

Challenge Team Newsletter Term 2, 2019

Welcome to Term 2:

We have an exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter will outline some of the fantastic learning opportunities we have on offer for our students.

Firstly, 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. 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 2 Curriculum

Writing - This term, our students will be learning how to write explanations. Throughout reading and inquiry students will be learning a range of new information about sustainability and will apply this knowledge into an explanation structure.

Reading - Students will continue to have regular group reading sessions. In addition to this, students will read a range of texts learning more about sustainability using specific reading strategies. The idea is to integrate reading into the inquiry focus to deepen learning.

Maths - As our maths programme will largely be based around multiplication and division, it is vital that our students have instant times tables recall. Daily revision, flashcards and times tables charts are a great way to develop this knowledge and we would really appreciate your support with this at home. All students now have a Mathletics login. This is a great resource for students to develop their times tables knowledge and provide practice in other mathematical domains. We also have a measurement unit starting later in the term, with a focus on volume and capacity.

Inquiry - We will be starting a new inquiry journey of sustainability this term. Our goal is to raise awareness and understanding of the richness of natural resources and the ways in which humans use and interact with the environment (at a local, national and global level). The students will participate in a range of activities that relate to real world contexts to gain a deeper understanding.

PE - We kick off the term with our annual Cross Country, which will take place in Week 1 on Thursday 2nd May for Years 4-8. For the remainder of the term, all students will be involved in Winter Sport, held in various locations across the community. Your child will complete a form at the start of Term 2 to opt into a sport of their choice. It is important your child brings their Clearview PE top to school every Thursday.

Languages - This term your child will continue learning Te Reo Māori. Students will be participating in a rotation where they will get a taster lesson for a range of fun learning activities. The focus will also be on tikanga Māori through a cultural art element.

Year 7/8 Heat Ups

The kitchen will be operating from Week 2 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. Please remember 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

Please only bring heat up food on your team's day. **Red Zone** will on the same days as above for Y7 and Y8 students.

Technology at Breens

Technology at Breens will operate on Tuesday for Simba and Blue Zone and Red Zone on Wednesday. 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 a Challenge team zone back at school.

Uniform

This term, 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. Please ensure your child is wearing all black shoes and is taking pride in their uniform.



Pizza lunch with the Mr Rush - Value certificate winners

BYOD

If your child has signed the BYOD agreement, it would be fabulous 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.



Our students designing the Care Boxes for the Hospital Staff



Students writing letters in "the trenches" as an ANZAC experience

Gumboot Award

We are proud to have had so many recipients of our zone Gumboot Award already this year. We will continue to show our appreciation for our students hard work and efforts through this award as the year continues.

TERM 2 DATES

Week 1	Week 6
Cross Country Y4-8 Thursday 2nd May Mihi Whakatau - 10.30am	Queens Birthday - 3rd June
Week 2	Week 7
Cross Country postponement Mon 6th May	
Week 3	Week 8
Blue Zone Assembly (week 2)	
Week 4	Week 9
Selwyn Cross Country Zones Thurs 23rd May	
Week 5	Week 10
Rotary Quiz Night 28th May - 5:45pm National Young Leaders Day Thurs 30th May Winter Sport begins - every Thursday during school time.	

Get to know our Challenge Team Teachers:

Homebase/Zone	Teacher Information
<p>HB18 - Lynne Wiggins Red Zone</p> 	<p>Hello</p> <p>I have the privilege of working for another year in the Challenge Team but this year within the Red Zone. It seems like I have hardly been at Clearview very long. However, this will actually be my fifth year. I have been lucky enough to have spent all of my time teacher Year 7/8 students.</p> <p>Prior to Clearview, I worked at an intermediate school in town. I absolutely love this age group! I was born and started my schooling in Tanzania before moving here to go to school at Middleton. I then completed a Commerce Degree at Canterbury before training at the Graduate School of Education.</p> <p>I enjoy travelling whether it be in NZ or further afield, exploring new places and seeing new things. I also like to spend time with good friends, family and getting outdoors.</p> <p>I am really looking forward to the rest of the year with our brilliant bunch of students, and all the exciting things we have in store!</p>
<p>Team Leader HB19 - Sam Ryan Red Zone</p> 	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>2019 offered me the amazing opportunity to step up into the Team Leader Role after a year and a half teaching in the Challenge Team. I have previously explored this role when teaching in the UK and I learnt a lot from the experience. This year marks my 7th year as a Y7/8 teacher and I am still loving it!</p> <p>I was blessed to be born and raised here in Christchurch. I finished high school at Burnside High and then went straight to Teacher College at Canterbury University and completed my Teaching Degree with Honours. I began my teaching career in beautiful Blenheim at a very large intermediate school. After 3 years, I then caught the travel bug and decided to live in London for 2 years and travel.</p> <p>I am a rather competitive, sporty, love nature, hiking and camping (anything outdoors). You'll often find me at the gym early before school, relaxing with family or friends, jet-setting away for the weekends to get my travel fix. I am thoroughly enjoying working with Clearview Y7/8 students and Challenge Team teachers, I can't wait for Twiggers, Camp, Koru Games, National Young Leaders Day and all the other fun events in between.</p>
<p>HB20 - Lauren Moir Red Zone</p> 	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am in my fourth year teaching at Clearview and this year I have been lucky enough to move up to Year 7 & 8 and the Challenge Team. Up until this year, I had been working in Year 5 & 6 so I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity to see this group of children move through the school!</p> <p>I grew up in Blenheim in an Air Force family and then moved to boarding school in Christchurch for my high school years. I graduated with a degree in Psychology from Canterbury University and trained as a teacher at the Graduate School of Education. Prior to Clearview, I taught at the primary school in Blenheim that I attended as a child.</p> <p>I love to travel and explore new places (and am actually writing this from a bus in northern Italy!). I am also very competitive and enjoy being active, whether in sports or by getting outdoors. I grew up doing a lot of gymnastics and rowing, and still keep involved in these sports whenever possible.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to the rest of the year with this awesome group of teachers and students, and seeing what adventures await us!</p>
<p>HB21 - Lucy Millar Simba Zone</p> 	<p>Hi everyone</p> <p>I'm lucky enough to have been in the Challenge Team for four years, working alongside a team of amazing teachers. There is never a dull moment, as the students have a great sense of humour and keep me on my toes. I feel extremely proud to be part of their lives and watch them grow and enjoy the new experiences that we offer them. I love being on the sports committee, organising and finding new events that our students can participate in, either at school or in the wider Canterbury area.</p> <p>I am a born and bred Canterbury girl, but I've spent time traveling and working overseas, especially Western Australia where I spent quite a few years working in the mines. Almost every day, I have to remind myself that my own children are now adults. My daughter is studying at Canterbury and my son is pursuing a career in media, having just finished his degree at Massey. My husband and I have a tractor business based in Leeston. On weekends, I'm often found walking our dog Ellie along the beach or around the block. I also like to kayak and have started to do some hiking.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to a great year filled with some amazing opportunities that we have planned, not to mention a new camp location in Term Four.</p>

HB22 - Jessica Prior
Simba Zone



Hello Clearview families

This is my first year teaching at Clearview and am very excited to be in the Simba zone. I am in my 9th year of teaching and I have always been with the senior students - whom I love!

Born and raised in Zimbabwe I had a wonderful childhood in Africa. However, at 13 my parents made the best decision to bring us to New Zealand. We arrived and stayed in Auckland, where I attended Westlake Girls High School and then went straight into teachers college.

My first three years of teaching were at Rangeview Intermediate in West Auckland. I then went on maternity leave with my first daughter Ameliah who is now 5 years old. Following this, I did two years teaching at Albany Junior High School and took maternity leave again for my second daughter Zoey who is almost 3. My husband Dave and I decided to shift our family down south and fell in love with Rolleston, as a place to bring our girls up. Since arriving here I have experience relieving in several Rolleston schools. I also taught at Darfield High School for the year in 2018. Having always been drawn to Clearview, I am looking forward to sharing ideas and bringing my experiences to the team, as well as all the exciting activities that will be happening in 2019.

Developing relationships with the learners in my homebase, our zone and challenge team as well as the families of the Clearview community has been to highlight so far. As well as learning from the great teachers I get to work with everyday.

HB24 - Anna Molloy
Blue Zone



Kia ora

I am lucky enough to be teaching in the Blue Zone again this year. I have spent the majority of my teaching career at the New Entrant level so it has been a lovely change moving to the other end of the school. I grew up in Nelson and moved to Canterbury to train as a teacher. I started teaching at Beckenham School in Christchurch. In between having my own children, I worked at a number of schools in part time roles. We moved to Rolleston just over 10 years ago. The school site was just paddocks when we bought our house. We have two children, Max - Year 7 and Belle - Year 5.

I absolutely love all things sport along with exercise (well, kind of love/hate), spending time with family and friends, cooking and eating and sneaking off to the beautiful Lake Brunner whenever we can.

After 5 terms teaching at the Intermediate School level, I don't think I'll ever go back to teaching 5 year olds again. I am extremely lucky to work with amazing students who make me laugh every day, along with my brilliant work colleagues.

HB25 - Amy McDermott
Blue Zone



Hello everyone

I have spent the past three years of my life studying to be a teacher at the University of Canterbury. Throughout these three years I have completed placements at a variety of schools and worked with students of all ages. My placement last year at an Intermediate School level helped me to realise what an awesome age group Year 7 and 8 are.

I was born and bred in Christchurch and am a passionate supporter of any team red and black or black and white, including club rugby (much to some of my students disgust)! I grew up on a dairy farm in Halswell and went to Halswell School before moving to Villa to complete my schooling years. I come from a very close family and have two younger brothers. My little slice of paradise is Whangamata on the Coromandel of the North Island, you will find me up here hanging out with my whanau most summers!

I have had the best start to my teaching career and am so thankful to be surrounded by the coolest kids in Canterbury and the most supportive staff. Bring on the rest of 2019!