

Welcome to Matai team 2019. We have an extremely busy term 1 coming up. We are covering 2 themes and pretty soon we are heading off to Tui Ridge for our camp. We look forward to meeting you all at the Meet the Teachers picnic and co constructing learning goals with you and your child at the goal setting meeting. 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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## SOME IMPORTANT KEY DATES

8-22 Feb- Camp      6 March - Goal setting and student led interviews  
 15 March - ASB Polyfest      12 April - Last day and awards ceremony

### Other Learning Areas

Literacy- Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term we will be looking into how texts are structured for different purposes. In reading, the students will be reading a variety of different texts to analyse the characteristics and organisation of these. In writing, they will create texts using the correct structure, learning how to organise and explain their ideas with clarity.

Mathematics- We will start with filling the number knowledge gaps the students have. We will then move onto learning how to solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. Also this term, we will be covering 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, they will also have a 45 min Te Reo lesson once a week with Matua Sammy.  
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.

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:

How the World Works (4 Feb- 8 March)

This is a Science theme so we will be working with the Science specialist Heather Amadori twice a week.

### Central Idea

Scientific principles help us make sense of the world we live in

### Lines of inquiry

- The behaviour and interaction of materials determines their use
- Knowledge creates opportunities
- Physical properties and characteristics of different matter

### Theme 2- (11 March-12 April)

Who We Are

Central Idea- How you react to change can define you

### Lines of Inquiry

- Influences on our personal identity
- Personal responsibility within relationships
- Balancing different aspects of our life.
- What beliefs + values drive me and our society