision for children to be “active, positive and proud” learners. We want to see children ready to listen to their teacher, ready to participate fully in class activities and ready to give their best effort in these first few weeks and throughout the year. How much progress your child makes at school this year will be influenced by these learning dispositions.

I also reminded children of our value of the term, “respect”. As with all our school values, parents may wish to adopt and reinforce this “value of the term” at home, looking to help children grow in their independence and character in a variety of settings. “How are you showing respect?” is a question we will ask children many times this term.

To all our new and existing children, staff and families - haere mai tou kura - welcome to your school. We look forward to a happy and successful year.

Kind Regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

School will be closed on
Tuesday 6 February
(Waitangi Day)

■ Flippaball

Permission slips and payment for children wishing to play flippaball need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 5 February**.



GSNS Value of the Term — Respect

This term we will be encouraging children to demonstrate respect by:
using good manners, following rules, and looking after our environment.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #1



Meet your child's teacher

Parents are warmly invited to our 2018 “Meet the Teacher” information evening being held on Thursday 15 February beginning at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is our first formal opportunity to introduce parents to their child's teacher and the classroom programme for the year. We will be pleased to introduce the:

Junior Team led by Mrs Dakers with Mrs France, Mrs Smith, Ms Dunn and Mrs Macgregor;

Middle Team led by Mrs Wood with Mrs King, Mrs L Spencer, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs McCulley, Mrs Phillips, Mr Tamblyn, Miss Dore and Ms Spain;

Senior Team led by Mr Mulholland with Mr Phillips, Mrs Gardner, Ms Hunt, Ms Harper, Mr Hamilton and Mrs Yeoman;

Models 1A and 1B with Mr Ford and Ms Nicolau;

Models 2A and 2B with Ms C Spencer and Mrs Henderson.

Parents will then be invited to attend class-specific presentations which will be repeated at 8.15pm to allow parents with more than one child at school to visit two classrooms.

The staff at George Street Normal School look forward to sharing with you the plans we have in place to help your child succeed in 2018.

Welcome!

Welcome to Ruthren, Malia, Aman, Kalis, Lucas, Amelia, Odin, Santiago (Kindle 1), Amna, Connor, Chloe, Amelia, Emerson, Yazan, John, Nikita (Kindle 2) and Bodie (M1B) who began school for the first time this week. We also welcome Fahd Lafraie (R3), Jake (R4), Holly (R5), Quinton, Felix, Megha (R6), Vivek, Mila (R7), Abigail, Sinead (R8), Penelope (R12), Matthias (R17), Daniel, Cai (R18), Thom, Calla, Aidan, Maximilian, Gabrielle, Efren (M1A), Benjamin (M1B), Amy (M2A), Alice and Natalie (M2B). Our current roll is 472.

■ PTA invitation

The George Street Normal School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents and teachers who support our school. We are always looking for new members and welcome all our families and the new ideas that they bring. Why not attend our first meeting of the year - **Monday 12 February** - in our school staffroom beginning at 7.30pm. Come up the steps leading to the hall and along the veranda to the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

■ Help needed

If you have some time available and would like to help out at our school, there are a variety of important tasks which we would welcome your assistance with. Even a small amount of time, e.g., to help with supervision of the George Street crossing before or after school one day per week, would be very much appreciated. If you are interested in being a member of our parent help team, please contact Leanne Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).