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Newsletter
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From the Desk of the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou Sara Cohen Whanau,

Greetings to all our students, families, staff and friends. It has been a fantastic start to the term. As per usual our staff and students have been out enjoying their community access in a variety of situations. The places that some classes have visited are the beach, Moana Pool, the Art Gallery and Riding for the Disabled. The students and staff love these regular opportunities for community engagement.

We will open our new class next week. The class will be called Manuka and will be co-taught by Annabel and Ruth. This will offer us smaller class sizes and a greater capacity for students. Parents will be advised if their student is shifting to a new class. We look forward to a number of new students starting this year and next year.

Things have been developing at a quick pace with the development of the base school buildings. We have had a skip at school de-cluttering some of the rooms that had been used for storage. These rooms will now provide us with extra breakout spaces for students learning and a much needed 'Sensory Room'. While it is a little difficult with the trades people working here, the end product will be worthwhile. The concept designs for the kitchen look fantastic. This will provide the work environment to allow our young people to develop their independent skills.

Our staff and students are working hard on the new school technology theme and I am really looking forward to seeing the amazing creations that all of the classes are producing.

Please remember, on the 16th of November we will have a school community consultation evening in which we will have 'Fish and Chip (takeaway) dinner' at 5:30pm in the school hall. During this time parents and caregivers can contribute to the vision and direction for Sara Cohen School. You will also get the opportunity to look at what has happened at school and what will be happening.

Other key dates are;

-Thursday the 13th of December is our school leavers BBQ. This is where we share the success of our school leavers and wish them all the best for their future.

-The last day of school is the 19th of December and the first day of term 1 2018 is the 1st of February.

Ngā mihi nui

Matthew

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Oct 23	Labour Day
Nov 13	BOT 5.15
Nov 16	5.30 'Fish & Chip' dinner for school community
Nov 13	BOT 5.15
Dec 13	Leavers BBQ
Dec 19	Last day of term

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Feb 1	First day for students
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Absences Ph 455 0347-0 or text 027 3538 244 before 9.00am
Please leave your student's name and a reason for the absence

Specialist Teacher Outreach Service



For a number of years Sara Cohen School has provided a Specialist Teacher Outreach Service within the greater Dunedin area. The purpose of the service is to extend the range of support provision to students on ORS in regular schools and to build capability within those schools.

Enrolling schools transfer the 0.1 or 0.2 ORS staffing component to Sara Cohen to enable a Specialist Teacher to support the student, class teacher(s), support staff, school and the student's family/whanau. The Ministry of Education provide specialist services and/or therapies.



Our Provision

- Regular teaching time with the student
- Support in developing the student's IEP/Collaborative Learning Plan and attendance at IEP and team meetings where possible
- Documentation to inform future planning and practice
- Collaboration with the class teacher to develop and implement appropriate programmes and strategies that enhance specific learning outcomes
- Guidance for support staff working with the student
- Guidance and support in developing and implementing behaviour plans
- Adaptations and differentiations in order to support students to access and respond to the curriculum
- Support and contribution towards an inclusive culture within the school

We consider that our Specialist Teachers offer an invaluable service. If you know of someone or a school that would benefit from using our service, then please put them in touch with us:

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