

Challenge Team Newsletter Term 1, 2018

To all of our returning Year 8 parents and students, welcome back and to our new Year 7 parents and students, welcome to the Challenge Team! I would also like to welcome Anna Molloy, who is teaching in HB28.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. 'Five to Nine', our very own Clearview cafe will be open from the first day of term. This is a great place to mix and mingle with parents, staff and students. Please note, students must be finished their beverages before the 'Five to Nine' bell. We hope to see you there!

With the weather we have had, a timely reminder that all students are required to wear a sunhat in Term 1.

All key dates are listed in the Upcoming Dates section of this newsletter. More information about these events to come. If you have any questions, feel free to make contact with us via email or come and visit us in the homebase.

Thank you,
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Term 1 Curriculum

Writing - Our focus this term for writing is personal experience. Students will also be writing pitches and emails to support their Inquiry learning.

Reading - Students will have regular group sessions. In addition to this, students will complete literacy tasks, which are based on student needs and will link to other curriculum areas where appropriate. We have subscribed to the monthly Otago Daily Times newspaper again this year. These newspapers will support our reading programme and the subscription is \$7.70 per student, which will be added to your account.

Maths - Term 1 is strategy based learning around addition and subtraction along with a strong focus on basic facts knowledge. Statistics (Probability) will also be incorporated into our maths sessions with cross curricular links.

Inquiry - Our Inquiry focus for the term is Social Responsibility. We begin the year with a guest speaker who will share her journey turning socially responsible and ethical ideas into successful businesses. Students will then inquire into an area of choice with a focus on 'deep learning'.

PE - Our Term 1 PE focus this term is Swimming and Water Safety with our upcoming Beach Education day, held at South Brighton Beach. This year we will have a specific Challenge Team Swimming Sports event and a two week swimming lesson block following this. We will also begin some Cross Country training later in the term in preparation for our Clearview Cross Country in Term 2.

BYOD

Students will be invited to bring their own devices in to support their learning from Week 2, once BYOD agreements have been distributed to students. Please sign and return to homebase teachers before bringing the device in. We do expect devices to be brought to school on a daily basis if the agreement has been signed. To support a successful BYOD programme, the students will be taught essential ICT skills for Year 7/8 and also how to stay safe online. Please be vigilant with your child's internet use - www.netsafe.co.nz is a great resource for parents.

Blue Zone in action



Simba Zone in action



Book Boxes

In Year 7/8, each student requires a book box to house their books and stationery. A \$4.00 charge will be added to your account.

Beach Education

As part of our team building for Term 1, we will travel to South Brighton Beach for Beach Ed. In order for the trip to go ahead, we need to meet our adult-student ratio for this trip so please check those calendars and indicate your availability on the notice that will come home this week.

Year 7/8 Heat Ups

The kitchen will be operating from Week 2 and we will continue to use a roster system. Children can only bring a heat-up on the following days, and must fill out the heating up form before 8.55am each day. A reminder that children are to bring their own cutlery.

Monday Year 7 Blue Zone
Tuesday Year 7 Simba Zone
Wednesday All Year 8
Thursday Year 8 Blue Zone
Friday Year 8 Simba Zone

Technology at Breens

Our Technology programme is held at Breens Intermediate. The roll is taken at 8.30 am and the cost for Term 1 Technology is \$20.00. Please ensure students are on time so they don't miss the bus! If a student does miss the bus, they will spend the morning in either Blue or Simba Zone. Technology is on a Tuesday morning for the Simba Zone, starting on February 13th (due to Waitangi Day) and Wednesday for the Blue Zone, starting on February 7th.

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Challenge Team Twitter

The Challenge Team Twitter page showcases our learning and can be accessed through the school website - you may like to bookmark the link. Our Twitter page is a public account which means you don't need to have an account to view it. Check it out!

<https://twitter.com/Clearview7and8>

Home Learning

Home Learning in the Challenge Team works on a needs basis with students completing unfinished work at home or watching videos online as a flipped learning approach. Students may need to practice a strategy or skill they have learnt in class and if this is the case, teachers will provide supporting material or links to assist them with their Home Learning.

TERM 1 DATES	
Week 1 Inquiry Guest Speaker - Fri 2 Feb Mihī Whakatau - Fri 2 Feb	Week 7 Challenge Team Swimming Lessons Zone Swimming Sports - Weds 14 Mar
Week 2 Technology begins - Blue Zone - Weds 7 Feb	Week 8
Week 3 Technology begins - Simba Zone - Tues 13 Feb Goal Setting Evenings - Tues 13 and Weds 14 Feb	Week 9 Canterbury Duathlon - Mon 26 Mar
Week 4 Beach Education - Mon 19 and Tues 20 Feb	Week 10 Canterbury Swimming Sports - Thurs 5 April
Week 5 Challenge Team Swimming Sports - Mon 26 Feb Blue Light Police Fitness Test - Tues 27 Feb	Week 11
Week 6 Challenge Team Swimming Lessons - daily Zone Duathlon - Weds 7 Mar	What is a teachers favourite sum? Summer!

