

# Welcome to Matai Team 2019



**We also welcomed this cutie to the Matai team in the holidays. A big congratulations to Saasha and Todd. Introducing Kobi Isaac May.**

## Other Learning Areas

Literacy– Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term we will be looking at the ideas within texts. In reading, the students will be developing a wide range of comprehension skills in order to understand how writers share their ideas. In writing, they will shape their ideas so the meaning is clear to the reader. Mathematics- This term we are focussing on Statistics. The students will be learning to analyse data, how to draw and read a variety of graphs as well as learning about Probability.

## Specialisation

Technology and the Arts: The students will be going to Technology and The Arts twice a week. These will also be integrated into our themes.

Languages–Students will be learning Spanish twice a week for 45 mins with Mr Carlos.

PE– Mr Jones will take the students for PE once a week for 45 mins. The students will also have another PE lesson with their classroom teacher.

Welcome to Term 2. We had a very busy Term 1 covering 2 units of inquiry and also spending a week away at camp. All the teachers are very impressed with the improvement we are seeing in the students' ability to work independently and complete tasks to a high standard. This term we welcome 3 new members to the Matai whanau. Mr Colin Dale is going to be in Room 4 on Tuesdays and Fridays, Mr Aaron Moore is taking over from Miss Jolley in Room 12 and in week 3 Miss Sarah Ireland will be the new teacher in Room 10. Please download the school app to make sure you are keeping up with up to date information and events. If you have any questions please email your child's teacher

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We are covering 2 themes this term. For each theme we have a Central Idea and Lines of Inquiry. The Central Idea is the big understanding that we want the students to come to by the end of the theme. The Lines of Inquiry break this down into smaller parts and from these the students can make an independent selection on the area they would like to inquire into.

## **Theme One:**

Sharing the Planet

### Central Idea

Managing the balance between the human and natural world can create challenges

### Lines of inquiry

- Personal responsibility leads to change
- Equal access to resources
- Conflicts over resources
- Society's need to improve impacts on resources

## Theme 2

How We Organise Ourselves

### Central Idea–

Individual/ joint decision-making influences the future

### Lines of Inquiry

- Qualities, rights and responsibilities that come with leadership
- The rights of individuals differ across the global community