

TERM ONE, 2020

TEAM TĀIRI

HI EVERYONE,

Welcome to team Tāiri - formerly known as Team Quest. We are so excited to be heading into a new school year with you all. A warm welcome to the nine new families joining us from other schools - we hope you love our school as much as we do!

This newsletter will hopefully cover all of the information that you need to know for Term 1. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email myself or your child's HB teachers and we will do our best to answer.

Kind regards,
Katie Morriss - Team Leader

Take a look at our 2020 teaching team

We work collaboratively in Tāiri. This means that our teachers work closely together to plan and implement teaching and learning programmes for their zones. There are endless benefits to collaboration both for students and teachers. This is one of the Clearview Competencies that we will focus on and develop throughout the year.

Kōwhai Zone

Homebase 30 - Mrs Bekee Varcoe
Homebase 31 - Miss Sarah Carruthers

Totara Zone

Homebase 32 - Mr Nathan Wood
Homebase 33 - Mrs Alice Wilkinson & Mrs Sarah Gillon

Rātā Zone

Homebase 34 - Mrs Katie Morriss & Mrs Jo Cummings
Homebase 35 - Miss Harriet White

Rimu Zone

Homebase 36 - Mrs Nicole Codyre
Homebase 37 - Mr Joey Goertz

Tāiri Release Teacher - Mrs Debbie Happer



CAMP!

It feels so odd to be discussing camp in the first newsletter but it is going to come around VERY fast!

In week 7, we are off to Woodend Christian Camp for three days of FUN and ADVENTURE. A huge thank you to everyone who offered to be a parent volunteer - we had an overwhelming response!

Dates for camp are:

Camp One - Mon March 16th - Wed March 18th
HB 32, 33, 36 & 37

Camp Two - Wed March 18th - Fri March 20th
HB 30, 31, 34 & 35

We know camp can cause anxiety and the thought of staying away from home can be daunting. For some, it is their first time away from home. We can't express how much fun children have on camp once they are there! All the worries are quickly forgotten as they set up bunk rooms, get into the activities and try to guess what is for dinner! Your child is in amazing hands with all of our wonderful teachers and parent helpers. They are there to provide reassurance, hugs and distractions if needed.

Last year we had a successful parent information night about camp and Kirsten from Mana Ake also came to share some ideas about how to cope with anxiety and worries about camp.

The feedback from this meeting was great, so this year our camp parent information night is on **Wednesday 4th March, 7pm**. We would love to see you there!

INFORMATION...

- **Swimming Sports** - Thursday 27th February
- **BYOD** - devices are able to come to school once your child's zone has completed their learning around digital safety
- **School hats** are compulsory this term - no caps please
- **A Clearview PE sports top** is part of the school uniform from Yr 5 onwards. Your child's teacher will let them know which day to wear this to school.
- **Book boxes** are a requirement this year. These can be purchased from the HB teacher for \$5. Students are welcome to use their box from last year if they have one.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Below are some events that we know are occurring this year and the approximate associated cost so that you are able to plan accordingly.

- Camp approx \$160 (Term 1)
- Winter sport approx \$35 (Term 2)
- Swimming approx \$35 (Term 4)

Digital Safety

We will kick off our year with learning about digital safety and how to stay safe online. While doing this, each zone will develop guidelines that the students will agree to follow when using their own device or a school device.

Living in a digital age, being present 'online' is becoming more of a 'thing' and at times a real issue for parents and schools. Below are some important discussion points to consider and we would love you to have a conversation with your family at home about the following:

- is their online activity private? Are any of their accounts eg tiktok, YouTube, Roblox secure? **They should only follow and be followed by people they know in real life.**
- are they posting videos or content while in school uniform? This is not recommended at all due to the ease of being able to be located.
- you must have permission to photograph or video others
- you must ask your friend if it is ok to post a video of them on a platform such as tiktok. Their home rules may differ to yours.
- are group chat apps being used appropriately? Does your child know what to do if one of their friends starts typing mean things about someone?

We found some valuable information for parents and educators during the holidays that gives a good overview of commonly used apps and what you need to know and what you might not know about particular apps. I have attached some information about a couple of commonly used apps for this age group but also highly recommend visiting <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> as it has a bank of resources to support you and your child with being safe online and dealing with any issues that may arise.

