

Classes of the Week

Room 22
with Ms Brooks and Mrs Knox



Room 22 is proud of being the biggest Junior class at George Street Normal School, with 30 super Year 1 children and two happy teachers.

We have lots of fun learning and playing together. One of our favourite things at school is writing and publishing our stories while listening to some calm, relaxing music.

We are very creative and great at building towers and other things out of boxes, cups and egg trays, as well as doing lots of amazing artwork.

Playing in the sandpit, on the courts and on the monkey bars during sunny playtimes and lunchtimes are some other things that we enjoy.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our assembly next Friday where we will share some of the things that have been happening in our classroom.

■ 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 23 November, beginning at 2.00pm:

Avery (K1)	Isla (K1)	Kamaleah (K2)	Tane (K2)
Thenuki (K2)	Lily (K2)	Naoyuki (R22)	Zara (R22)
Hannah (R3)	Eoghan (R3)	Rongomai (R4)	Rosalee (R4)
Layla (R5)	Nick J (R5)	Samantha (R19)	Keira (R19)
Anna (R6)	Holly (R6)	Farhaal (R7)	Mila (R7)
Vivek (R7)	Jorja (R8)	Danielle (R12)	Issac (R12)
Olivia (R13)	Harry (R13)	Aditya (R9)	Willem (R9)
Liam (R10)	Ridima (R10)	Vincent (R11)	Jordan (R11)
Byson (R16)	Isaac (R16)	David (R17)	Zoe-ann (R18)
Joseph (M1A)	Nathanael (M1A)	Joshua (M1B)	Isabel (M1B)
Emilia (M1B)	Tara (M2A)	Isabella (M2B)	

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Tue 20 Nov	Otago Athletics Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom
Wed 21 Nov	Wellbeing at School information evening 7.30pm, Te Puna Ako/Learning Centre
Fri 23 Nov	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm, School Hall with R22 presenting
Mon 26 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
Thu 29 Nov	GSNS end of year production 7.00pm, Forsyth Barr Stadium



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George Street Normal School
presents

Kaleidoscope

A world of colour

Forsyth Barr Stadium (entrance Gate B)
(Gold coin donation per seat at the gate - thank you)

Thursday 29 November
7.00pm

All families and friends of the school are welcome to
our end-of-year whole school production



Wellbeing at school

Over the past few weeks, our school has, once again, considered the importance of wellbeing, positive engagement and the enjoyment of learning for children. The application of student wellbeing strategies is not new, however is worth reviewing often to ensure we are doing everything we can to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment. Recent initiatives have included:

- Our current "Ways to Wellbeing" topic, "Be Active" (do what you can, enjoy what you do, and move your mood). So far this term, there have been numerous opportunities for children to get out and about, enjoy keeping active and noticing how this makes them feel.
- The annual review of student wellbeing which revealed encouraging results, but also room for improvement. According to our 166 Year 5 and 6 students, for example, our school environment is welcoming to new children, especially for those from other cultures however, in other areas, such as being taught how to manage their feelings, they were less positive. One outcome from this year's wellbeing survey will be a more intentional emphasis on teaching resilience in our school.

Following my attendance at an international conference on wellbeing earlier this year, I have become more aware of both the excellent work of our teachers and teacher aides implementing strengths-based approaches, but also challenged by the overwhelming evidence linking children's wellbeing to their progress and achievement at school. Maintaining quality relationships with children, as the single biggest contributor to wellbeing, will remain a key focus for us, however there are a number of other strategies and approaches to increasing wellbeing at school and home that are worth considering. This wellbeing partnership will be one of the topics discussed on Wednesday night (21 November) at 7.30pm in Te Puna Ako/



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

Duty is ... making my bed, tidying my room, setting the table, and doing what needs to be done, even if I don't want to! (Advice from children in Room 8)



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #20



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme



Bex and the Georgies team have another exciting programme planned for the December/January school holidays. Registrations and enrolments are available via the Georgies Aimyplus online booking system <https://georgies.aimyplus.com>. 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.

Learning Centre. All parents and caregivers are welcome to this one-hour presentation of take-home ideas, handouts and tips designed to increase children's wellbeing at school.

Kind regards

Rod Galloway (Principal)

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Welcome

Welcome to Phoenix, Baxter, Richard (Kindle 2) and Zain (MIB) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Sofea (R5). Our current roll is 525.

Saturday Morning Music Classes (SMMC) Open Morning

SMMC invites parents and children wishing to commence classes in 2019, to observe classes in progress on Saturday morning, 17 November. At the George Street Normal School Centre, groups will assemble inside the main block door and be guided around classes between 9.00am and 10.30am. Enrolments for 2019 will be accepted on Saturday 24 November at George Street Normal School between 9.00am and 11.30am (follow the signs). For further information please visit www.smmcotago.com

School donations

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have made a school donation for 2018. If you haven't already done so and would like to, donations can be made to the school office or directly to our school bank account (BNZ 02 0912 0320963 001). Thank you!

WELLBEING AT SCHOOL

AN INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS
AT GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018

TE PUNA AKO/LEARNING CENTRE

7.30PM - 8.30PM

In this one-hour presentation, strategies for parents will focus on:

- How to use seven pathways to increase your child's wellbeing and confidence
- The role you can play in teaching your child about resilience
- Recognising and growing your child's strengths at home
- The wellbeing partnership: How you can work with your child's teacher to improve wellbeing at home and school.

All parents and caregivers welcome
Parking available in the school grounds