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## Newsletter

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### From the Desk of the Principal

Kia ora everyone,

Frosty mornings and sunny days over the last few days have been great, and the students have really enjoyed the wonderful weather.

Last week Tony, Elaine and I visited Allenvale and Ferndale Specialist Schools in Christchurch. We went to look at the transition programmes that these schools run for their 18-21 year old students. Ours and the Ministry of Education's aim is to create an offsite transition programme for 18 – 21 year old students that will focus on 'work and life skills. We are in the process of developing this and it will be an exciting addition to our school.

The initial plans for the new school should be finished by the end of next month! We have been given a timeline of 2021 for the completion date for the new school and we look forward to this process getting underway.

We farewell our wonderful teacher's aide Jackie, who has a new job. Jackie will be at school for relieving from time to time. Also to Kafa and Solomon who are studying this year. They also will be available for relieving. Farewell to Chucky who is off to France to play professional rugby. We wish them all the best with their endeavours. We welcome Bill, Carmen and Donna to our staff. They will be working as support staff within the school.

Thank you all, for the very successful CLP meetings, that we had on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of August. These meetings will set the focus for your child's learning for this half year. The completed CLPs will be sent out to parents soon. If you have not received one in the next week then please contact your child's teacher.

You may have noticed that all of our vans now have signwriting decals on them. This will promote our school about town and in our community.

Currently, our school roll is full and we have a sizeable waiting list of students who wish to come to Sara Cohen. According to Ministry guidelines we are technically over our roll number on base. This will have implications for the rebuild and we are working through this with our MOE colleagues.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September we will welcome the team from the Education Review Office to Sara Cohen. The team will be with us for most of the week. They will be conducting an evaluation of our school with a particular focus on School Curriculum, Student Progress, and Health and Safety. The ERO team wish to meet with a group of our parents to discuss their children's education at Sara Cohen. It is really important that as many as possible can attend this meeting. The meeting date is **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September at 12 noon in the school hall.** I would be very grateful if you are able to make yourself available to meet the team. Please put this in your diary.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Nga mihi nui,

Matthew Tofia

### STUDENT ABSENCES - Important please phone the office by 9.00am.

Leave your student's name and a reason for the absence.

**\*This applies to satellites as well**

**455 0347 – 1 for Absence line    455 0347 – 2 to speak to Emma    Text 027 3538 244**

# Rata News August 2019

We have been investigating liquids and solids. We have made ice cubes and dissolved powder to make jelly and cordial. This week we will make some popcorn.



Making jelly



Lucas testing out the consistency of jelly

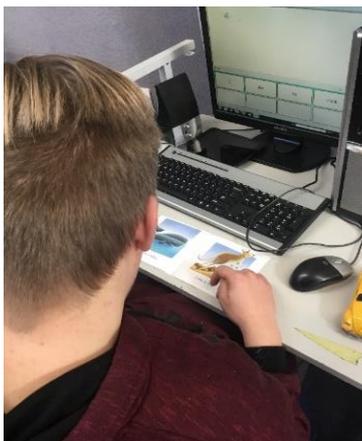
Students have enjoyed getting out to Kettle Park and other playgrounds. We have appreciated having William as support staff in Rata. He will now work in another class. Leala will join Rata as his replacement.



We went to Countdown in Andersons Bay, to buy things for our cooking and science activities.



Sean and James at Kettle Park



Sean is finding words from a book on the computer.



Adam found cubes to copy a shape.

# Sara Cohen School

## Snow / Adverse Weather - Closed Days or Late Starts

The Otago Primary Principals Association makes the decision whether schools have a late start or are closed. The decision is based on safety first and whether school staff can get to school. It is important to listen to the radio if in doubt. Cancellations, especially regarding schools, are made on many stations as soon as they are received – often from 6.30am. We are included under 'Primary Schools'. Most stations broadcast notices but More FM, The Breeze and Radio Dunedin are particularly good at giving this information early.

This can also happen when we have black ice on the roads, or flooding. Please remember that while it may look okay at your house, the decision is made on the basis of the hill suburbs of Dunedin and the safety of the roads for people accessing the city centre.

Late starts: As many of the staff live in the hill suburbs or beyond, there will be no-one at school until close to start times.



				
<p><b>Funding Support Information Evening</b> <b>Monday 9th September</b> <b>Sara Cohen School Hall</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30</b> <b>Supervision for students / children is available.</b></p> <p>You will have the opportunity to hear from all of the representatives and there will be time for small group discussion before an open discussion at the end of the night. Light supper will be provided.</p> <p>Please contact Rachael Forde at Sara Cohen School for more details <a href="mailto:rachael.forde@saracohen.school.nz">rachael.forde@saracohen.school.nz</a> Cell: 027 462 4618</p>				