

Term 3 Week 9 - 17 September 2020



NEWSLETTER



GSNS Value of the Term- Honesty (Pononga)

"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it'll always get you the right ones."

John Lennon

Editorial

Kia ora e te whānau te Kura Normal o Hori Tiriti (Hello to the family of George Street Normal School)

As you have probably already discovered, this week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori week (Māori language week). This is a wonderful opportunity for learning for many of us, children and adults alike, as we continue in our journey of valuing the bicultural nature of our country.

Throughout this week, children in our school have had the opportunity to further improve their te reo Māori (Māori language) through fun activities. One such fun activity has been a treasure hunt which Kaiako (teacher) Ms Claire Spencer organised during break times. This involved our tamariki (children), on both sides of the school, hunting for laminated cards of New Zealand native birds and then completing a sheet using simple sentence phrases to say where they found them in the school. Simple initiatives like this make learning fun and exciting for our children and we are really appreciative of the work Ms Spencer put into this.

As we look towards Term 4, and dependent on the Covid-19 alert levels, we are hoping to introduce a new initiative for children / families who are joining George Street Normal School. All things going well, we are aiming to welcome any students who started school in Term 3 or who are starting on the first day of Term 4, by holding a mihi whakatau. This will be held in Te Puna Ako to welcome these children and their whānau into our George Street Normal School community. Our guests (manuhiri) will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the school and there will be a sharing of waiata (songs) followed by a simple karakia kai. Children will then return to their classes to share some kai (food - e.g., fruit) and the new families will have coffee and kai in the staff room. We see this as a lovely way to make new families' tamariki (children) welcome in our school. If your child has started school during Term 3, you will receive an email invite.

Enjoy the holiday break coming up at the end of next week. Remember, our Georgies holiday program is running over this time and bookings can be made via the [school website](#).

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A Parent's Guide to GSNS #15

Continuing with our focus on Te wiki o te Reo Māori, here are some fun ways you could enjoy this week (and beyond) with your child/ren:

1. Make 'kia ora' your first choice of greeting to everyone you speak to.
2. Set a 'reo Māori only' zone within your workplace or home.
3. Learn and sing the [Māori alphabet](#) (this will help your pronunciation of Māori words).
4. Use this [signage list](#) to put up signs around your workplace or try these [everyday labels](#) around your home.
5. Join the '[A Māori Phrase a Day](#)' learning group on Facebook by Hēmi Kelly.
6. Get a group together and sing an easy te reo song, see '[Tūtira Mai](#)'.

Ideas from [Kia Kaha te Reo Māori](#)

Welcome and Notices

Welcome

Welcome to Parth (Kindle 1) who began school for the first time recently. We also welcome Samuel (M1A). Our current roll is 478.

Scholastic Book Club

If you have any spare paper bags (e.g., Countdown supermarket bags), our Scholastic Book coordinator would love to receive these for Scholastic book orders. If you can help, please drop them into the school office.



Roading Improvements

You may have noticed that, recently, the Dunedin City Council have been making changes to the side streets situated around our school. This is part of roading improvements that are being carried out to make it safer for our students. In the coming weeks there will be substantial roading improvements being made directly outside our school entrance on George Street, so please be aware there may be issues regarding traffic flow and also increased possible danger due to road works. We have been advised that the roading team will try to minimise the work that is carried out during our peak drop-off and pick-up times, however please do take extra special care when driving around our school at this time.

Lost Property

We have a growing pile of lost property. Children will be given the opportunity in class time over the next week to check if anything belongs to them. It is also our intention to leave it out on the verandah this weekend so other users of our school (e.g., Saturday Morning Music and the Church) can also check it, as we suspect a large number of items are theirs. You are most welcome to come and check it too.

Knuckle Bones

Next week the Learning Detectives are organising a Games Day for the whole school. If you have any sets of knuckle bones you'd be willing to lend us, could you please contact Mrs Leanne Stanton (leanne@georgestreet.school.nz). Thank you in anticipation.

Dunedin City Council sports facilities

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) wants to hear your thoughts about the sports you play, how DCC facilities meet your needs and what you would like improved or changed. Your feedback will help DCC develop a sports and recreation facilities plan for Dunedin. Fill out the survey [here](#)

Ariki Children's Athletics Club

2020-21 season registration nights are being held from 6.00pm-7.00pm on 14 and 21 September at Guthrie Pavilion behind Bayfield School. Come along to register children ages 4-14 for this coming summer season of athletics, or register online (www.ariki-athletics.org.nz).

Communication

Mailchimp



You may have noticed that we have recently changed to a new platform for communicating with you. Our new platform is called Mailchimp and whenever we refer to 'Mailchimp' we are referring to the way we will send out notices or newsletters. As Mailchimp is sent out via email, it is really important to let us know if you have changed your email address. We will continue to send out our fortnightly newsletter using Mailchimp and we will also use it to send out other notices as needed (e.g., the Tik Tok warning, parent survey reminder). Communication is important to us, however we will try to ensure that you are not overwhelmed with too many emails.

Skool Loop

This week we are moving away from the Skool Bag app to Skool Loop. We feel Skool Loop better meets our needs. This is a free downloadable app from App Store and Google Play (click on the buttons below). Once you have downloaded it, choose George Street Normal School. You can use this app to access our notices, newsletters, record absences and to look on the school calendar for events (these show as dots under the calendar day).

Have you downloaded our School app yet?
Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

Available on the App Store
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Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Georgies



Georgies Holiday Activity Programme

Registrations and enrolments for the September/October holiday programme are available via the Georgies Aimyplus online booking system (see link below).

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.

[Register for Georgies](#)

Classes of the Week

Room 22 with Mrs Knox and Mrs Chhin



Room 8 with Ms Spain



GSNS Achievement Awards - Week 10

Congratulations to the following pupils who will receive a School Achievement Award on Friday 25 September (please note that an assembly will not be held):

<p>Yoyo (K1) Tobias (K1) Xanthe (K2) George (K2) Alexis (R22) Lucas (R22) Ayesha (R22) Eddie (R22) Shaheer (R3) Richard (R3) Anaya (R4) Reyansh (R4) Lei (R5) Ella (R5)</p>	<p>Samantha (R9) Genjin (R9) Olive (R10) Harper (R10) Stella (R11) Margot (R11) Aman (R16) Zian (R16) Chenula (R17) Tane (R17) Rosalee (R18) Ted (R18)</p>	<p>Connor (M1A) Qinghe (M1A) Josh (M1A) Jaithra (M1B) Bodie (M1B) Natalie (M2A) Annabelle (M2B)</p>	<p>Byson (R6) James (R6) Otto (R7) Xavier (R7) Ibrahim (R8) Blake (R8) Syauqi (R12) David (R12) Aydin (R13) Jamie (R13)</p>
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Notices

Thank you for your continued support. There has never been a more important time to support us with our fundraising. **20% of every Entertainment Membership goes directly to our cause.**



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This event is to be held in Mosgiel on 7 March 2021, however if you want to register now, please click on this [link](#). Although we don't do registrations through our school, by registering on this link, you will join the George Street Normal School group, making the school eligible for any prizes.

Otago Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 Level 2 restrictions, the Otago Cross Country event has been cancelled.

GSNS Sports Registrations

If your child is interested in taking part in Flippa Ball, Touch Rugby, Futsal, Cricket or Tennis, please click on the appropriate links below for further information and to register:

<p>Flippa Ball</p> <p>Registrations for Flippa Ball must be completed by Monday 21 September.</p>	<p>Flippa Ball registration</p>
<p>Touch Rugby</p> <p>Registrations for Touch Rugby must be completed by Monday 21 September.</p>	<p>Touch Rugby registration</p>
<p>Futsal</p> <p>Registrations for Futsal must be completed by Friday 25 September.</p>	<p>Futsal registration</p>
<p>Cricket</p> <p>Registrations for Cricket must be completed by Monday 19 October.</p>	<p>Cricket registration - BOYS</p> <p>Cricket registration - GIRLS</p>
<p>Tennis</p> <p>Registrations for Tennis must be completed by Monday 26 October.</p>	<p>Tennis registration</p>

Diary Dates @ George Street Normal School

Friday 25 September - Last day of Term 3

Monday 12 October - First day of Term 4 / Mihi Whakatau 9.30am-10.30am

Friday 16 October - GSNS Athletic Sports Day (postponement day Monday 19 October)

Monday 19 October - PTA meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom

Tuesday 20 October - Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm, Staffroom

Monday 26 October - Labour Day (school closed)

Friday 30 October - Sports, Cultural, Kindle 1 and Kindle 2 photos

Tuesday 3 November - North Zone Athletics

Monday 14 December - Last day of Term 4, 2020

Wednesday 3 February 2021 - First day of Term 1, 2021

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

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