

Term 3 Week 7 - 3 September 2020



# NEWSLETTER



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

*"Tell the truth, or someone will tell it for you."*  
- from Truth & Lie Quotes via Gecko & Fly

# Editorial

## Kia ora, Ciao, Talofa, Nǐ hǎo, Привет, សួស្តី, Hello

These are all different ways of saying hello and are just some of the languages spoken by the students in our school. As a school we are very blessed to have such a culturally diverse community and the richness of so many different cultures makes George Street Normal School an even more amazing school. This got me thinking about the diversity of the world that 'knocks' at our door via the internet and leads me to share with you some of the professional learning our kaiako team (teaching team) participated in recently - namely cyber safety.

I wonder if you can answer these questions:

- Can you explain what phishing is?
- What is 'click-bait journalism'?
- How do you know if a link sent to you is genuine?

The above are just some of the skills and knowledge that teachers build into their learning programmes so our akonga are equipped to be safe and literate digital citizens. Content covered depends very much on what is age appropriate.

If you aren't sure of any of the above, chances are, you are not alone. Briefly explaining what they are:

- Phishing is "the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers." (Oxford Dictionary)
- 'Click-bait journalism' is "content, especially that of a sensational or provocative nature, whose main purpose is to attract attention and draw visitors to a particular web page." (as defined by Google)
- One way to check if a link is genuine is to simply hover over it and in the bottom left hand side of your screen you will see the URL code. This will enable you to see if the code has any oddities in it. A good way to double-check is to search the real company on a separate tab to make sure the URL code is authentic.

Finally, if you are concerned about cyber safety in your own home, N4L (Network for Learning) has a free safety filter that protects children beyond the school gates. If you click this link [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz) you will find easy-to-follow instructions on how to apply this to your home device(s).

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## Welcome and Notices

### Parent Survey

Each year our school consults with our parent community to get feedback on how we are doing things in general. In addition to this, we would also like to hear your thoughts on the delivery of our Health Curriculum and, accordingly, we have included questions relating to this as well. To help you to understand what we cover in the delivery of our Health Curriculum, an overview can be found by clicking this [link](#). Could you now please take the time to complete the survey by clicking on the button below? The survey will remain open until 5.00pm on Friday 11 September 2020. Thank you for your support with this.

[Click here for the survey](#)

# Welcome and Notices

## Welcome

Welcome to Quinn, Belle, Yoyo (Kindle 1), Xanthe, Amelia (Kindle 2) and Mila (M2B) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Daniel (R10), Elvin (R7) and Connor (M1A). Our current roll is 477.

## Teacher Only Days

Please note that school finishes this year for GSNS children on **Monday 14 December at 3.00pm**. This is two days earlier than previously notified, due to the teaching team now participating in professional learning on 15 and 16 December as part of their Accord Teacher Only Days.

## Free Parent Seminar - Understanding Neurodiversity

Hosted by the Community of North Dunedin Schools, this seminar provides an understanding of neurodiversity, with a focus on dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, but also touching on ADD, ADHD and ASD.

WHEN: Tuesday 15 September 2020, 6.00pm-7.00pm

VENUE: Dunedin North Intermediate School

RSVP: Using the link [bit.ly/sharpe-neurodiversity](https://bit.ly/sharpe-neurodiversity)

## PTA Quiz night

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty around the Covid alert levels, the PTA has had to make the decision to cancel the Quiz Night that was going to be held on Thursday 10 September 2020.

## Skool Bag App

If you are having difficulty accessing the Skool Bag app, please ensure you have updated both the app and your phone's operating system.

## Dunedin Santa Parade

If you would like to be on a float in the Dunedin Santa Parade this year, please contact the organisers at [dnsantakids@gmail.com](mailto:dnsantakids@gmail.com). The parade is scheduled for Sunday 6 December at 3.00pm but you will need to be available from 12.30pm until 5.30pm. All costumes are provided. A parent will need to accompany any child for the duration of the parade and walk alongside the float. Arrangements are being put in place in the hope that the parade can be held, but this will be dependent on Covid-19 restrictions.

## Lunchonline Sushi orders

Lunchonline delivers sushi to George Street Normal School every Thursday. If you would like to place an order, please register at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and follow the four easy steps to get started:

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
3. Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order.



## George Street - Street Clean

Let's clean up the streets around our school

**Saturday 12 September, 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Meet at George Street Normal School, near the North Models block

Wear: warm clothes, hat, sunscreen, covered shoes

Bring: drinking water, gloves, tongs, buckets and bags

Children will require adequate adult supervision

We will have some collection bags and latex gloves available and we will remove all collected waste

## A Parent's Guide to GSNS #14

### Parking/Driving Near School

Over the past two weeks I have been on 'gate duty' at the beginning and end of the day and have been concerned by some of the driving and parking. On any given day, there are lots of near misses with others, as drivers decide to do a U-Turn in the middle of the road and pull out of parks without looking carefully. I know the 8.30am-9am drop-off and the 3pm pick-up can be extremely challenging regarding parking space, however it only takes a nano-second of inattention and a life/lives can be forever changed. So please, if you could, follow these guidelines:

- Use the drop-off zone as a kiss-and-drop-your-child-off space. Please do not 'park' your car there - even if it is just to run into the office.
- When using the drop-off zone, please pull into this slowly.
- If your child is using the drop-off zone, please remind them not to approach the car until you are stopped.
- If you need to travel in the opposite direction from the one you arrived in, please go around the block rather than doing a U-Turn.
- If you are using the Duke Street/George Street corner, please be aware there is no green arrow, and you need to wait for the pedestrians to cross.

Thank you for your support in this matter. We all love our children and want to ensure they are the safest they can be on such a busy road.

Robyn (Principal)



## Classes of the Week



Kindle 1 and Kindle 2



Room 9

## GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 8

Congratulations to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award on Friday 11 September (please note that an assembly will not be held)

Meeka (K1) Dominic (K2) Audrey (R22) Tiffany (R22) Quennell (R3) Maxwell (R4) Emily (R5) Dechey (R7) Beth (R8) Harrison (R8) Callum (R12)	Lachie (R9) Chester (R10) Krithin (R11) Nixon (R16) Thenuki (R17) Vallee (R18) Reicher (M1A) Reilly (M1B) Tanu (M2A) Mila (M2B)	Jason (K1) Clara (K2) Catherine (R22) Caelin (R22) Zain (R3) Honor (R4) Javinu (R5) Elvin (R7) Briar (R8) Emily (R12)	Georgia (R13) Seren (R13) Laxshay (R9) Teya (R10) Molly (R11) Melody (R16) Tanish (R17) Nikita (R18) Emilia (M1A) Tao (M1B) Tarn (M2A)
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## Diary Dates @ George Street Normal School

**Monday 14 September** - Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom

**Please note:** No school assemblies will take place until further notice, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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