



# Matamata Intermediate School

## Towards 2019 (2)

### School Structure and Communication

This update is the second of 4 which are intended to provide you with information around what learning will look like, at Matamata Intermediate, in 2019.

#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC GOALS:



**Wananga/Future Focused Learning: To develop a learning framework that is challenging, relevant and engaging.**



**Te Taiao Akoranga: Create innovative flexible learning environments**



**Whanaungatanga: Continue to strengthen home/school and wider community partnerships**

*E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini. My strength is not as an individual but as a collective.*

One of our Core Beliefs for Learning, at Matamata Intermediate, is Collaboration. One way we enable collaboration is in the structure of our learning

- We run a 4 block day, which enables semi-specialisation within our timetable.
- All students have a '**home class**' with their classroom teacher.
- Small groups of home classes (2 or 3) then work together in what we call **Whanau**.

These **whanau groups (Waihou, Mangawhero, Waitoa and Piako)** focus on learning celebrations, student pastoral care and engagement, sports and other events. Teachers within these whanau also work in a semi specialised way to teach PE, International Languages and Communication (Oral Language).

As explained in the previous 'Towards 2019', we have other specialist subjects and students go to those classrooms for that specific subject area. Some of these subjects are a team teaching situation where both the classroom teacher and the specialist teacher work together to ensure continuity for the students. At the beginning of 2019, students will have a timetable for their class shared with them.

**Teachers** also belong to **teams** which regularly meet, after school, to look at planning and assessment to meet the needs of our students.

We also believe that communication between home and school is vitally important to support learning. We call this **Whanaungatanga: Communication with Whanau / Building Relationships**.

Weekly communication between the class teacher and home will be sent out and includes:

- Upcoming school events
- Things happening in your class (news, highlights)
- Areas of learning your class is focusing on
- Outline of home learning tasks

Your classroom teacher is always your first point of contact for any queries you may have. The school newsletter is emailed out every 3 weeks and our Facebook page is regularly updated with events, celebrations and information. Please note - you do not have to have a Facebook account to access this page. - [Link to page](#). Newsletters and other information can also be found on our school website: [www.matamataintermediate.school.nz](http://www.matamataintermediate.school.nz)

## Meet the Teams:

### Mangawhero

Gerard O'Neill Rm 9  
Hayley Kearns Rm 10  
Sue Dawson Rm 12  
Joy Dunham

### Piako

Ailsa Allan Rm 4  
Brooke Harris Rm 5  
Laura Fisher and Josephine Jacobsen Rm 3  
Karen Raymond  
Stanley Aranga

### Waihou

Anita Muter and Holly Fawcett Rm 8  
Darryn Uerata Rm 6  
David Wiseman Rm 7  
Jasmine Trower

### Waitoa

Jaime McIntyre and Serena Pilmore-Evans Rm 13  
Karen Nicholls and Clare Hitchcock Rm14  
Carol Te Bay  
Oliver Barratt



(Staff photo 2018)