

Class of the Week

Room 7
with Ms Hunt



What a talented bunch of students we have in Room 7.

We are passionate learners who love using our creativity. Our energy and enthusiasm is infectious and we like to make learning fun.

We are proud of each other and look forward to sharing our learning with you at next week's assembly.

■ 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 26 October, beginning at 2.00pm:

Willow (K1)	Henry (K1)	Georgia (K2)	Kalis (R22)
Maeve (R22)	Myroslav (R3)	Hayley (R3)	Angus (R4)
Jensen (R4)	Hooria (R5)	Chester (R5)	Felix (R6)
Lucy (R6)	Liam (R7)	Vance (R7)	Tom (R8)
Mackenzie (R8)	Julia (R12)	Oban (R12)	Kezia (R13)
Jack (R13)	Alexander (R9)	Brianna (R9)	Adam (R10)
Evie (R10)	Seb (R11)	Georgia (R11)	Austin (R16)
Maxwell (R17)	Mihira (R17)	Jamie (R18)	Siyao (R19)
Gloria (R19)	Conor (M1A)	James (M1A)	Saranya (M1B)
Jasper (M1B)	Brooke (M2A)	Thomas (M2B)	

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Mon 22 Oct	Labour Day - School closed
Tue 23 Oct	PTA meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Fri 26 Oct	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R7 presenting
Tue 30 Oct	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom
Thu 1 Nov	GSNS Sporting and Cultural groups and New Entrant photos
Fri 2 Nov	GSNS PTA School Disco
Tue 13 Nov	Beginning School evening



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■ Welcome to term 4

What a great day we had yesterday gathering as a whole school for a summer sports day. The weather was perfect and many parents came along to support children in the running, throwing and jumping events. Although the staff relay team (reinforced by a few speedy parents) came home ahead of the children in both relay events, the winning classes were Room 10 and 11 (first equal in the Year3/4 race) and M1A/M2A (Year 5/6 race). Thanks to Mrs Gardner, her team of helpers, and all our staff for ensuring this day was a well-organised and fun experience.

A few reminders to put on your calendar for this term:

Thursday 1 Nov	Photo day for new entrant classes, sports teams and cultural groups (team coaches please attend)
Friday 2 Nov	School Disco (6.00-7.15pm Year 1/2 children, 7.30-8.30pm Year 3-6 children)
Tuesday 13 Nov	Presentation for new parents (<i>Beginning School: A guide for parents whose children have just started or will start at GSNS in 2019</i>), 7.30pm in Te Puna Ako
Thursday 29 Nov	Whole school concert at Forsyth Barr Stadium, 7.00pm
Friday 7 Dec	Reports issued with classes for 2019
Thursday 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation night, 7.00pm school hall
Friday 14 Dec	Last school day for 2019. Final assembly 2.00-3.00pm.

It certainly will be a busy term with only eight weeks to go and plenty of teaching and learning to come. So make sure your child has a sun hat packed every day, a smile to greet their teacher every morning and a readiness to learn and make good choices at every opportunity.

Kind regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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REMINDER

School will be closed on Labour Day,
Monday 22 October.
Enjoy the long weekend!

■ Welcome

Welcome to Isla, Avery (Kindle 1), Melody, Lily, Theo and Zedakai (Kindle 2) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome David (R3), Hania (R4), Adam (R10) and Tom (M1A). Our current roll is 516.

■ Enjoying Japan!

Many classes have been following the adventures of the GSNS children, teachers and parents who recently visited our sister school in Japan. The group diary and photos can be seen at <https://japan2018gsns.blogspot.com/>

■ Sun-safe

We are asking parents to support our messages about sun-safe behaviour. Please supply a named hat that stays at school for all of Term 4.



GSNS Value of the Term — Duty (Mahi a Ngakau)

At George Street Normal School we are asking children to consider duty as doing what needs to be done to make things right.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #18



Class placements for 2019

Teachers are in the process of placing children into classes for 2019. This is always done with a great deal of consideration that balances social, emotional and learning needs of our children. Currently we have a small number of places available in our Model classes. If any parent/caregiver wishes to discuss the benefits of a placement in the Models, which include smaller class sizes, a mixed range of ages and leadership opportunities, please contact either of our Deputy Principals. If your child will **not** be attending George Street Normal School for all or part of next year, please let us know. All parents will be notified of their child's classroom, teacher, year placement and stationery information for 2019 on Friday 7 December.

■ How well are our children achieving in Social Studies?

A report about teaching and learning in Social Studies at GSNS was presented at a recent meeting of our Board of Trustees. The latest results of achievement in Social Studies reveals an impressive 98% of our children meeting or exceeding our expectation. In other words, most children are able to demonstrate knowledge about the world in which they live in order to be critical, informed and responsible citizens. To confirm our internal assessment, some teachers used National Educational Monitoring Project (NEMP) tasks in the various strands of the Social Studies curriculum with a sample of children from Years 4 and 6. These results confirmed our findings that the children at GSNS are consistently achieving very well in this subject area. The results are comparative to the 2015 data, with 98% of GSNS children either meeting expectations or exceeding expectations. There is little difference between the achievement levels of boys and girls, Māori, Pasifika and non-Māori children. Teaching and learning contexts in Social Studies used by our teachers in 2018 included: "play, toys and games - then and now", counties around the world, our class community, special days (such as Waitangi day), visit from our sister school in Japan, and class trips to Toitu. Thanks to all our teachers who are helping children to become connected, capable and global citizens. The Social Studies report is now available in the school office.

■ ICAS results

Congratulations to all the children who participated in this year's International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) exam in Mathematics. Well done to Cambell and Zakariya who received High Distinction (top 1% of all New Zealand placings), and to Ben, Alexis, Connor and Raabia who received Distinction (top 10% of all New Zealand placings).

■ Contact details

A reminder to parents and caregivers to please inform the school office (phone 474 0825 or email office@georgestreet.school.nz) if your address, home phone, work phone or mobile phone numbers change.