

Class of the Week

**Room 5
with Ms Macgregor**



Room 5 is a group of 18 friendly and enthusiastic Year 1 and 2 children. The children have made a positive start to the year working hard in the classroom and making new friends. They are learning to work together as a team and are making good progress with this. The highlights for the children so far this term have been swimming, the Road Safety visits from Constable Parcelle, the Art Gallery trip, Te reo

maori with Mrs Yeoman and Discovery Time. If you want to catch up with what Room 5 has been doing you can check out our blog: gsns05.blogspot.co.nz

Room 5 would love to see you at their assembly next Friday which will showcase some of their learning this term.

■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 8

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 March beginning at 2.00pm:

Kalis (K1)	Amelia (K1)	Emersyn (K2)	Amelia (K2)
John (R22)	Ruby (R3)	Persharr-Roze (R3)	Zarin (R4)
Sofia (R4)	Hooria (R5)	Ayden (R5)	Joshua (R6)
Quinton (R6)	Roman (R7)	Emily (R7)	Cambell (R8)
Sinead (R8)	Danielle (R12)	Issac (R12)	Hannah (R13)
Brody (R13)	Ahmed (R9)	Ibrahim (R9)	Jack (R10)
Ridima (R10)	Xavier (R11)	Alicia (R16)	Krithin (R16)
Lewis (R17)	Peta (R18)	Emma (M1A)	Leon (M1A)
Lucy (M1B)	Jasmeethaa (M1B)	Ronnie (M2A)	Alex (M2A)
Ruby (M2B)	Leyton (M2B)		

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Sat 17 Mar	GSNS PTA Kids' Market 1.00pm-3.00pm
Mon 19 Mar	PTA meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Tue 20 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 23 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R5 hosting
Mon 26 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day - School closed
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday - School closed
Mon 2 Apr	Easter Monday - School closed
Tue 3 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School closed



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■ Recognising strengths and struggles at school

Over the past few weeks we have been asking parents and teachers to help children consider their learning goals for this year. By the end of tonight's parent interviews, we are hoping that every signed "Learning Commitment" form will include the nomination of a strengths goal and a challenge goal for each child.

Here at George Street we use the broad terms action strengths, character strengths, and thinking strengths to describe what children choose to do often, do quickly, do for a long time, and do well. Everyone has these strengths and we want to provide the environment for children to apply and develop their strengths at our school, using a growth mindset. In short, our strengths philosophy is to recognise where children succeed and feel happy with who they are, and to mobilise these strengths to benefit learning and well-being.

Of course there is still a place for managing and addressing areas where children struggle. Our Learning Commitment contracts also target aspects of children's development that are of concern. Our strengths approach acknowledges what children can do, without ignoring what they cannot do. A decision to focus on a child's strengths is not to deny areas of struggle, but balances attention given to what is most at risk, with attention given to what has most potential. Let's encourage our children to know more about their strengths than anyone else and, in keeping with our school vision, be active, positive and proud!

Kind Regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

School will be closed on the following days:

Otago Anniversary Day - Monday 26 March
Good Friday - Friday 30 March
Easter Monday - Monday 2 April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 3 April

■ Welcome

Welcome to Qiqi, Hulk, Myroslav, Ethan, Lily (Kindle 1), Hashim, LinLin, Leo, Carina and Kathy (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Artus (R5), Esengo (R16), Wendy, Livy (R10) and Noelia (R13). Our current roll is 484.

■ The Requested Donation

Thank you to all parents who have paid our requested donation (\$110.00 per child or \$195.00 per family for the year) for 2018 which helps to fund additional educational activities at GSNS this year. Payment may be made at the school office or by direct credit to our school bank account 02-0912-0320963-001. Please include your child's name and the word "donation" in the details. A receipt will be issued for tax purposes. Statement reminders will be sent home this week. Thank you!



GSNS Value of the Term — Respect (Whakaute)

At our school we like the Golden Rule about the way we act,
how you speak to people that you meet
should be the same as you want spoken back.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #4



Parking reminders

Due to the volume of traffic in our area, we need everyone to take more care around our roads. We realise there are parking difficulties around our school, however a small number of parents and caregivers continue to park in ways that are dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please note the following:

- Our 'quick stop' zone was created directly outside the school on George Street for cars to come in and out to collect or drop off children using a 'quick stop' of **no more than a minute**. If everyone does this, the idea works well.
- There is a parking plan available at the school office and in your child's classroom with convenient, safe walking routes to school.
- Please do not park across our driveways or those of our neighbours.
- Please do not park in the disability park unless you are entitled to.
- Please ensure that children exit your car on the footpath side.
- Please ensure children use the controlled crossings.

■ PTA Hot Cross Bun fundraiser

Order forms and payment for hot cross buns need to be returned to your child's teacher or the school office by **tomorrow, Friday 16 March**.

George Street Normal School

PTA

Kids' Market

Saturday 17 March
1.00pm-3.00pm

George Street Normal School
lawn in front of school hall
(or verandah if wet)

Bring a blanket and your
excess toys, baking or crafts to
sell or a musical item to
entertain your audience!

\$2.00 per stall

Georgies

Holiday Activity Programme

Bex and the Georgies team have another exciting programme planned for the April school holidays. Registration forms and an outline of the daily activities are now available.

Enrolments for whole or part days, together with payment, should be handed in to the school office by **Wednesday 4 April**.

Limited places. WINZ subsidies available.



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. 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 2018**.