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From the Desk of the Principal

Kia orana Sara Cohen community,

Hi, I hope that everyone is well and looking forward to the holidays! It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone. We, here at school, have been gearing up for the end of the year too. We have been preparing fun and enjoyable end of year programmes and have been supporting the smooth and positive transitions of students.

I hope that you are enjoying the Seesaw posts and new reporting platform that this application provides so that we can report back regularly to you your child's progress against the goals that we have set. It is very much appreciated if you can communicate back on the application, ask questions, like or make comments. This very much helps the teachers with setting goals and getting a parent voice. I am amazed by the amount of parent engagement around the seesaw posts and hope that this continues to grow. If you are having difficulty getting the application set up on your phone, then please pop in and see us.

We have been planning our response to the Covid pandemic for 2022. The difference for next year is that we will have Delta Covid in our community. We have decided as a staff and board that we will apply our strict 'Level 2 protocols' from the start of next year. They are;

Enhanced Hygiene Procedures

- *Students/staff to sanitise hands on arrival to school, and regularly throughout the day.*
- *Maintain cleaning routines. These include cleaning surfaces at both midday and end of day in preparation for the following day.*

External Visitors - *Our school will be closed to everyone except for staff and students. This includes itinerating therapists, MOE, parents etc.*

Parents will need to drop their students at the gate. Parents attending transition visits with their student may attend but must follow hygiene and contact tracing protocols.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is essential. We will ensure that all people entering Base or Satellites have used the QR code, vaccine pass sighted. Base will have people sign in at the office. Satellites will need to keep records of anyone entering classes.

Outings

- *All outings cancelled - swimming pool closed, RDA, drama, Wednesday sport, etc. Classes can go to parks, local walks, van trips to parks, places where there will be no interaction with the public.*

Sickness

- *All students who are sick, must remain home.*
- *Some vulnerable compromised students may remain home from school (parental choice).*
- *Parents to keep students at home if exhibiting Covid symptoms or other illness symptoms. Students will need to be sent home if exhibiting symptoms at school.*

Home Learning Preparation

If we have students who will not attend in Level 2 then we will ensure that we have some online learning provision for them.

Some of the important procedures for parents to remember are; that they may not enter the school unless they have the permission of management, if your child is experiencing any signs of sickness then they must stay home. We will be very strict on sickness at school, it will be a Health and Safety matter.

We look forward to fare-welling our school leavers as they begin the next stage of their learning journeys. All of our leavers have had excellent transitions to their next support provider and we wish them all the best. We will have a leavers ceremony next Monday, for them and their families are invited to attend. Please note that all who attend must produce a vaccination pass. We will then have a shared lunch followed by Christmas presents and Mr Whippy. Previously we had opened the shared lunch to all parents but given the current circumstances this will only be for Sara Cohen Students, staff and the parents of leavers.

All of the students had a brilliant time at our adventure week last week. It was so good to see how much they enjoyed the activities. All of the students had a fantastic time at both bowling and 'Leap' and a great time at our sports day and BBQ. Thank you to Kelly and the staff for organising these events.

These are very interesting times and it will take a while to get used to the new 'Traffic Light System'. Myself and the Sara Cohen team wish you all the best for the holiday season and a Merry Christmas.

Many thanks
Matt

Vaccination Passes – are now required for use when out in the community. Can all parents/caregivers of the over 12's urgently please email a copy of your child's Vaccine Pass to office@saracohen.school.nz so we can laminate these for our students to take with them when they are out and about. Thank you to those who have done so already.

Sample below of exactly what we need:



THANK YOU

A huge shout out and thank you to Katrina and the team at Visique Peter Dick Optometrists who work with some of our students. Their generosity and understanding is greatly appreciated here at Sara Cohen School.

COMING UP

Leavers Assembly– Monday 13th December, 11.30 – 12pm
Tuesday 14th December – Teacher Only Day

TERM DATES 2021

Term 4: Monday 18th October – Monday 13th December

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Monday 31st January - Thursday 14th April

- Monday 31st January – Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 1st February – Teacher only Day
- Wednesday 2nd February – Students Start

Term 2: Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3: Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September

Term 4: Monday 17th October – Wednesday 14th December

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom.

Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings. Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, pick your battles with your child, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time in vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

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The poster features a dramatic sky with a large, glowing orange and red volcanic eruption in the background. Several military aircraft are shown in flight: a biplane at the top, two modern fighter jets in the middle, and a propeller-driven plane at the bottom right. The text is overlaid on the image.

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