

## Class of the Week

### Room 18 with Miss Dore



Room 18 is a class of 23 creative and compassionate children - 8 Year 2s and 15 Year 3s. We are active, positive and proud class members who are supportive and kind towards one another. This term we completed our compassion goal of collecting cans to spell out the word 'compassion'. We then sent them to a local food bank.

Elmer the Elephant has been featuring in our learning lately. We are excited to share with you, what we have created, at our assembly on Friday 6 June at 2.00pm and look forward to seeing you there!

### ■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 10

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 6 July, beginning at 2.00pm:

Angus (K1)	Charlie (K1)	Vallee (K2)	Nixon (K2)
Dylan (R22)	Zara (R22)	Siyao (R3)	Keira (R3)
Alex (R4)	Rongomai (R4)	Ameera (R5)	Zaydan (R5)
Fraser (R6)	Levi (R6)	Huiseong (R7)	Mika (R7)
Leo (R8)	Tom (R8)	Tara (R12)	Judah (R12)
Matai (R13)	Olivia (R13)	Emma (R9)	Bea (R9)
Adam (R10)	Livy (R10)	Eyimofe (R11)	Ethan (R11)
Mina (R16)	Matthias (R17)	Harper (R17)	Marley (R18)
Ngarewa (R18)	Annabelle (M1A)	Julian (M1A)	Rivka (M1B)
May (M1B)	Cindy (M2A)	Lochy (M2B)	

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Thu 28 Jun	Teachers' Union meeting
Fri 29 Jun	Mid-year Learning Reports issued
Wed 4/Thu 5 Jun	Parent/Teacher interviews and Book Fair
Fri 6 Jul	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R18 presenting
Fri 6 Jul	Last day of Term 2
Mon 23 Jul	First day of Term 3



# NEWSLETTER



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### ■ Reports come home on Friday

Over the past month our teachers have been reviewing children's progress at school, and next week we plan to meet with parents to discuss achievements and confirm learning goals for the remainder of the year. In preparation for the interviews, teachers have completed a "Mid-Year Learning Report" for each child that will arrive home on Friday.

When reading your child's report please note the following:

- Progress in English, mathematics and character development is the focus of this report. Parents can expect a summary report on all areas of the curriculum later in the year.
- A four-point scale is used to communicate progress and achievement: Working Towards Expectation (WT), Meeting Expectation (M), Above Expectation (A) and Well Above Expectation (WA). We regard Meeting (M) a George Street Normal School expectation as a success and, as a minimum, our aim for every student.
- Each judgement of progress and effort is compared to what teachers would expect for someone at your child's age and stage of schooling in reading, writing and mathematics, based on the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Interviews will be happening on Wednesday 4 July in the afternoon and evening, and Thursday 5 July in the afternoon, in your child's classroom or in the Learning Centre/upper Te Puna Ako (Kindle 1, Kindle 2, Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 22), with parking available in the school grounds. If you haven't yet made your interview appointment please visit the following address: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the following code as a password: **pt8j7**, then press 'Go.' If you would like assistance to make an appointment please talk with your child's class teacher or our office staff.

Kind regards

Rod Galloway (Principal), [rod@georgestreet.school.nz](mailto:rod@georgestreet.school.nz)

### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Kyan (Kindle 1) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Laxshay (R3). Our current roll is 498.

### Calling for expressions of interest

With an eye to the future, the Board of Trustees is looking to co-opt up to two additional board members for the remaining term of the current board, ending mid-2019. We are interested in hearing from you if you have:

- An interest in school governance.
- The time capacity to prepare for, and attend, the regular monthly meeting and other meetings as required.
- Experience in finance, accounting and/or business, with a keen eye for detail.
- A willingness to work as part of a team.

If this sounds like you, please email your interest to Maree McDonald (Board Chair) at [board@georgestreet.school.nz](mailto:board@georgestreet.school.nz)



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

Of course you can! Thanks to everyone who supported the 'Oct-a-can' event last week. Children in the senior and middle teams collected and delivered 300 cans of food!



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #10



## Parking reminders

On these dark and cold days, extra care needs to be taken on busy and slippery roads. Parents, caregivers and children are reminded of the following road safety messages:

- drive slowly past our school and be prepared to stop
- no u-turns outside our school
- no double-parking
- no parking over driveways
- children should exit from the footpath side of vehicles
- always check that traffic has stopped before using controlled crossings
- children are welcome to be collected from our pick-up zone (outside our main entrance) and need to be lined up with the supervising teacher between 3.02pm-3.25pm. Parents are asked to only stop in this area if their child is present in the line, otherwise please go around the block. This is the "no waiting, no looking for your child, no trying to find a park" way to pick up children from our school.

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.

### ■ Teachers' Union meeting reminder

Tomorrow, **Thursday 28 June**, teachers will be attending a Union meeting in the Dunedin Town Hall, starting at 1.30pm. No classroom programme will be offered on that afternoon so we are encouraging parents to make arrangements to pick up their child/ren at 12.30pm. Children who remain at school will be supervised in the hall and can be collected from there at 3.00pm.

### ■ Congratulations

Congratulations to the GSNS poetry recital place-getters:

Year 3: 1st - Alice (M2B); 2nd - Amelia (R9); 3rd - Liam (R10)

Year 4: 1st - Tim (R11); 2nd - Jude (M1A); 3rd - Evie (R10)

Year 5: 1st - Joseph (M1A); 2nd - Harry (R13); 3rd - Mackenzie (R8)

Year 6: 1st - Megha (R6); 2nd - Leo (R6); 3rd - Story (M1A).

### ■ Term Dates for 2019

Term 1 - Tue 29 January to Fri 12 April

Term 2 - Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July

Term 3 - Mon 22 July to Fri 27 September

Term 4 - Mon 14 October to Fri 13 December

### George Street Normal School Book Fair in Te Puna Ako

#### Wednesday 4 July and Thursday 5 July

Come along to support George Street Normal's annual book fair event.

The book fair will run during the Parent/Teacher interviews.

All purchases made will help us to buy more books for our school library.

Cash, cheque, Eftpos and credit card payments can be made.

