

# Challenge Team Newsletter Term 1, 2020

## 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 will start the term with Technology starting on Tuesday for Blue and Simba Zones and Wednesday for Red Zone at Breen's Intermediate. We have planned a rotation of Cyber Safety, PE cooperative games and art (self-portraits). We are looking forward to getting to know our new Year 7s and helping them settle into the Senior School.

Firstly, we have a new Senior Teacher Lisa Barr who is teaching in Simba Zone with Amy McDermott.

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.

Thank you,  
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## Term 1 Curriculum

**Writing** - This term, our students will be participating in a wide range of writing genres. Each writing style will be covered in depth, applying skills, structures and real world application. Throughout the rest of the year, students will draw on this knowledge and extend themselves through their progressions.

**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. The purpose of the mentioned literacy tasks is to teach and explore areas of interest, learning gaps/goals and extension. Reading is a curriculum area that weaves through all subjects and has many fantastic opportunities for students to learn through engagement.

**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 practice and support

**PE** - We kick off the term with fitness and small ball skills. We will be having swimming lessons later on in the term (week 5/6). Swimming Sports are held on Friday, week 4.

## 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 that 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 zone back at school.

## Uniform

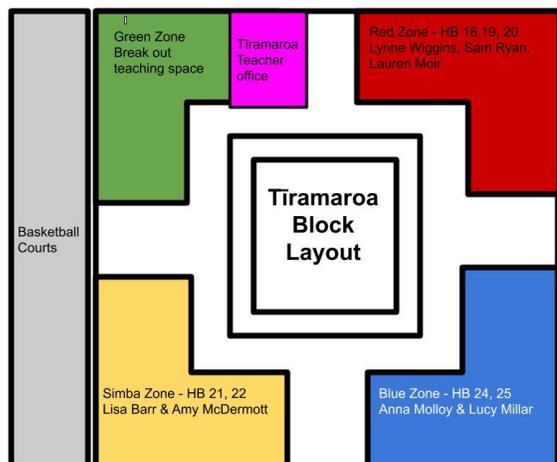
This term students are expected to be wearing their school hat every morning tea and lunchtime.

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.

This is our Tiramaroa Block layout. If you're ever trying to find your child's Homebase teacher or learning space, the colours above relate to the zones of those home bases and teachers.



## TERM 1 DATES (please see CV school calendar on website)

<p><b>Week 1</b>                      Monday 1-3pm visit                      Tuesday - Blue and Simba Tech                      Wednesday - Red Zone Tech                      Thurs - Waitangi Day                      Friday - Normal day</p>	<p><b>Week 6</b>                      Swimming lessons continue                      Swimming Zones                      Active Leaders Day's</p>
<p><b>Week 2</b>                      Student leadership applications open                      T20 Cricket</p>	<p><b>Week 7</b></p>
<p><b>Week 3</b>                      Tues 18th and Wed 19th                      Learning Partnership Meetings</p>	<p><b>Week 8</b>                      Ice skating week at Clearview</p>
<p><b>Week 4</b>                      Swimming Sports</p>	<p><b>Week 9</b></p>
<p><b>Week 5</b>                      Swimming Lessons begin.                      Approx \$35 for the 9/10 lessons</p>	<p><b>Week 10</b>                      Good Friday</p>