



# Allenton School

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## Senior Area Newsletter

31 January 2018

### **Kia ora and welcome back to 2018!**

It was great to see our senior pupils arrive full of enthusiasm and engaging with their peers after the holiday break. Thank you for having the stationery ready to go on day one.

Our Senior Area teachers this year are Mrs Moore in Room 1, Miss Lester in Room 2, Mrs Gill in Room 3, Miss Strange in Room 4 and Miss Blair in Room 17. Like last year, all classes are mixed Year 5 and 6.

We have made some slight changes this year to the school timetable;

8:30am bell for students to enter school

8:55am self management bell to get ready for class

9:00am class begins

10:20am morning tea

10:40am class resumes

11:50am lunch and play

12:30pm class resumes

1:30pm second break

1:50pm class resumes

3:00pm classes end

3:20pm bell for students to leave the school grounds and buses

### UNIFORM

It is great to see everyone back at school in correct uniform. A reminder please to ensure that all clothing is clearly named before it comes to school. There have been a number of students without sunhats - these are required in the first and fourth terms for use anytime the students are outside. These are available to purchase from the school office. Students who are not wearing a sunhat will be asked to remain on the seats under the trees.

### ROAD PATROL

Thank you to the new Year 6 students who have begun road patrol this term - your enthusiasm has been greatly appreciated. Year 5 students who were trained last year will be doing road patrol in the week that the Year 6 students are at camp. A roster will be sent home shortly and Year 5 students will have the chance to shadow Years 6s whilst they are doing road patrol in preparation for this.

## CHROMEBOOKS

All students in the Senior Area are fortunate to have Chromebooks to use in their work. These Chromebooks are being supplied by the school instead of families needing to supply their own device. A Chromebook is like a mini laptop with the difference being that all programmes and documents are internet based and stored in 'the cloud'. We will be slowly introducing the Chromebooks to our classroom programme and as part of this we will be looking at Cybersafety and setting up our individual accounts so we can share work with each other and with you at home. As with any classroom tool different classes and students will use these devices in different ways. The children are able to log in to their school Google account at home if they wish to complete work that they have already started or new work that they wish to share at school.

Students will be expected to look after their Chromebook and Google account and use them in an appropriate manner. Failure to do so will result in the loss of use of their Chromebook and/or their Google account being suspended. Within the Senior Area students will first be given a warning about their care and use of their Chromebook and if they continue to use it inappropriately their account will be suspended for a week. If the behaviour continues upon reinstatement of their account their account will be suspended for two weeks and their parents will be contacted.

Likewise with damages to Chromebooks, the school will repair the first instance of accidental damage (eg a cracked screen or damaged keyboard). If however deliberate damage occurs or a student is careless a second time with their Chromebook then they and their family will be required to assist with some or all of the cost of repair.

## INTERVIEWS

Three way interviews with teachers, parents and students will be held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February. More information about times and booking interviews will be coming out shortly.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Students who have achieved Level 5 or higher at EA Networks Complex Pool will have the opportunity to take part in our swimming sports on Wednesday 14 February. Information about events will be sent home with individual students next week and students will be busing to and from the pool. If your child is taking part in the swimming sports please consider whether you will be able to assist with timing at the event.

If you have any questions specific to your child please make a time to see your child's classroom teacher. We are looking forward to a positive and action packed 2018.

Kerrin Lester, Christine Moore, Nicky Gill, Elliotte Strange and Hannah Blair