

TEAM SPARK 2016

Red and Green Zones...

This year, you will find Team Spark in the 'red' and 'green' zones in the larger Modern Learning Environment (MLE). This is an exciting space for the teachers and students to be working in. Having flexibility in how we use the space enables us to be innovative in the learning experiences we offer. We also see the benefit in having more than one teacher supporting the learning in these areas.

Your child may be taught by any of the teachers in their zone. Please feel free to touch base with any of them as the aim is to know every child in the zone well.

You are most welcome to visit our space at any time and see how things run. More information will also be available at the Open Evening on Wednesday 24th February.

BYOD

BYOD forms can be returned at any stage to your child's homebase teacher. Please ask if another copy is required.

Devices will come to school after we have done our Digital Passport programme which will be done within the next few weeks. This will ensure we all know how to use our device and the internet in a safe and responsible way, and also understand the classroom guidelines.



The Team Spark Staff

HB 18 - Mrs. Katie Morriss & Mrs. Jo Cummings

HB 19 - Mr. Joey Goertz

HB 22 - Mrs. Katrina Curtis

HB 23 - Mrs. Cara Carser

Mrs. Debbie Happer joins us on a Wednesday and alternate Tuesdays to cover teacher release.

Team Spark is lead this year by Mrs. Cara Carser. Cara joins Clearview Primary this year from Westburn School in Christchurch. Cara is teaching with Mrs. Katrina Curtis in the Green Zone. Mrs. Katie Morriss and Mrs. Jo Cummings are teaching in the Red Zone with Mr. Joey Goertz.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children as we get under way this year. The focus for the first couple of weeks this term will be on establishing routines and expectations and learning more about each other.

Learning focus - Term 1

Literacy - writing skills through writing about our personal experiences, persuasive writing, instructional reading and comprehension strategies

Maths - Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, and Probability

Inquiry - Clearview Learner, 'Celebrate' - celebrating diversity

Notices

Teachers are available in their homebases from 8.30am. Students should arrive in their homebase after this time. The bell to start the day rings at 8:55am.

Students have the opportunity to have a small snack in the morning whilst working. These snacks need to be easy to eat in the homebases. We encourage healthy, high energy foods like bananas and sandwiches.

Team Weebly

Our Team Spark Weebly will be up and running in the next week or so.

You will find information, our progress and successes, learning links and photos here. This will be updated regularly. We love to read your comments on our blog posts so please visit us regularly.

Kea Crossing

Clearview Primary Kea Crossing is here to provide a safe crossing point for our children, operating every morning Monday - Friday from 8.30 - 8.55, and every afternoon Monday - Friday from 3.00 - 3.15.

We rely on parent volunteers to operate the crossing. If you are looking for an opportunity to help around the school and are available either before or after school, please contact the school office. At the moment, we do not have enough volunteers to run the crossing every day, before and after school.

Clearview Information

Uniform

School sunhats need to be worn at school each day in terms 1 and 4. School shoes need to be **plain black** please. Summer uniform can be sandals or shoes with **white ankle socks**.

Key Competency

Our key competency focus is this term is 'Relating to Others'. This competency is about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. This competency includes the ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, negotiate, and share ideas.

Home Learning

Home Learning will begin in week 3. Essential tasks will be reading (Reading Eggs and personal reading), spelling and maths (Mathletics, when we're up and running). At Clearview, we believe that Home Learning should support the school programme, provide links between home and school and be fun. Optional homework challenges will be available on the Team Weebly and will be due later in the term.

Reading - We will be focussing on developing our comprehension skills in reading and the students will complete a variety of activities designed to practise these. We will be using a variety of texts including School Journals. Students will not always have a book to bring home each day, therefore, please encourage them to read either their library or personal books daily.

