

### George Street Normal School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country will be held next term, on **Monday 30 July** (postponement date Wednesday 1 August). All races will take place at North Grounds (Alhambra Union rugby grounds, situated between Great King Street and Cumberland Street, North Dunedin).

Children will need to wear warm clothing, layers of which can be taken off before running and put back on after the race. They will also need to bring a named drink bottle, and inhaler if required. Parents and caregivers are welcome to watch the races, however please stand **behind** our children and coned areas so that everyone can see.

Race times are as follows:

10.30am Year 3 Girls	10.40am Year 3 Boys
10.50am Year 4 Girls	11.00am Year 4 Boys
11.10am Year 1 Girls	11.15am Year 1 Boys
11.20am Year 2 Girls	11.25am Year 2 Boys
11.30am Year 5 Girls	11.40am Year 5 Boys
11.50am Year 6 Girls	12.00pm Year 6 Boys
12.10pm Return to school	



In preparation for the Cross Country, parents can help by:

- encouraging your child to run and exercise regularly
- on the day, giving your child a larger than usual breakfast and something 'extra' in their lunch box
- checking that your child has a named drink bottle
- naming all clothing and making sure layers are easy to put on and take off
- checking that your child has clothing and footwear suitable for running
- supplying a spare pair of shoes to put on in the afternoon.

### REMINDER

Term 2 finishes tomorrow (Friday 6 July) at 3.00pm.

Term 3 begins on Monday 23 July

Happy holidays!

### Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

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
Fri 27 Jul	GSNS International Day
Mon 30 Jul	GSNS Cross Country (postponement date Wed 1 Aug)
Thu 29 Nov	GSNS End-of-year Show



# NEWSLETTER



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### ■ Compassion in Action!

Children at George Street Normal School have been learning about the concept of compassion this term. As well as class discussions and activities that promote an understanding of compassion, children have enjoyed planning a number of practical projects in our local community:

- The Junior Team have collected various items for children who are being fostered in Dunedin. 'Foster Backpacks', filled with goods that will help these families, are ready for delivery. Thanks to the Junior Team choir who recently entertained residents at a local rest home.
- The Middle Team have collected a large number of cans of food for charity this term. Some classes have also donated toys to less-fortunate children.
- Children in the Senior Team have also donated cans to a local foodbank, learnt about the work of the SPCA, and collected donations of old towels for animal cages and canned pet food.
- Some children in the Models have been supporting another local charity with the donation of used books, as well as raising money to donate to their chosen charity. Well done to the children in M2A who did extra chores at home to raise \$60 in one week.

Some writers believe a sense of curiosity is essential for compassion to flourish. Perhaps two central questions to be answered concerning compassion are: (1) What is going on here? In other words, is there anyone in trouble and what help is required?; and (2) What is my personal response to this need? Adults and children can ask, "How can I make this situation better?" When children ask these questions they are less likely to ignore the plight of others, and do whatever they can to improve a situation. Thanks to our teachers and parents for helping children learn important life lessons about how they can contribute to a more caring world.

Kind regards  
Rod Galloway (Principal)  
rod@georgestreet.school.nz

### 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



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

*"I would rather feel compassion than know the meaning of it."*  
- Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #12



## New booking system for Georgies

<https://georgies.aimyplus.com>

Next term we will be using a new online booking system for Georgies before school, after school and holiday programmes. We are asking all parents wishing to use a Georgies programme to firstly enrol their children (this process should take about 10 minutes) at <https://georgies.aimyplus.com> and then follow the instructions to make bookings from today onwards for next term, and for the rest of the year.

Please note: (1) there are new terms and conditions for attendance, booking and making payments at Georgies - please read these carefully; (2) from 23 July, Georgies bookings will only be accepted and confirmed through Aimyplus; (3) all existing children must be re-enrolled; (3) all existing/permanent bookings must be re-booked; and (4) in addition to the new booking system, Georgies has a new bank account suffix (002) that all parents should begin using. Please note this new Georgies account: (BNZ) 02-0912-0320963-002.

The Aimyplus website has many helpful features that parents may wish to use. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office or the Georgies office on 474 0825, press 715 for Georgies (you may have to leave a message – these are cleared daily). In addition, our site supervisors can be contacted on 027 614 5086 (Junior Georgies) or 021 0817 7822 (Senior Georgies) and by email at [georgies@georgestreet.school.nz](mailto:georgies@georgestreet.school.nz)

Thanks for your support.

Bex and the Georgies team

### ■ Staffing changes

Best wishes to Mrs Stanton, one of our hardworking Deputy Principals, who is away next term on a well-deserved sabbatical, funded by the Ministry of Education. Mr Mulholland will join Mrs Robertson as our second Deputy Principal for next term, based in Mrs Stanton's office, Mrs Dakers will be acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Gardner will be acting Senior Team Leader. We welcome Miss Mitchell to Room 8 for the term, as well as Mrs Knox who joins Room 22. We also congratulate Ms Dunn (Room 4) on her appointment as a Principal at another school from the middle of next term.

### ■ Pizza Friday

A reminder to parents/caregivers that pizza, for children who have already placed orders (late orders cannot be accepted) as part of this PTA fundraiser, will be delivered to classrooms for lunch by 12.30pm tomorrow, Friday 6 July.

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## International Day

Friday 27 July  
(first Friday of Term 3)



Dress up in your national costume  
Bring a toy from your culture  
Share some language from your culture