

# Class of the Week

Room 8  
with Miss Mitchell



Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana.

Room 8 is excited to be the class of the week and to have the opportunity to share our understanding of the learning process and everything in between. As a learning community we are collaborative and try to be enthusiastic in every challenge we meet.

This term we have continued to work on a unit of work called "My Kingdom", where we have created a whole society and community. This lead into our art which was surreal skylines, using watercolour pencils and watercolour paint. To relate our work to sustainable energy we are, at the moment, designing our own adobe brick house (passive solar energy) and making adobe bricks for a miniature adobe house. We have learnt that mass is important and that it is essential for the house to be north-facing. This also relates to our math unit on geometry.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our assembly next Friday.

## ■ GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 6

Congratulations go to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award at our next whole school Assembly in the hall on Friday 31 August beginning at 2.00pm:

Marcus (K1)	Kyan (K1)	Hannah (K2)	Maggie (R22)
James (R22)	Julian (R3)	Gloria (R3)	Elyanah (R4)
Alexander (R4)	Malachi (R5)	Lilah (R5)	Saydie (R6)
Nicholas (R6)	Maddie (R7)	Liam (R7)	Lola (R8)
Joshua (R8)	Sam (R12)	Brooke (R12)	Abhishek (R13)
Duc Anh (R13)	Emily (R9)	Seren (R9)	Gale (R10)
Ayla (R10)	Bella (R11)	Timothy (R11)	Milah (R16)
Aydin (R17)	Charlotte (R18)	Crawford (M1A)	Ezra (M1A)
Matthias (M1B)	Sebastian (M1B)	Ruby (M2A)	Alex (M2A)
Campbell (M2B)			

## Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Thu 23 Aug	GSNS S.T.E.A.M. Open Evening 5.00pm-6.30pm
Mon 27 Aug	North Zone Cross Country
Tue 28 Aug	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 31 Aug	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R8 presenting
Wed 26 Sep	GSNS 'Georgestock' music evening 7.00pm, School Hall



# NEWSLETTER



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George Street Normal School

**S.T.E.A.M.  
Open Evening**
**TONIGHT  
Thursday 23 August  
5.00pm-6.30pm**


All classrooms will be open for parents and children to visit.  
Teachers will be on hand to talk about the displays of children's learning that involves our "S.T.E.A.M." (Science, Technology, e-Learning, Arts, Mathematics) focus.

*Don't forget to visit our staffroom as well. Up-to-date information for parents on keeping children safe on the internet and being a good digital citizen will be available.*

### ■ Full STEAM ahead - our Open Night is here!

We're hoping that children and parents will take the opportunity to visit our classrooms tonight, talk to teachers and see the results of some of our STEAM learning. All of our classes use aspects of a STEAM approach which integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to guide children's questions, discussions and problem-solving. For the purposes of our open night, we're adding "e-learning" to this mix of important subjects. Moving around the classes, you'll find older children using "Google Classroom", as well as a number of STEAM challenges for you to have a go at. These are the same challenges children have been asked to solve by designing, measuring, calculating and building.

STEAM education provides an ideal opportunity for our children to work together, take thoughtful risks and persist in problem-solving and, if you ask children, they will tell you STEAM learning is also lots of fun. I have seen our children queuing up at break times, eager to get back into a hands-on STEAM lesson that can occupy them for hours! These tasks and high levels of engagement are preparing our learners for a future where their ability to think outside the box, share creative ideas and work collaboratively, may become essential. Thanks to our teachers who have incorporated a STEAM focus into their classroom programme with such success. Come along tonight and see how!

Kind regards  
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### GSNS Value of the Term — Honesty (Pononga)

Honesty advice from Kindle 2:

"Do your own work." - Nixon

"If you break something, own up." - Adam

"People will trust you if you tell the truth." - Hannah

"Don't push in line." - Ted

"Only eat things out of your own lunchbox." - Vallee



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #15



Some guidelines from Netsafe and Google, for families:

- **Talk with your family about what they do online.** Be clear about your family's rules and expectations around technology. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use, and what is appropriate content to view.
- **Use technology together.** It's a good way to teach online safety, and it creates opportunities for you to address online behaviour with your family as they come up. Set a good example. How often do you use your laptop or smartphone at the dinner table?
- **Teach your family to communicate responsibly.** Here's a good rule of thumb: if you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't text it, email it, instant-message it or post it as a comment on someone's page.
- **Think about your digital footprint.** Teach your child that they need to think about what they post online, and that what they post online leaves a "digital footprint" about them.
- **Teach your family the basics.** Use strong passwords – know how to create them and don't use the same one for everything, protect personal information, don't click on 'pop-ups' or open email attachments from unknown people.
- **Know who you can talk to.** Make sure your child knows what to do when something does happen and who to turn to, i.e., a responsible adult rather than a friend or sibling.
- **Keep it going.** Using technology safely and staying safe isn't a one-time thing - technology evolves and so will the needs of your family. Make sure you keep up with what they are using and doing.

*More information on internet safety for children will be shared in the staffroom as part of our STEAM open night – all welcome.*

### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Natalie (Kindle 1), Harry and Ivor (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Jacob (R18) and Qinghe (M1B). Our current roll is 506.

### ■ Parent Survey

We are currently inviting feedback about our school via a parent/caregiver survey that can be completed online at <https://goo.gl/forms/HbHCUaEjowGfBy3o1> or, alternatively, by filling in a paper copy enclosed with this newsletter. These forms can be returned to the box in the school office.

### ■ GSNS Enrolment Information for 2019

The George Street Normal School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol new children at George Street Normal School between 1 January and 30 June 2019. Enrolment at our school is governed by an enrolment scheme and the deadline for applications for out of zone places for the period 1 January to 30 June 2019 is **Friday 14 September 2018 at 3.00pm**. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected according to set criteria and ballot results. If the number of out of zone applications doesn't exceed the number of places available, children will be enrolled on a first in, first served basis until our maximum roll is reached.

### ■ DNI enrolments

Dunedin North Intermediate have advised that, to assist with their planning for 2019, they would appreciate receiving any enrolments for next year by Friday 31 August. Online enrolment is also available this year on the DNI school website.