

Class of the Week

**Model 1A
with Mr Ford**



What an honour it is to be the class of the week. We celebrate a lot in Model 1A - that's why you'll see us grin from cheek to cheek. Whether it's showing progress or trying to impress, Mr Ford's aim is to get us to try our best. We love to learn and laugh! Just ask the other teachers and George Street staff.

Our class ranges from year four to six, with 24 students strong. But don't worry, we have teacher aides and college teachers to help Mr Ford along. To truly make our class be the best that we can be,

we look after each other like a big fun-loving family. You're welcome to join, please come say hi, kia ora and bonjour. Maybe even share your culture?

Since showing compassion is our value, and the poetry competition is nearing on the double, perhaps you'll find a poem about helping those who are in trouble.

Hopefully our message has been received? What matters to us is working together so we'll all succeed!

■ 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 25 May, beginning at 2.00pm:

Jeet (K1)	Ethan (K1)	Amna (K2)	Carina (K2)
Henry (R22)	Zoe (R22)	Mackenzie (R3)	Tynan (R3)
Thea (R4)	Tommy (R4)	Chester (R5)	Eliza (R5)
Evander (R6)	Ali (R6)	Oakley (R7)	Gibbo (R7)
Aidan (R8)	Maia (R8)	Dominic (R12)	Joanne (R12)
Kezia (R13)	Tynan (R13)	Hazel (R9)	Zander (R9)
Archie (R10)	Anika (R10)	Liam (R11)	Todd (R11)
Thomas (R16)	Archer (R17)	Ghina (R17)	Carlotta (R18)
Story (M1A)	Colin (M1A)	Joshua (M1B)	Elaine (M1B)
Brady (M2A)	Manu (M2A)	Duncan (M2B)	Tanu (M2B)

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tue 22 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 25 May	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with M1A presenting
Tue 29 May	Science ICAS exam
Mon 4 Jun	Queen's Birthday - School closed
Mon 11 Jun	PTA AGM 7.30pm, Staffroom
Mon 25 Jun	PTA Quiz Night



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■ Mathematics report

A report on the achievement of our children in mathematics was presented at a recent meeting of our Board of Trustees. This document includes a review of our teaching and learning objectives, a summary of feedback from teachers and children and an analysis of how well our children are achieving in mathematics. It was pleasing to note:

- 86% of all children assessed against National Standards at the end of 2017 were either meeting or achieving above expectation.
- As children move through the school, the number of children achieving at or above expectation increases.
- Teachers noted children's understandings increase favourably when an emphasis on learning basic facts as a regular part of the daily programme, using equipment and games, identifying patterns and making connections to other learning, is evident. Real life contexts, and children participating in goal-setting and assessment analysis, was also identified as being important.
- Mixed-ability grouping within classes appeared to improve self-esteem and encouraged children to model their thinking to support their own understandings and that of others.

Opportunities for children to reinforce their understandings beyond the class include the use of various support programmes such as E-Ako, Studyladder and Mathletics, which parents can access through discussion with the class teacher.

Well done to our staff who are helping children to develop their mathematical understandings across a range of contexts. The full report is available for viewing at the school office.

Kind Regards
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Mark this date on your calendar!

**Monday 25 June
GSNS PTA Quiz Night
at the Kensington Hotel**

This is a fun-filled night to fundraise for our soon-to-be-built Makerspace.
More information will be coming home soon.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Jensen (Kindle 1), Nixon and Vallee (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Soleil, Nick J (R5) and Greer (M2B). Our current roll is 490.



GSNS Value of the Term — Compassion (Aroha)

Compassion advice from the 5-year-olds in Kindle 2:

Help someone who has fallen over - Emersyn

Ask, "Are you okay?" - Arthur

Give your birthday money to the wildlife hospital. - Nikita

Give someone your old clothes or toys. - Ted

Play with someone who has no friends. - Amna



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #8



Winter weather reminders

In the event of snow falling or possible dangerous ice on streets in Dunedin, there are well-established procedures to follow:

1. If the snowfall is light, school will open as usual.
2. If the snowfall is heavier, or there is severe frost with icy roads before school begins, our school website and school app messages will be updated as soon as we receive information. Alternatively, most local radio stations will broadcast times that schools will open on these winter days.
3. If snow falls during a school day, children will **not** be sent home early from George Street Normal School. We will close at the usual time of 3.00pm. However, if parents or caregivers wish to collect their children before 3.00pm, that is quite acceptable. Please let the classroom teacher know before taking your child.

■ New playground equipment!

The money raised by the PTA at last year's school fair will soon be used to install new play equipment beside the sandpit outside the school office. There will be plenty to climb, clamber over and swing on. The equipment is most suited for children up to Year 4 and is designed to cater for the needs of our increased number of younger children on the hall side of the school. There was some concern expressed by older children that the monkey bars were disappearing, but they are to be relocated to the end of the Georgies room.

We are grateful to the PTA for their hard work raising funds to be used to improve our school.

■ Scholastic Book Club

You should have received a Scholastic Book Club catalogue from your child recently. If not, more catalogues are available at the school office. All orders are due back at school by **tomorrow**, Friday, 18 May. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic New Zealand. If paying by credit card, orders need to be placed online using Book Club Loop: www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Every book purchased earns rewards for the school.

■ GSNS Emergency contact

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

■ 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.

■ Read-a-thon

We are asking that all Read-a-thon cards and money be handed to class teachers by tomorrow, Friday 18 May, to be eligible for the lucky draw. Thank you.