

# Class of the Week

Room 4  
with Mrs Valavanis



Kia ora te whanau. Greetings to our George Street School family.

Room 4 is excited to be the Class of the Week for the last Friday of term. We are twenty Year 1s and 2s who love coming to school to learn reading, writing, and maths. We are a community of learners who work cooperatively together as we grow. In maths we've been studying symmetry, fractions and problem-solving. In our reading we've been working on building knowledge of

words and understanding what we've read. In writing we're practising writing letters to our teacher, and she writes back to us. We're also reading and writing poems, as well as writing a story about becoming a super-hero. We love singing, dancing and acting silly (sometimes).

The class has been working very hard for our assembly programme next Friday. We will recite a long version of The Three Little Pigs, and do our dinosaur dance for you. Four of our classmates will then do a small literature reading for you to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday. Ka kite i muri Paraire

## ■ 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 28 September, beginning at 2.00pm:

Lilly (K1)	Natalie (K1)	Adam (K2)	Titan (R22)
Chloe (R22)	Eniwumide (R3)	Margot (R3)	Hannah (R4)
Jake (R4)	Soleil (R5)	Lachie (R5)	Mia (R6)
Murphy (R6)	Lucy (R7)	Tane (R7)	Nora (R7)
Samuel (R8)	Basuru (R8)	Amazon (R12)	Luca (R12)
Toby (R13)	Samara (R13)	Scarlett (R9)	Aiden (R9)
Otis (R10)	Ryley (R10)	Sachi (R11)	Andrew (R11)
Harlow (R16)	Guy (R17)	Madison (R18)	Story (M1A)
Darcy (M1A)	Qinghe (M1B)	Toby (M1B)	Theo (M2A)
Jack (M2A)	Nina (M2B)		

## Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tue 25 Sep	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom
Wed 26 Sep	GSNS 'Georgestock' music evening 7.00pm, School Hall
Fri 28 Sep	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R4 presenting
	Last day of Term 3
Mon 15 Oct	First day of Term 4



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### ■ Active, Positive and Proud in Term 3!

As the third term draws to a close next week, I am mindful of the many groups and activities that have enabled children to claim our school vision - to be active, positive and proud. Many children have represented the school in the wider community over the past few weeks, often with high success. Winter sport has now finished and our netball, hockey, miniball and football teams report high participation and an enjoyable season. We have also congratulated children who participated in the Uke Jam, ODT current events competition, O'Mathalon competition, North Zone and Otago Cross Country, DCC poetry contest and PALs event. An annual highlight is our involvement in Polyfest. Last week, 104 children took part in either kapa haka, Pasifika performance group, or both. These groups sounded and looked fantastic! Thanks to our staff who put in many extra hours to ensure children have these opportunities, and to our children who have demonstrated our school vision on a daily basis.

Kind regards  
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### George Street Normal School Athletics Sports Day

Caledonian Grounds  
**Thursday 18 October (Week 1, Term 4)**  
(postponement day Wednesday 24 October)

10.00am start — Years 3-6

11.00am start — Years 1-2

Parent help needed

All welcome

### ■ Welcome

Welcome to Henry, Iggy (Kindle 1), Lily, Tane and Thenuki (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. Our current roll is 516.

### ■ Georgies Holiday Activity Programme

A reminder that Bex and the Georgies team have another exciting programme planned for the October school holidays. Registrations and enrolments are available via the Georgies Aimyplus online booking system. Enrolments for whole or part days will be accepted until places are full for that day. Payment can be made via internet banking or at the school office. Limited places. WINZ subsidies available.

### ■ Trip to Japan

Our best wishes go to the children, parents and teachers who will be travelling to Japan later this week to visit our sister school. If you are interested in following the group's adventures, their blog can be found at <https://japan2018gsns.blogspot.com/>



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

Advice from our children:

- If you are honest and truthful you don't get into trouble so much.
- Always tell the truth to teachers.
- You feel much better when you've told the truth.



# A Parent's Guide to GSNS #17



## Travelling to and from school safely

Parents are reminded about the need for a plan to get their child to and from school safely. In light of recent events, we ask that:

- Children are given clear rules to follow regarding pick-up points and the route to school.
- Children are taught to navigate hazards such as narrow footpaths, busy roads and blind driveways.
- If children walk home or to a meeting place, they make sure they use pedestrian crossings and walk together in twos or small groups, not alone.
- Parents carefully consider the advice that children who are too young to know how to deal with unwelcome approaches from strangers, are too young to be travelling to and from school without a parent or caregiver.
- Reports of unwelcome approaches to children are communicated directly to the Police, rather than to the media or posted on social media.
- By 3.25pm on each school day, all children are either on their way home using the plan made with parents, or in after school care, or in the school office if they need to clarify the plan.

### ■ Otago Cross Country

Well done to our team of 15 runners who participated in the Otago Cross Country last week. Placings included: Alexis (1st, Year 5 Boys), Talvin (8th, Year 5 Boys), Isla (10th, Year 6 Girls).

### ■ Lost Property

We have a number of items in our lost property which will be on display on the deck outside Rooms 10 and 11 next week, until the end of the term. Parents/caregivers and children are invited to check and claim any items that belong to you.

### ■ Saturday Morning Music Classes (SMMC)

Saturday Morning Music Classes are presenting their annual Demonstration Concert in the Dunedin Town Hall on Sunday, 23 September, at 3.00pm. There will be items from a wide variety of musical groups, performed mostly by children, concluding with Toitu's Song, specially written to be played by everyone combined, celebrating 50 years of SMMC. No admission charge. Donations gratefully accepted.



## Georgestock 2018

George Street Normal School Music Night

Wednesday 26 September, 7.00pm

School Hall

All Welcome

