



From the Desk of the Principal

Tena koutou katoa, Greetings to all

Phew! A week to go. Not sure where the term has gone. We all seem to keep getting busier and busier.

This week I had the pleasure of taking Matthew Tofia to visit the satellite classrooms to meet the students and staff. It was great being able to show him two really nice modern learning environments where staff and students were engaged in learning and were enjoying their day. He also enjoyed meeting all staff and students at base and many students were keen to tell him about themselves. Matthew will be in school again on Monday so that I can pass on to him many of the 'first week of term' things he will need to know.

As I start to think about my last few days in my office I am spending time thinking about past students and staff as well as our present day ones. There have been many people pass through my life here and I am sure I am a richer person for having known them. For this I am truly grateful.

I have been thinking, too, about our school's relationship with the Ministry of Education Otago Office. I am so grateful to current staff there, and especially Gary McClintock, for helping me build a positive and mutually respectful relationship with them. It has been a long road but the pathway is now open for on-going support and collegiality.

Stay warm

Raewyn



Introducing our **New Principal Matthew Tofia** who will start at the beginning of term 3. Welcome aboard!



Dunedin NZ Riding for the Disabled
is offering private riding lessons
www.rdadunedin.org

Congratulations to **Joshua Anderson** who has been elected **Student Leader 2017**



Morning Tea
for Raewyn Alexander (Retiring Principal),
Ross McMillan (Teacher), & Julia Mowat (Teacher Aide)
Date: Wednesday July 5th 2017 10.30 am
Place: Sara Cohen School Hall
RSVP to **Julie Williamson** at the Sara Cohen School Office
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or email julie.williamson@saracohen.school.nz

Nearing the end of term 2 from the Karamu Class

We have had a very busy term investigating Maori and Pacifica art and music.

Story time has seen the students captivated listening to Maori myths and legends. Staff and students have created a wonderful Matariki picture incorporating the patterns and shapes observed in our art studies.



The students also enjoyed learning and performing their poi dance for a school assembly.



Reading time includes an activity based around their reading book.



After morning tea, the students enjoy a game of “Kei – a – wai” before they break to work on their individualised maths programmes.

