

# TEAM SPARK - TERM 1 2017

## Red and Green Zones

We have a few new students to welcome to Team Spark this year.

Red Zone welcomes Grace Ward and welcomes back Sophie Sun.

Green Zone welcomes Alistar Lobb; Ryder Uri-Ke; Carter McLean and Natalia Weerasinghe

## BYOD

Years 4 and 5 students are invited to BYOD. BYOD forms can be returned to your child's homebase teacher.

Devices will come to school after we have done our Digital Passport programme. This will ensure we all know how to use our device and the internet in a safe and responsible way.

## Team Spark Staff

**Red Zone** - Miss. Adele Gardyne (HB18); Mr. Joey Goertz (HB19); Miss. Tania Soal (HB20)

**Green Zone** - Miss. Lorna Wright (HB21); Miss. Rebekah Smith (HB22); Mrs. Cara Carser (Team Leader) (HB23)

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.

Emails are a useful method for sharing information. If you have any concerns, we are happy to arrange time to meet with you.

## Learning Focus

**Maths** - Place Value and understanding the number system; Addition and Subtraction; Statistical Investigations

**Literacy** - writing for an audience, developing authorship; instructional reading and comprehension strategies

**Inquiry** - learning to learn alongside others; understanding and caring for ourselves

## Home Learning

In Team Spark, we believe any Home Learning should be fun and support student learning, without being onerous. This year, Home Learning will be structured as below. These programmes will be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

- Digital (online) programmes to support skill building and practice - Reading Eggspress and Mathletics
- Home Learning Projects & Challenges - optional activities designed to link real-world activities to classroom learning
- Work to be completed - if a student hasn't completed a learning activity after being given a reasonable amount of class time, this will be sent home to be finished. The teachers will endeavour to email you if this happens, in order to make you aware.

## Term 1 Calendar of Events (so far)

1st-2nd March (wk 5) - Goal-setting interviews (parent-teacher)

17th March - NZ Opera in Schools performance

Date to be confirmed - Meet the Teachers / Open Evening

## Camp - Term 2 (Week 1!)

Heads up! Both the year 4 camp and the year 5 camp are happening in week 1 of Term 2. More information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

Year 4 - Blue Skies, Kaiapoi; 4th-5th May for 1 night. Approximate cost (to be confirmed) - \$86

Year 5 - Living Springs; 1st-3rd May (Red Zone); 3rd-5th May (Green Zone) for 2 nights. Approximate cost (tbc) - \$175

## Expected costs (subject to change)

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To help with budgeting for this year, approximate costs for activities currently planned are:

### Term 1 -

- NZ Opera visit - \$5
- Athletics & Reading Eggspress - (funded by the school this year)
- Additional Stationery (whiteboards - \$5; file boxes - \$5)

### Later in 2017 -

- Camp (as above)
- Swimming (Term 3) - \$20

## Learning Links

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We are fortunate, as a school, to have a subscription to the 'TumbleBook' ebook collection. You and your children can access this online library via the link on our school website (available on the 'Learning Links' page under 'Other Info').



## Books for Active Minds Promotion

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A promotional banner for the 'Books for Active Minds' promotion. It features a blue background with a white book icon on the left that says '— GET — FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITH KELLOGG'S &amp; NEW WORLD'. To the right are three book covers: 'SPORTY KIDS FOOTY', 'GEMININE LON', and 'NETBALL GEMS'. On the far right is the New World Kellogg's logo with the text 'See you at breakfast!'. At the bottom, a red banner reads '— Back to school —' and contains the following text: 'For every New World receipt dropped into the trestle collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg's products your school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2017. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and Terms &amp; Conditions visit www.kelloggs.com/freebooks'.

Clearview Primary School is participating in the 'Books for Active Minds' promotion. We are hoping to add some of these books to our school's library collection! You can help us by dropping any New World receipts showing the purchase of two Kellogg's products into our collection box at New World, Rolleston. Thanks!

## Ngā mihi

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As the year gets under way, we look forward to getting to know you and your children. We also look forward to sharing your child's successes and celebrating their learning. We will be in touch with regards to the platform we will be using for sharing this with you.

Kind regards

Team Spark Teachers