

Class of the Week

**Room 3
with Mrs Smith**



Room 3 is a group of 22 fantastic Year 2 students. There are 8 boys and 14 girls who come from all over the world and, between us, we speak lots of different languages. We love to learn and are very interested in science. We are also very creative and there are many great artists in Room 3. One of our favourite times of the week is discovery time when we can choose what to do. Room 3 are big fans of GoNoodle and Dojo.

This term has flown by with lots of things happening - we've had swimming lessons, a visit to the art gallery, lessons with Constable Parcell, Māori lessons with Mrs Yeoman, Learning Commitment interviews, takeaway tea night and the disco.

Room 3 students try to be the best role models they can be in the Junior School by being friendly, responsible and kind. We run a drawing club once a week for all the juniors. We are really excited about being class of the week at tomorrow's assembly. See you there!

George Street Normal School

Terms and Holidays for the remainder of 2018

Term Dates

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

Holidays

Queen's Birthday	Monday 4 June
Labour Day	Monday 22 October

ANZAC Day (Wednesday 25 April) occurs in school holidays.

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 13 Apr	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R3 presenting Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 Apr	First day of Term 2
Mon 7 May	GSNS "Read-a-thon" week begins



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■ Term one is done!

A busy school term finishes tomorrow. Over the past 11 weeks our priority has been to establish the routine of daily literacy and numeracy teaching and learning as well as getting to know all the children in our school. As part of this “knowing the learner”, teachers have met with parents twice, set up learning goals for each child, organised a successful swimming programme, delivered the New Zealand Police programme “Keeping Ourselves Safe”, and facilitated a number of excursions out of the school, including a wonderful week of outdoor activities for our 179 year 5 and 6 children.

At the beginning of the year I asked our staff to help children feel connected with our school, their class and new friends. “Connect” is one of the five ways to well-being promoted by the Mental Health Foundation and, over the past weeks, children have been encouraged to find groups to work with, both in the classroom and in the playground. Being friendly, inviting others to join a game or just talking and listening are simple connecting activities that even our youngest children have been practising. Communication is a key part of connecting with others and how we establish positive relationships at school. In particular, we hope that the 70 new children who began at our school this term have felt welcomed, made new friends and are pleased to come to school every day.

Thanks to the teachers and parents who have, once again, coached and managed our sports teams this term. GSNS flippaball, T-ball, futsal, rippa rugby, triathlon, girls’ cricket “Smash” and swimming teams have all had excellent results. And a special thanks to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who have organised a number of successful fundraisers so far this year, including an enjoyable disco last Friday night. We really do have a supportive and happy school community which I’m proud to be part of.

Enjoy the term break!

Kind Regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

Our last day of Term 1 is
tomorrow, Friday 13 April

■ ICAS exams

Parents and children are reminded that they can pick up practice ICAS papers from Mrs Stanton. Exams will take place in the school hall, beginning at 9.00am, on the following dates:

Digital studies - Tuesday 8 May
Spelling - Wednesday 13 June
Reading - Tuesday 31 July

Science - Tuesday 29 May
Writing - Thursday 14 June
Mathematics - Tuesday 14 August

GSNS Value of the Term — Respect (Whakaute)

Thank you to all our children for showing respect this term. We have been pleased with the respect shown for each other, respect shown for our environment, respect shown for different cultures and respect shown for all children in our school to feel safe.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #6



GSNS App reminder

The George Street Normal School app is our preferred method of communicating with parents/caregivers in the event of an emergency. The app is free and can be installed by searching for George Street Normal School in any of the following: the Apple App Store (for iPhones and iPads running iOS 8.1 or better); the Google Play Store for android devices (phones must be running at least version 4 system software. You must also have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app); the Windows Store (for Windows 8.1 phone or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices. In the Windows Store you will need to search for “Skoolbag”, install the Skoolbag app and then search for George Street Normal School).

If you do not have access to the GSNS app, please contact the school office next term advising of a preferred telephone number on which you could receive a text message in the event of emergency.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Angus (Kindle 1) who began school for the first time recently. Our current roll is 483.

■ Entertainment book

A reminder that the Entertainment book can be ordered online at www.entbook.co.nz/2601n29 or return your completed order form to the school office. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Robertson (anne@georgestreet.school.nz). Funds raised will go towards our playground development.

■ Seeking research participants

Children aged between 6 and 12 years old who have varying levels of inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity are being sought to participate in a study looking at children’s brain processes, understanding others’ beliefs, academic performance and language use. The study will be conducted at the Department of Psychology, University of Otago, under the supervision of Dr Dione Healey. If you are interested in finding out more about participation in the study, please contact Sid Wales on 027 671 2224 or email sid.wales@postgrad.otago.ac.nz

