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## **From the Desk of the Deputy Principal**

Greetings everyone,

It was great to have representatives from Special Olympics Otago speak to staff and community last night here at school. The representative speakers provided us with an overview of Special Olympics from the international tier, through the national tier and down to the regional tiers. There were several sport specific representatives present who talked about their sports, opportunities, costs and timings of their sports practices and competitions.

Two participants spoke about their involvement in the Special Olympics and the opportunities that they had received through their involvement. As well as the sports opportunities they spoke of the other benefits including the social benefits and fitness. They had both made friends at the club level as well as regionally and nationally, meeting up at events and keeping in contact through Facebook.

Special Olympics Otago provides opportunities to participate in nine sporting activities here in Dunedin and the activities are open to all those with an intellectual disability. Once a year some of the sporting codes will provide a 'Have A Go' day which is an opportunity for people to try the sport out. We will advertise these 'Have A Go' days in our newsletter when the days have been organised. More information is available through the Special Olympics Otago website, <https://specialolympicsotago.nz/>

It looks as though work on the development of the new Sara Cohen School site is starting in a couple of weeks' time. The management team from Alaska Construction were onsite on Tuesday and are now ready for the first step of demolishing the old Calton Hill Hall. Many classes will be visiting the new site regularly over the next 12 months so that our students can see the development of their new school take place.

Last week we farewelled Holly Robinson who has been a great asset to Sara Cohen School over the last couple of years. Holly is going to focus on her Paralympics for the next two years, spending even more time training and also traveling to international competitions. We wish Holly all the best and we look forward to following her sporting career over the next two years.

Regards

*Ben Sincock*  
Deputy Principal

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS** – Issue 7 closes Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. If you would like to order books to put away for Christmas, please write on the order form to keep at the Office and we will phone you to collect your order when it arrives.

**WANTED TO RENT URGENTLY** – 2-3-bedroom house with a fenced section if possible. Please contact Justine in the Office if you can help.

### **NEW ZEALAND SHAKE OUT – DROP, COVER AND HOLD**

Was held at 9.30am today. Pictured below is Trent from Karamu practicing what to do in the earthquake drill.



### **Term Dates 2023**

- Term 1: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – Teacher Only Day
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Students Start
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day
  - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Otago Anniversary
    - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Term 2: 24<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day
  - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Kings Birthday
- Term 3: 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Labour Day
- Term 4: 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Want to learn how to run, jump or throw? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club is welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available here [athletics.org.nz/FindaClub](https://athletics.org.nz/FindaClub) and become a member.

A vibrant blue background featuring five athletes in action. At the top left is the Athletics New Zealand logo, which includes a stylized white fern leaf and the text 'ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND'. The athletes are: a male javelin thrower in a blue and yellow 'OTAGO' singlet; a female runner in a blue singlet with bib number '135'; a male high jumper in a red singlet; a female runner in a red singlet with bib number '34'; and a young boy in a blue 'INVERCARGILL ATHLETICS' singlet. The scene is filled with a spray of white and blue particles, suggesting motion and energy.

**RUN, JUMP OR THROW?  
GIVE IT A GO!**

Find your local club at [athletics.org.nz](https://athletics.org.nz)

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