

# Class of the Week

Room 13  
with Mr Hamilton



Kia Ora Koutou. Room 13 has the pleasure of being the first Class of the Week for Term 3. We are a 25-strong class of Year 5/6 students. Although most of us are Kiwi through and through, we are blessed to have students hailing from the other side of the world, adding a bit of diversity to our lives. Although we can be a noisy, boisterous bunch (that's just our enthusiasm) we are hard workers and get the job done!

This term we're going to be focusing on sustainability where we will be designing and creating our own sustainable homes/town. Later in the term we will be inquiring into the rocky shore, but first we're going to be creating and setting our own world records. Come along to our assembly on Friday 3 August at 2pm to see how we went! You will also see some amazing art we created while at the Art Gallery in week one.

## ■ 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 3 August beginning at 2.00pm:

Caleb (K1)	Jensen (K1)	Elijah (K2)	Lachlan (R22)
Nikita (R22)	Gloria (R3)	Luis (R3)	Rosa (R4)
Faaiz (R4)	Toby (R5)	Austin (R5)	Milly (R6)
Ewan (R6)	Isla (R7)	Kate (R7)	Aidan (R8)
Sinead (R8)	Sena (R12)	Deem (R12)	Samara (R13)
Gabriel (R13)	Daan (R9)	Ariana (R10)	Callum (R10)
Sam (R11)	Xavier (R11)	Genjin (R16)	Marcus (R16)
Neeve (R17)	Lochie (R18)	Thomas (R18)	Conor (M1A)
Ezra (M1A)	Arya (M1B)	Link (M1B)	Casey (M2A)
Mila (M2B)			

## Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Fri 27 Jul	GSNS International Day
Mon 30 Jul	GSNS Cross Country (postponement date Wed 1 Aug) PTA AGM 7.00pm, Staffroom
Tue 31 Jul	ICAS English (Reading) exam 9.00am
Fri 3 Aug	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R13 presenting
Fri 10 Aug	GSNS Ice Skating evening 5.00pm-7.00pm



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■ Visitors from Japan

Children and teachers from Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University Primary School in Japan visited our school this week. Now in its 16th year, this visit is an opportunity for our whole school to reinforce cultural understanding and respect. We began the week's programme by re-signing our sister school agreement and welcoming the nineteen students, three teachers and Assistant Principal, Mr Miyabe, at a special assembly on Tuesday. We were impressed that each of our visitors could introduce themselves in English.

One of the highlights for the Japanese children, so far this week, was a visit to a GSNS host family for tea last night. Thank you to the parents who made this possible. Other activities involving children from both schools included an international quiz, art activities, a trip to the Art Gallery and Botanic Gardens, class presentations in all classes, as well as participating in tomorrow's International Day. For our International Day, all children are invited to dress up in national costume and/or bring a toy from their culture and/or share some of their language with their class.

Thanks to Ms Spencer, Mr Ford and Mr Mulholland for their organisation this week and children in M1A and M2A who have shown friendship and respect. As per the reciprocal nature of the sister school relationship, later this term a group of children, parents and teachers from our school will make the trip to Japan, hosted by our friends from Gifu. More information about our sister school relationship can be found on our website [www.georgestreet.school.nz/International/Sister-Schools](http://www.georgestreet.school.nz/International/Sister-Schools).

Kind regards  
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■ Happy at George Street Normal School

Please find included with this newsletter an updated statement regarding children's well-being at George Street Normal School. Our 'Happy at School' brochure contains an overview of how our teachers and leaders ensure children feel safe and are learning to relate to others in appropriate ways. We want all children to be active, positive and proud learners. Parents are invited to discuss with their child some of the ideas contained in the brochure that reinforce emotional, physical and online safety, as well as our school's values.

■ Welcome

Welcome to Abdu (K1), Georgia, Marshall, Adam (K2) and Hugo (M2B) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Elvis (R10), Anna (R11), Deem (R12), David (R17), Simon (R18), Matthias (M1B), Christina (M2A) and Isabella (M2B). Our current roll is 503.

George Street Normal School  
**International Day**

Tomorrow  
Friday 27 July



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

**GSNS Value of the Term — Honesty (Pononga)**

This term we are talking to children about playing fair, giving their own answers, asking for permission before they take things, and telling the truth.



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #13



## Issuing children's medication

Parents are reminded that we prefer to not give children medication during the school day. We ask that, where possible, children are medicated outside of school hours, or parents come to administer the medication themselves, or that children who are still recovering from illness are kept at home to be medicated. If it is **essential** that your child has medication at school, and you are not able to come in to school to administer it, please bring the medication to the school office with the prescription attached and sign our 'Request for medication to be administered' form. Please note that GSNS staff will only administer medication to children subject to the following conditions:

- Medications are administered between 12.00pm and 12.30pm during the school day (with the exception of medication needed on an 'as required' basis, e.g., inhalers, etc.) from the school office.
- Medication will only be administered to a child after sighting instructions or a prescription from a medical professional, relating to that child.
- The required medication must be provided to the school by the child's parent/caregiver.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to monitor the amount and expiry dates of medication held by the school for their child, and to replace or replenish such medication as required.
- Written instructions must be provided to the school regarding how the medication is to be administered.
- GSNS staff will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the medication is administered in accordance with the instructions, but the school and its staff will not be held responsible for: any side-effects of the medication; not administering the medication on any particular occasion; not administering the medication in accordance with instructions; monitoring the schedule for administration of the medication; or any loss of the medication.

■ GSNS Cross Country

At this stage (weather permitting) our School Cross Country will be held next **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

**GSNS PTA  
AGM  
Monday 30 July  
7.00pm, Staffroom  
All welcome**