

# Matai Team Term 2 2021



Welcome to Term 2! Term 1 was certainly a busy one- it went so fast. We all had so much fun at camp and it was amazing to see our young people push themselves and take risks. Another action packed term ahead! Our production organisation will start, another full calendar of sports and along with that we will be completing two units of inquiry. We value your support in encouraging your child to participate in multiple activities around the school so they can follow their passions. This will help them when entering high school in 3 terms.

It was lovely to meet you all at the goal setting interviews and discuss what the students are working on.

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## Other Learning Areas

Literacy– Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. In literacy, we will focussing on reading and writing persuasive texts. During Sharing the Planet, we will be analysing and writing arguments. In How We Organise Ourselves we will be looking at advertising and how others persuade us to buy their products. Students will then create advertisements for their Market Day Products.

Mathematics- The first half of the them term we will be focusing on Number. The students will be learning about multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions. They will be learning to calculate percentages and ratios also. In the second half of the term, our focus will be Statistics. Students will complete statistical investigations, working on presenting and interpreting information on a variety of graphs. They will also learn about how to work out the probability of events occurring.

## Specialisation

Technology, the Arts, Science and P.E. – Students will go to specialist classes every Friday. For more information please see the Specialisation newsletter.

Languages–Students will be learning Spanish twice a week for 45 mins with Cynthia Montesinos on a Tuesday and Thursday. They will be having Te Reo lessons once a week with Matua Mauri.

We are covering 2 themes this term. We first need to complete How the World Works to give the students time to complete their summative task. 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: (3 May-28 May)

Sharing the Planet

Central Idea

People's management of resources impacts on environmental and social sustainability

Lines of Inquiry

- Personal decisions impact environmental changes
- Humans create opportunities and challenges for ecosystems
- Ways different people care for and use the environment

Theme 2- (31 May-8 July)

How We Organise Ourselves

Central Idea

Economic growth through enterprise and innovation.

Lines of Inquiry

- Interaction of and the roles of consumers and producers
- The effect of decision making on a product
  - Access and use of resources

This will lead to the students creating a product to sell at Market Day.