

Challenge Team Newsletter Term 1, 2019

Welcome to the Challenge Team:

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 started the term with a rotation of Cyber Safety, PE cooperative games and Art (self-portraits). It has been awesome getting to know our new students to Clearview and seeing the Year 7's join us in the Senior Block.

Firstly, we have a few changes to the Challenge Team. This year we are lucky enough to occupy the whole big block to cater to the roll .

A reminder that we encourage our students to email us at any time if they have 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.

Please feel free to contact all teachers in the power team to keep them up to date.

The power teams are below in colour/zone order.

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Term 1 Curriculum

Writing - This term, our students will be participating in a New Zealand wide writing programme. Some of the writing styles include poetry and letters. We will also continue with our spelling programme to target surface features in our writing.

Reading - Students will 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. We will also be using the Otago Daily Times newspapers.

Maths - Our maths programme will largely be based around Number this term: Addition and Subtraction as well as Multiplication and Division. It is still very important that our students have instant recall of their times tables. Mathletics tasks set by your child's maths teacher will allow for extra practise. We also have a statistics unit starting later in the term.

Inquiry - We will be having a skills based inquiry to start the year. This will cover looking at SOLO Taxonomy Maps and they will be applying these skills to real life contexts. e.g The Treaty of Waitangi. Towards the end of the term we plan to continue incorporating our Clearview Cultural narrative information to make deeper connections with our local surroundings.

PE - We kick off the term with fitness and small ball skills. We will be having swimming lessons later on in the term (week 4). Swimming Zones are held on the 12th March 2019.

Languages - This term your child will begin learning Te Reo and later in the year opt into a language of choice such as Swahili, Italian, French or Japanese. There will be a focus not just on the language component, but also the culture and explore art elements too.

Year 7/8 Heat Ups

The kitchen will be operating from Week 3 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.

Red Zone same as below Y7 then Y8
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 Tuesday for Simba and Blue Zone and Red Zone on Wednesday. Term 1 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 zone back at school.

Uniform

This term students are expected to be wearing their school hat every morning tea and lunchtime.

We have noticed in the past 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

If your child has completed 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.



Fitness: Boxing during circuits, getting that HR up!



Maori Language: Connection string game.

TERM 1 DATES

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Week 2 Cricket Cup 11 student Whole School Assembly	Week 6 Swimming lessons continue Swimming Zones
Week 3 Competency Captains and Student Kaitiaki deadline is Tuesday, short listing will follow.	Week 7 Orienteering Trip - 20th March
Week 4 Science Van at school: \$4 per student PALs Training Day Swimming Sports Fri 11-3pm Learning Partnership Meetings: Tuesday 3:10pm-7pm Wednesday 3:10pm-5pm	Week 8
Week 5 Swimming Lessons begin. Approx \$35 for the 9/10 lessons	Week 9/10

