

## Class of the Week

### Model 2B

#### with Mrs Henderson



In Model 2B we have Years 1, 2 and 3. We were excited to return to school and see all our classmates again and welcome our new friends who have joined us. We've started the year with 21 great children who are keen to learn and are working hard. We are looking forward to sharing what we have been doing with you at Assembly next Friday. We'll see you there!

#### ■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 4

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 February beginning at 2.00pm:

Maeve (K1)	Zara (K1)	Lydia (K2)	James (K2)
Eniwumide (R3)	Fahd (R3)	Alexander (R4)	Elyanah (R4)
Luke (R5)	Lilah (R5)	Megha (R6)	Gabriella (R6)
Mila (R7)	Vivek (R7)	Rosa (R8)	Jai (R8)
Luca (R12)	Isla (R12)	Hunter (R13)	Teane (R13)
Mateo (R9)	Raabia (R9)	Harrison (R10)	Selena (R10)
James (R11)	Caitlyn (R16)	Hadi (R16)	Briar (R17)
Stanley (R18)	Cai (R18)	James (M1A)	EJ (M1A)
Sebastian (M1B)	Link (M1B)	Neo (M2A)	Betty (M2B)
Ruuben (M2B)			

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Thu 15 Feb	Camp Information meeting 6.30pm-7.15pm, Staffroom
	Meet the Teacher evening 7.30pm, School Hall
Wed 21 Feb	Camp Helpers' information evening 5.30pm-6.30pm
Fri 23 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with M2B hosting
Tue 27 Feb	Year 6 Camp / Year 5 Adventure Week begin
Tue 27 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom



# NEWSLETTER



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## GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

“MEET THE TEACHER”  
Information Evening

TONIGHT

Thursday 15 February

7.30pm School Hall

7.45pm Classrooms

Parking available in the school grounds



## ■ Keeping safe

As the new school year gets underway, it's timely to remind children and parents about the importance of being safe around our school. All of our children will be walking in our neighborhood this year, including going to and from swimming, as well as daily trips to where parents are parked for school pick-up/drop-offs. With the help of the New Zealand Police, we are talking to children about negotiating our busy roads, “sneaky” (blind) driveways and footpaths around our school. We ask parents to help with our road safety education by:

- teaching their child the safe routes to and from school and other places they go – whether they walk, bike or go by bus;
- ensuring children walk in groups, never alone;
- teaching their child to deal with hazards like narrow footpaths and crossing busy roads. If children are walking, please make sure that pedestrian crossings are used;
- teaching children how to respond to/deal with potentially dangerous, suspicious and unwanted approaches when out and about. If children are too young to deal with these situations, they are too young to be walking to and from school without a trusted adult.

We occasionally have upset children who are not sure when and where they will be picked up from school and by whom. Children should be clear about the meeting places and times of pickup. It helps if parents make the “getting home plan” as similar as possible each day and easy to remember. We do ask that parents **ensure that children are collected from our school by 3.25pm**. This means that by this time children have either left our school grounds or are in Georgies, our after-school activity programme. Children who have forgotten the plan or who have not been collected should come to the school office for assistance. We want everyone to be safe in 2018!

Kind Regards

Rod Galloway (Principal), rod@georgestreet.school.nz

## ■ Japan trip

Subject to Board of Trustees confirmation, we will be going ahead with taking a group of 8 children and 8 adults to Japan from 23 September to 6 October this year. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Leanne Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz). We need to have confirmed numbers by 7 March.



## GSNS Value of the Term — Respect (Whakaute)

Treating others the way you would wish to be treated is central to our Code of Conduct and provides the basis of respect in our school.



## A Parent's Guide to GSNS #2



## Whooping Cough (Pertussis) information from the Ministry of Health

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) is a bacterial illness that is always circulating in the community. The Ministry of Health, in November 2017, declared a national outbreak due to an increase in notification of cases. Whooping cough is highly infectious and is spread by coughing and sneezing. It can begin initially as a runny nose and irritating cough, with a slight fever that may be followed by spasms of coughing some days later. The cough can last for weeks and may have a “whooping” sound during coughing fits, gasping for breath or vomiting after coughing. People are infectious from the start of the runny nose until 21 days later. Children can often appear well between coughing fits and may not have all of the above signs/symptoms. We have been advised that vaccinations are the best way to prevent spread of disease and protect individuals with boosters being free for children between 4 and 11 years old. For further information, the Public Health nurse is available: natasha.richards@southernndhb.govt.nz

Other reference points include: <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/whooping-cough> and <http://www.immune.org.nz/>

## ■ Welcome

Welcome to Arthur (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Noor (R12), E.J. (M1A), Zhangyutai (M2A) and Betty (M2B). Our current roll is 468.

## ■ Scholastic Book Club orders

You should have received a Scholastic Book Club catalogue from your child recently. If you didn't receive a copy, more are available in the school office. Orders are due back at the school office by **tomorrow, Friday 16 February**. If you wish to pay by credit card, orders need to be placed online using Book Club Loop: [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Every book purchased earns rewards for the school.

## ■ Athletics subscriptions

Once again, George Street Normal School is able to offer a subsidized price of \$28 per child to enable them to access Athletics until February 2019. Athletics is an online resource that can be used at home to supplement the classroom maths programme. By using a unique username and password your child can access the Athletics website at [www.mathletics.co.nz](http://www.mathletics.co.nz) or through the Athletics apps for iPad or Samsung tablets. Should you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please send \$28 in an envelope marked with your child's name, year, room number and the word “Athletics” on it to the school office and you will be given information about the website, including your child's username and password. For more information, please contact Mrs Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).

## ■ International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Each year we enter children into the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) exams. Parents should note that these tests are very competitive and could be seen as an extension activity for able children. The tests are open to children at Years 4, 5 and 6 only. Writing, English (Reading), Spelling, Science, Mathematics and Digital Technologies tests will be offered this year. Tests cost \$9.50 each, except for Writing which is \$20.50 and Spelling which is \$11.50. All money should be handed to the class teacher in an envelope marked with the child's name, year level, classroom and test name. The closing date for entries is Friday 9 March. Please contact Mrs Stanton if you have further questions (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).

## ■ Lexia

Lexia Core 5 is a support programme for literacy skills. If you would like your child to participate in this programme at home, you can obtain information about downloading the software from Mrs Robertson.