

## Class of the Week

### Room 9 with Mrs Wood



Breaking News: Room 9 are the 'Class of the Week' at the upcoming assembly next Friday, the 9th of March. We are a wonderful group of 29 Year 3 and 4 children who have been working hard to create an interesting news bulletin for you, based on our first few weeks at school. Some of the leading headlines involve learning about respect, viewing some super portrait

art and the sharing of descriptive writing pieces. Please come along to find out more. We look forward to seeing you there!

### ■ 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 9 March beginning at 2.00pm:

Reilly (K1)	Maggie (K1)	Amna (K2)	Yazan (K2)
Margot (R3)	Julian (R3)	Ben (R4)	Zahra (R4)
Malachi (R5)	Erin (R5)	Holly (R6)	Giac (R6)
Nafi (R7)	Meg (R7)	Matthew (R8)	Amelia (R8)
Julia (R12)	Ken (R12)	Jack (R13)	Toby (R13)
Evie (R9)	Sophia (R10)	Roman (R10)	Salote (R11)
Saffron (R16)	Jack (R16)	Reagan (R17)	Blake (R18)
Amelia (R18)	Joseph (M1A)	Thom (M1A)	
Ibrahim (M1B)	Saranya (M1B)	Ashton (M2A)	Sophia (M2A)
Tarn (M2B)			

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Wed 7 Mar	Japan trip parents' information evening 7.00pm, Te Puna Ako
Fri 9 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R9 hosting
Wed 14 Mar	Learning Commitment Interviews
Thu 15 Mar	Learning Commitment Interviews
Sat 17 Mar	GSNS PTA Kids' Market 1.00pm-3.00pm
Mon 19 Mar	PTA meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Mon 26 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day - School closed



# NEWSLETTER



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### ■ School outside the classroom

Many of our children are participating in educational activities out of the school this week. Year 6 children are at Camp Iona near Herbert for four days, experiencing raft-building, abseiling, archery, a search and rescue simulation exercise, yachting and outdoor cooking. Year 5 children are participating in a Dunedin-based programme that includes a water safety programme at Moana pool, a first aid course, orienteering, and rock-climbing.

Swimming instruction has been another feature of our programme over the past four weeks. Each day, classes of children walk down to the DNI pool and are taught in groups by professional swimming instructors. Our teachers report that children are making excellent progress. Now that the senior and junior children have completed the series of eight lessons, children from the middle team are in the pool every day.

Our "education outside the classroom" (EOTC) programmes are aligned to the objectives of the New Zealand Curriculum, enabling children to apply classroom learning to real life situations. We are always excited to see children growing in their independence, accepting challenges, obeying safety rules and making new friends when classes leave our school grounds. Thanks to our teachers for accepting the added responsibility and workload these programmes involve, as well as our college teachers, teacher aides, office staff, and many parents for their practical assistance in ensuring such fun and safe learning experiences.

Kind Regards  
Rod Galloway (Principal)  
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### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Jeet (Kindle 1) and Amna (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Gale (R10), Duc Anh (R13), Rhea (M1A) and Ada (M2A). Our current roll is 472.

### ■ International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

The closing date for ICAS entries is **Friday 9 March**. 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. Please contact Mrs Stanton if you have further questions (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz).

### ■ Georgies Holiday Activity Programme

Registration forms for the April school holiday programme are now available at the school office, and registrations will close on Wednesday 4 April. A list of planned activities will be available next week.



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

Thank you to all of our children who have been showing respect for the environment when they are away on class trips. We ask children to check that they leave no litter behind!



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #3



## If you have a concern...

We know that most children have made an excellent start to the year. We also know that from time to time parents have a concern about an aspect of our school or the progress of their child. If the matter involves the classroom programme or a teacher, parents are invited to write a note, or send an email to that teacher, with a view to making a time to discuss the concern. The staff member may not be able to talk to you when you approach them so it is best to make a time when you are both free. We ask parents to be aware that:

- The first person you should see regarding a concern or complaint is the teacher closest to the issue.
- If you have a complaint regarding another child, you must approach the school, not that child or that child's parent.
- Our school has an open door policy. We will only know of your concern or complaint if you tell us. We value open communication and prefer that you come and talk through a problem rather than discuss it in the community. If deemed necessary, a concerns form can be downloaded from our website.
- A copy of our Concerns Procedure is available from the school office.

It is our job to be fair and listen to your concerns and this involves your support as well. Our senior leadership team is available to discuss any concern or complaint that has not been solved by any of the points mentioned above.

### ■ School Charter

The George Street Normal School Charter has been updated and can be viewed at the school office.

### ■ Hot Cross Bun fundraiser

The PTA is selling packs of hot cross buns. The cost of each bag is \$4.00 and, for each bag we sell, \$1.00 will be profit for resources for our soon-to-be-built 'Makerspace'. Order forms will be sent home on 5 March. This will be a one-off order, so please return your form and money to your child's teacher or the school office by **Friday 16 March**.

### Enrolment Information Term Three and Four 2018

The Board of Trustees invites new applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at GSNS between Sunday 1 July and Monday 31 December 2018. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office and school website [www.georgestreet.school.nz](http://www.georgestreet.school.nz)

A number of places are likely to be available for out of zone students during the second half of this year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. Application forms are available from the school office or school website and should be forwarded to the school office by **3.00pm, Thursday 22 March 2017**.