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Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Principal

Kia ora Koutou Sara Cohen Whanau,

We have had another very enjoyable week at Sara Cohen and I am so proud of the students engagement, especially at intervals and lunchtimes. It's great to see all of our students at Base and the Satellites, enjoying participating in games and using the sports equipment. Our students have also been involved in a number of activities out of the classroom and have participated appropriately.

We welcome Luke Bain to Totara and we hope that he has settled in well here at Sara Cohen School. We also welcome two new staff members, Erin and Jocelyn who have started as Teachers' Aides.

We were all sorry to hear of the passing of Terry Kennedy. He was a student at Sara Cohen School from 2014 to 2016. A number of staff attended his funeral and we send our condolences to his family and friends.

Today I was walking down the pathway in front of the classrooms at Base. It was great to see how focused and calm our classes were and how involved our students were in their lessons. The small class sizes and the quality of our teachers make Sara Cohen School an excellent environment for learning.

We have pushed back the CLP's until later in the term. You should expect invitation letters in the week of the 28th of August. We have done this to review the goals and reporting structure of the CLP's. We want to make sure that the goals set for your child are specific, appropriate and achievable in a timely fashion. This will give you as a parent/caregiver a more detailed picture of achievement.

For the parents/caregivers of students in our Concord School Satellite class, on Thursday the 17th of August, Concord School will be closed due to electricity line testing. The students of Pikopiko will come and work at base for that day. Those parents will be contacted by Cathryn.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone. Hei konā mai Koutou

WHAT'S COMING UP...	
Term 3	
Aug 21	BOT 5.15pm
Aug 22	Transition Expo
Aug 27	Special Rigs for Special Kids
Sept 18	BOT 5.15pm
Sept 29	Last day of term 3
Term 4	
Oct 16	First day of term 4



Tyryn sampling his cooking

This week the students have had many exciting experiences . . .



Sports at the Edgar Centre



Using the Djembe drums during music with Ruth yesterday afternoon.



Terry Kennedy
24.08.1999 – 07.08.2017

Sadly Terry passed away on Monday aged 17 years. Terry loved being with his fellow students. He was an amazing young man with an infectious, cheeky grin.

TRANSITION EXPO 2017
TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

Discover opportunities for life after School from a range of service providers including: Tertiary Study, Community Participation, Vocational Programs, Self-Advocacy, Employment, Housing, Recreation and more.

11am-2pm South Dunedin Community Hall
5:30pm-7:00pm Dunedin Public Library Dunningham Suite

Totara Round Up for August 2017

This week we are showing some weekly activities Totara Students participate in. Each Monday we make a trip into the community. This week we travelled to Waihola to see the effects of flooding. We bused to the Central Library, had morning tea there and bused back afterwards. Students buy their bus tickets independently, using their own wallets.

Our term topic is Safe and Healthy Lifestyle. Students are having step by step practical sessions on teeth and body care.

A big welcome to Luke Bain our new student who is settling in well this week. →



Totara students all have duties and practice shared living skills every day.



pencils



laundry



cooking



messenger



workskills



shopping



road safety



timetable



leisure



busing to town



visit to Library