

# NEWSLETTER



## Editorial

Kia ora koutou katoa

It's with a mixture of excitement that I write my first school newsletter. I know I have huge shoes to fill after your previous principal, Rod and also after Leanne who has done the most fabulous job as Principal for this year. A big thank you to the kapa haka group, students and staff for their very warm welcome both at the mihi whakatau on Monday morning and throughout this week. Thank you too to those of you who have popped in to welcome me - I feel very privileged in joining your team and look forward to carrying on the awesome vision and values of George Street Normal School.

A little bit about myself.... as you probably already know, I am a new principal however I come with 15 years experience in senior leadership in schools. I am married to Michael; celebrating 36 years of marriage this week! We have 3 grown children and two fabulous wee grandies! My hobbies include gardening, 'creating in the kitchen', bike riding, walking, reading and enjoying good food with family and friends.

My door is always open, so please do come in and make yourself known to me. It is my intention to be on the 'gate' every morning and every afternoon so that I can get to know the children and their wider whānau - so once again, please come and chat to me. I can assure you if you have a dog, you will almost certainly meet me as I absolutely love dogs!

As we continue adjusting to the 'weird world of Alert Level 2,' I trust all is going well with you however, please let us know if you / your child needs support in any way. I know many people are feeling very tired from the continuous world of change, so if you are struggling, please reach out for support.

Look forward to meeting you in the days to come.

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## Welcome and Notices

### Welcome

Welcome to Billie (Kindle 1), Stella (Kindle 2) and Finn (M2B) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Ellie-May (Room 10) and Lucas (M2B). Our current roll is 471.

### Balmacewen Intermediate Enrolments

Enrolments are currently open for the 2021 school year and will close 12pm on Monday 7 September. Please complete your enrolment online by clicking [here](#) for the link and call the school office to enquire further on (03) 466 7251 or [office@balmacewen.school.nz](mailto:office@balmacewen.school.nz)

### Otago Community Trust Grant

We are delighted to let you know we have been successful in an Otago Community Trust - Lighthouse Project Grant. We have been awarded \$96,326 which has gone towards play based learning.

### Bendigo Trust Grant

We have also been awarded a Bendigo Grant of \$5,000 which will go towards Chromebooks for our school.

### Anxiety & Transitions Workshop

A workshop is being held at Dunedin North Intermediate, hosted by Matthew Peppercorn, targeting the whānau of students Years 5-8 who will soon be transitioning to intermediate or secondary schooling. This will be held Wednesday 26 August 2020 between 6-9pm in the DNI Hall. Please RSVP by pressing [here](#).

### Chess Tournament

Thank you to Mr Sam Hamilton (kaiako/teacher) who took 4 students (Zihan, Jack, Thisun and Randika) to the Chess Club Teams tournament at Kavanagh College last weekend. As there were few primary school teams, the team competed in the intermediate grade and played very well. They claimed the prize for top primary group and overall came 4th place. The team won \$60 for the school which is being used to purchase new chess equipment. Thank you to all parents who helped and supported throughout the day.

### Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Eliza (R9) for her tremendous success at the recent Hyeon Mu Taekwondo competition in Christchurch! Eliza won a bronze medal in the Colourbelt Individual Poomsae Competition. Eliza's club made special mention of her talent in taekwondo and the way she excels in her practice.

### EPro8 Challenge

Both GSNS Geeks and GSNS Geniuses EPro8 teams have made it into the Otago Final. The event will take place Tuesday 25 August at DNI from 10.30am.

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

"The greatest advantage of speaking the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said."  
Anonymous

## Classes of the Week

Room 13 with Mr Hamilton and Room 7 with Ms Hunt.



## A Parent's Guide to GSNS #13

### Building Well Being For Your Children

As we navigate the next couple of weeks and await the revision of the alert levels for New Zealand, here are some tips you might find helpful to keep building up the well being of your child/ren:

- Make yourself available
- Children pick up things in the playground that may or may not necessarily be true - make sure they know you have time to listen to them
- You know your child best
- Let their questions be your guide as to how much information you share with them
- Be patient
- Sometimes children are not always ready to talk, so give them time to do so. Watch for clues that they may want to talk e.g. hovering around while you do the dishes / work.
- Reassure your child with consistent responses - provide facts without promoting a high level of stress.
- Spend time together - go for walks, share meals together, play games - enjoy the things you like to do as a family

## GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 6

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Congratulations goes to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award on Friday 21 August.

Hudson (K1)	Aadhya (K1)	Oliver (K2)	Stella (K2)
Hector (R22)	Conor (R22)	Poet (22)	Charlotte (R22)
Sidnie (R3)	Camille (R3)	Aiman (R4)	Hana (R4)
Theo (R5)	Te-Kahuia (R5)	Maxwell (R6)	Otis (R6)
Susan (R7)	Randika (R7)	Beatrice (R8)	Ridima (R8)
Ahmed (R8)	Isaac (R12)	Sophia (R12)	Evie (R13)
Ethan (R13)	Colin (R9)	Amelia (R9)	Guy (R10)
Lewis (R10)	Monica (R11)	Lewis (R11)	Alina (R16)
Malia (R16)	Lily (R17)	Ibrahim (R17)	Ethan (R18)
Harry (R18)	Bromley (M1A)	Colin (M1A)	Isabel (M1B)
Sophia (M1B)	Nathanael (M2A)	Ezra (M2A)	Evelina (M2B)

## PTA News

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# DISCO

Friday 21 August  
School Hall

## POSTPONED

Until further notice

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# Quiz Night

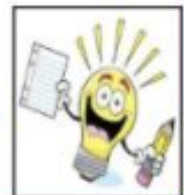
Thursday 10 September

The Kensington  
(4 King Edward Street)

7pm Start



This is a great  
opportunity  
to meet others in  
our school  
community



## Diary Dates @ George Street Normal School

<b>Thursday 20 Aug</b>	North Zone Cross Country - Postponed until further notice due to Covid restrictions
<b>Friday 21 Aug</b>	PTA Disco - Postponed until further notice due to Covid restrictions
<b>Monday 24 Aug</b>	ICAS exam - Digital Technologies
<b>Wednesday 26 Aug</b>	ICAS exam - English
<b>Friday 28 Aug</b>	The whole school assembly (room 7 and room 13 hosts) has been postponed
<b>Monday 31 Aug</b>	ICAS exam - Maths PTA Meeting - Staffroom (7.30pm)
<b>Wednesday 2 Sep</b>	ICAS exam - Spelling

**Whole School Assembly - No school assemblies will take place until a decision has been made after the Covid update announcement on 26 Aug**

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