

Welcome to Matai team 2020



Welcome to Matai team 2020. There is a lot to look forward to in this busy first term. We are covering 2 themes and at the end of the term, we are heading off to Tui Ridge for our camp (30 March-3 April). There are some exciting new developments this year with our new classrooms up and running and our new maker spaces ready to inspire our students in their learning. We look forward to meeting you this year to be able to work together to ensure your child's last year at ANI is a good one. Encourage your son or daughter to take part in all the opportunities that they have at school. 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

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Other Learning Areas

Literacy- Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. We will be looking into the ways that we can express our ideas effectively to others, analysing different texts and media to find out what good authors do and using this to create a variety of texts such as poems, static images, reports, science experiments.

Mathematics- We will be working on the Number strand, finding the gaps in number knowledge and working on problem solving involving adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers, fractions and decimals. This term, we will also be covering Statistics- analysing and displaying data.

Specialisation

Technology, the Arts and Science- There are exciting changes in these areas this year. Students will spend a day a week in the new maker spaces areas, taking part in each of these subjects every week. In the first term, students will be learning the skills needed to work in each of these learning areas. For more information please see the Specialisation newsletter.

Languages-Students will be learning Spanish twice a week for 45 mins with Cynthia Montesinos.

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:

Central Idea

Ideas and feelings can be expressed through different media.

Lines of inquiry

- Types of creative expression
- Using a creative process to express ideas and feelings
- Communicating effectively to an audience

Theme 2- How the World Works (4 Feb- 8 March)

Central Idea

Scientific principles help us makes 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

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has their hat everyday this term. NO hat NO play.
- Name ALL items of clothing.
- We need lots of helpers for camp! It's a fun week so we look forward to getting a lot of volunteers. More information to come.