

WELL DONE YEAR 6!



Tonight we hold our Year 6 Graduation at which we honour and thank each Year 6 pupil for their involvement at George Street Normal School. We farewell:

Room 6: Ali, Fraser, Murphy, Mia, Holly, Lucy, Poppy, Giac, Gabriella, Luka, Felix, Megha, Elise, Storm, Nicholas, Lucy, Tyler;

Room 7: Elijah, Kate, Vance, Emily, Lucy, Gibbston, Hugo, Mila, Nora, Roman, Nafi, Isla, Mika, Meg, Rayyed, Tane, Lukas;

Room 8: Matthew, Jenah, Maia, Alex, Abby, Aidan, Cambell, Thomas, Lola, Leo, Jorja, Amelia, Basuru, Rosa;

Room 13: Olivia, Brayden, Jackson, Vansh, Gabriel, Hunter, Toby, Archie, Isabelle, Samara, Tarrah-Bramble, Tynan;

M1A: Story, Ej, Thom, Benjamin, Tom;

M2A: Angus, Ashton, Tara, Apollo, Wyatt, Leena, Jack, Amy, Brady, Sophia, Alexander, Casey

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal

Thu 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 7.00pm, School Hall
Fri 14 Dec	Whole School Assembly at 2.00pm, School Hall
	Last day of Term 4, 2018
Tue 29 Jan	First day of Term 1, 2019



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Merry Christmas!

from the Staff at

George Street Normal School



■ Christmas is here

A full and busy year at George Street Normal School comes to a close tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent end-of-year production at the Edgar Stadium such a success. Congratulations to our children who were the stars of the show! Tonight we continue to recognise our children's achievements by honouring and farewelling our 77 Year 6 pupils at their graduation evening.

As I have remarked on a number of occasions this week, the success of our school depends on the quality of staff, involvement of parents and positive engagement of children. All of this has happened at George Street Normal School in 2018!

Thank you for your support and best wishes for a happy, safe and restful Christmas break.

Kind Regards
Rod Galloway (Principal)
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■ Financial update

As noted in a previous newsletter and in our annual report, GSNS recorded a financial loss in 2017. This information has recently been considered by the office of the Auditor General. 2017 was a very successful year for teaching and learning outcomes at GSNS and we are satisfied that expenditure in 2017 was focused on these outcomes. The audited accounts are a snapshot of our financial position on 31 December 2017 and the surplus position was quickly restored with the payment of the operational grant early in January 2018. In 2017, the Board concluded a significant building project (Te Puna Ako – Learning Centre) which carried a financial burden. We are pleased to advise that Te Puna Ako is now completed and the costs met in full. Spending in 2018 has been conservative to recognise our 2017 result and we are confident about our financial position moving forward.

■ Lost property

Lost property items will be on display on the deck outside Rooms 9, 10 and 11 until 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday 14 December. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



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



Enjoy your holiday and remember to do your duty
'by doing the right thing' wherever you go.



A Parent's Guide to GSNS #20



George Street Normal School
Terms and Holidays
2019

Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January to Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

Holidays

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February
Otago Anniversary Day	Monday 25 March
First Term Break	Monday 15 April to Friday 26 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 June
Second Term Break	Monday 8 July to Friday 19 July
Third Term Break	Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October
Labour Day	Monday 28 October

Good Friday (19 April), Easter Monday (22 April), Easter Tuesday (23 April) and ANZAC Day (Thursday 25 April) occur in school holidays.

■ Staffing news

We would like to thank teachers: Mrs Knox, Ms Brooks, Mrs Valavanis, Ms Spain and Mrs Cath Smith, and teaching assistants: Wendy Fairbairn, Talia Wilkins, Mele Niuimeitolu and Sophie Tenci, for their work in our school this year and wish them well as they leave our school tomorrow. We also send our best wishes to Mrs Phillips who will be on leave for 2019.

Congratulations to Miss Megan Greer who takes up the position of Room 11 teacher and middle team leader.

George Street Normal School

Year 6 Graduation

Parents and friends of our Year 6 pupils are invited to our graduation evening

TONIGHT
Thursday 13 December

This event will be held in the School Hall beginning at 7.00pm

All welcome

George Street Normal School Stationery Requirements 2019

Packs of classroom stationery will be available from Office Max, 89 Great King Street by quoting George Street Normal School and your child's 2019 room number (this is printed on their report). Customer car parking is available at the rear of the building. Stock will be available in January. For parents/caregivers wishing to order stationery elsewhere, lists are available on our website www.georgestreet.school.nz