

Challenge Team Newsletter Term 3, 2018

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a busy term ahead of us and this newsletter will outline some of the fantastic learning and sporting opportunities we have on offer for our students. We start the term with a WEC Week! So stay tuned for your child's athletic and competitive exploits over the week.

Firstly, we have a few changes to the Challenge Team, Anna Molloy is with us through until the end of the year which is fantastic. Anna will again be teaching four days a week in HB28 and we are also very excited to have Chris Quinn again, covering HB28 on a Tuesday. Rachel Stead will cover the Team Leader role until the end of the year with Tina Girvan covering the release for HB 26 on Fridays. Thank you to Caitlin Buttle for the wonderful job of Team Leader over the last year.

A reminder that we encourage our students to email us at any time if they have any concerns around their learning or if they require any support. We are really impressed with their growing independence with this and thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, feel free to make contact with your child's homebase teacher via email or come and visit us in the homebase.

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Term 3 Curriculum

Writing - This term, our students will be learning to write comic strips. We will also continue with our daily spelling programme to target surface features in our writing.

Reading - Students will continue to have regular group reading sessions with their reading teacher covering novels, short stories and topical articles throughout the term. In addition to this, students will complete literacy tasks as part of their Task Master as well as reading our Otago Daily Times newspapers.

Maths - Our maths programme will largely be based around algebra, fractions with rates, proportions and ratios. It is still very important that our students have instant times tables recall. Mathematics tasks set by your child's maths teacher will allow for extra practise. We also have a measurement unit starting later in the term, with a focus on time and temperature.

Inquiry - We will be having a science focus with different workshops that cover a wide range of science based topics. Towards the end of the term we hope to head to Lincoln University where we can see many of the children's chosen topics in action. Please stay tuned for more details.

PE - We kick off the term with our Selwyn Zone Rugby and Netball tournaments which will take place in Week 2 on Wednesday 1st August. We will also be participating in the Koru Games held around the Selwyn area. These games are in week 9, Tuesday 18th -Friday 20th September.

Languages - This term your child will begin learning either Te Reo, Swahili, Italian or Japanese. There will be a focus on not just the language, but also the culture with a cultural art element.

Year 7/8 Heat Ups

The kitchen will be operating from Week 1 and we will continue to use the following roster system. Children are able to bring food requiring boiling water or heating up on the appropriate days and must fill out the heat 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

Technology at Breens will operate on the same days as Term 2 with Simba Zone attending on a Tuesday and Blue Zone on a Wednesday. The cost for Term 2 Technology is \$20.00. The roll is taken at 8.30am on these days. 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. A reminder to students to avoid the temptation of the Five to Nine Cafe on their Tech days so as not to miss the bus waiting for their hot chocolate!

Uniform

This term again grey socks are to be worn by boys and black socks or tights by girls. Boys can also wear uniform trousers. Clearview undergarments or an undergarment that cannot be seen are also welcome. We noticed a few other sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets were sneaking in. Please ensure your child is wearing all black shoes with the correct uniform and is taking pride in their uniform.



BYOD

A reminder that if your child has signed the BYOD agreement, it would be helpful if they are able to bring their device to school every day, charged, ready for their learning. Unfortunately, we do not have enough school devices to cater to all students at one time so we greatly appreciate the uptake with BYOD to enable us to integrate technology into our programmes.

School Camp

Just a heads up that we have school camp in week 2, Term 4 and are looking for parent helpers. Simba attend camp from Monday 29th-Wednesday 31st October and Blue Wednesday 31st- Friday 2nd November. More information will be out soon with the cost.

TERM 3 DATES

Week 1 Vision and Hearing testing Year 7 Thursday 26th July	Week 6
Week 2 Selwyn Zone Rugby/Netball Wednesday 1st August	Week 7 Ellesmere Speech Competition Monday 3rd September held at Lincoln Primary

Challenge Team Twitter

We continue to use the Challenge Team Twitter to showcase our learning and successes. This 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. Enjoy!
<https://twitter.com/Clearview7and8>



Week 3
School Disco Friday 10th August

Week 4

Week 5
3 Way Conferences Tuesday 21st and
Wednesday 22nd August
Canta Maths Wednesday 22nd August
4-6pm
Canterbury Winter Sports Tournament
Thursday 23rd August

Week 8

Week 9
Koru Games
Tuesday 18th-Friday 20th September

Week 10