

## Class of the Week

### Room 10

with Mrs King and Mrs Spencer



Hello and welcome to the wonderful world of Room 10. We have 28 creative and intelligent children - 9 Year 3s and 19 Year 4s. We have been working super-hard so far this year and if you come into our classroom you will see some beautiful stain glass portraits from our trip to the art gallery, amazing sillouettes with our strengths surrounding them, and lots of interesting writing.

We are active, positive and proud students who are kind to others. Our favourite subjects in Room 10 are sports, reading, music and dancing, art, maths and using the iPads in our learning.

We hope to see you at our assembly next Friday. We have a brilliant book-themed show in store for you including dancing, book reviews and impressive work.

### ■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 2

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 11 May, beginning at 2.00pm:

Aman (K1)	Odin (K1)	Arthur (K2)	Nikita (K2)
Maeve (R22)	Molly (R3)	Timo (R3)	Patrick (R4)
Rosalee (R4)	Layla (R5)	Lachie (R5)	Anna (R6)
Elise (R6)	Vance (R7)	Elise (R7)	Alex (R8)
Hannah (R8)	Martin (R12)	Oban (R12)	Harry (R13)
Tarra-Bramble (R13)	Zoe (R9)	Ben (R10)	Lily (R10)
Jordan (R11)	Carlin (R11)	Allena (R16)	Ben (R17)
Holly (R18)	Darcy (M1A)	Thom (M1A)	Jasper (M1B)
Nyxie (M1B)	Leena (M2A)	Olina (M2A)	Leo (M2B)
Alice (M2B)			

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 7 May	GSNS "Read-a-thon" week begins
Tue 8 May	Digital Studies ICAS exam
Fri 11 May	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R10 presenting
Tue 29 May	Science ICAS exam



# NEWSLETTER



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## Read-a-thon



As part of our reading programme we are inviting children to participate in a 'Read-a-thon' next week (7 May to 11 May).

Sponsorship packs have been issued with the idea that children may find generous encouragement! Thank you for your support.

### ■ Let's get reading!

Reading is a lifelong skill, highly valued at George Street Normal School. We are proud of our teaching and learning programme and the number of children experiencing success in developing reading fluency and comprehension. Last year, for example, end of year data revealed 89% of our children reading at, or above, the expected level for their age. These results continue a trend of high achievement in reading at our school over many years. It is also pleasing to note that, in addition to reading skills, positive attitudes to reading are evident throughout the school in the use of our library, the number of children who choose to read for pleasure, and the application of reading skills on digital platforms. Parents play a vital role in this success and we are grateful for the support we receive in fostering positive reading habits and, in particular, providing opportunities for children to read as often as possible.

Hopefully your child has told you about our Read-a-thon happening next week and has managed to collect a few sponsors. At the end of last term children were issued with a sponsorship card, and next week will be encouraged to read as much as they can! As they read, children should record their book titles on the sponsorship card and at the conclusion of this time, the night of Friday 11 May, total up how much they have read and start collecting their sponsorship money! We are asking that these funds, along with their card, be handed in to their class teacher by Friday 18 May. All money raised will go towards reading resources in the school. And don't forget the book character dress up day next Friday 11 May.

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

Welcome to Caleb, Charlie (Kindle 1), Eoghan and Ted (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Rui (R11), Madizyn (R16), May (M1B) and Angus (M2A). Our current roll is 485.



## GSNS Value of the Term — Compassion (Aroha)

Each class at George Street Normal School is undertaking a small, practical compassion project this term. Teachers and children have been considering ways in which they can show empathy and, in some cases, assistance to those in need.



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #1



Term 2 is full of activity at GSNS. Children and parents are reminded of the following practice times:

Miniball	4 teams (Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	1.00pm-1.30pm	Miniball Court or Hall
Netball	Flames (Yr 5/6)	Monday	12.30pm	Netball court
	Ferns (Yr 5/6)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Netball court
	Flames (Yr 3/4)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Netball courts
	GSNS (Yr 1/2)	Tuesday	Game after school	Edgar Centre
Hockey	Sticks (Yr 5/6)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
	Thunder (Yr 5/6)	Monday	4.00pm-5.00pm	Tennis courts
	Bolts (Yr 3/4)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
	Strikers (Yr 3/4)	Friday	12.30pm	Tennis courts
Soccer	Nike/Adidas/Puma	Tuesday/Wednesday	12.30pm	Gardens ground/other schools
Guitar	Yr 2-6	Wednesday	12.30pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Guitar	Juniors	Wednesday	1.00pm	Room 5A
Ukulele	Beginners (Yr 2-6)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Room 13
Ukulele	Jam (Yr 4-6)	Wednesday	12.30pm	Room 10
Drums	(Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	12.30pm	Hall
Piano		As arranged with Mrs Officer or Mrs Martin		
Assembly Band		Assembly Fridays	12.30pm	Hall
Jazz Band		Wednesday	8.00am-9.00am	Hall
Trumpet	(Yr 5/6)	Wednesday (times as arranged with Dr Moore)		Room 8A
Junior Choir	(Yr 1/2)	Friday	12.30pm	Kindle 1
Middle Choir	(Yr 3/4)	Wednesday	2.15pm	Room 10
Senior Choir	(Yr 5/6)	Alternate Fridays (T1, 3, 4)	1.30pm	Hall
Kapa Haka	(Yr 5/6)	Thursday (assembly weeks)	2.15pm-3.00pm	Hall
Pasifika	(Yr 5/6)	Thursday	1.30pm-2.15pm	Hall
Chess	(Yr 3-6)	Wednesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Programming	(Yr 2-6)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Philosophy	(Yr 2-6)	Thursday	12.45pm	Room 7
Construction Club	(Yr 1/2)	Thursday	12.45pm	Room 3
Scooter Club	(Yr 1/2)	Thursday	1.00pm	Junior courts
Jump Jam	(Yr 2-6)	Wednesday/Thursday	12.30pm-1.00pm	Hall
Enviro Kids		Fridays	12.45pm	Outside school office
Speech and Drama		As arranged with Mrs Hibbert		
French	(Yr 2-6)	Thursday and Friday	12.30pm	Learning Hub
Spanish		Tuesday	8.00am	Learning Hub
Drawing Club	(Yr 1/2)	Tuesday	1.00pm	Room 3
Future Problem Solvers	(Yr 3-6)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Upstairs Te Puna Ako
Science	(Yr 3/4)	Tuesday	12.45pm	Georgies
Gardening Club	(Yr 1/2)	Monday	12.45pm	Room 22

### ■ Entertainment book

A reminder that the Entertainment book can be ordered online at [www.entbook.co.nz/2601n29](http://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](mailto:anne@georgestreet.school.nz)). Funds raised will go towards our playground development. We also have a supply of Entertainment books at school if you would like to purchase with cash.