

Matai Term 2 Newsletter.

Welcome back to term 2 in Matai classroom. It is wonderful having everyone back at school, I can't believe how much all of the children have grown over the holidays.

Winter codes begin on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May with many in our class involved in Grade 6 and 7 Football. Saturday sport is a great way of maintaining fitness and having fun with your team mates. It also encourages responsibility to attend practises and sportsmanship.

Communication is a big focus this term. The aim is to give the children the opportunities to speak clearly and confidently but also they need to learn how to listen to others, [Give and Receive]. During the term we will be focussing on working in small groups having turns at being the leader, the presenter, the recorder as well as doing Drama and games.

I look forward to meeting you all at parent interviews in Week 7 to share with you the progress and achievements of your special children. I especially enjoy sharing the children's books so you can observe the progress made since the beginning of the year. This is most exciting in Reading and Writing with this age group. Thank you for the work you are doing listening to your children reading their home readers. Most of the children have very good routines for doing this and it really supports our class programme.

Topics to be covered this term are Autumn, Duty, The people in the community that help us, Life Education, Art Week in Week 10 with the theme being Kiwiana. We also have the Cross Country as our school sports event.

Jo Clark.