

# Welcome to Matai Team 2022

Welcome to Matai Team 2022. We have an exciting term ahead to start off the year. Within the first term, we will be covering two IB themes (see below) as well as making our way to an exciting adventure at Tui Ridge (Rotorua) for our camp on 15th March. The teachers are all looking forward to getting to know their new students, parents/caregivers and working together to co-create learning goals and make the most of this year. Please ensure you download the school app to keep up to date with information and events. If you have any questions please email your child's teacher:

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## SOME IMPORTANT KEY DATES

Waitangi Day (Observed): Monday 7th February

Matai Camp: Tuesday 15th March - Friday 18th March

Last day and awards ceremony: Thursday 14th April (2pm finish)

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 form the area students would like to inquire into.

**Theme One: Who We Are (Feb 8th - 11th March)**

**Theme Two: Where We Are In Place And Time**

**(21st March - 14th April)**



## Who We Are

For our first theme we will be focusing on human rights and responsibilities.

**Our Central Idea:** It is our responsibility to understand, uphold and champion human rights.

### Our Lines of inquiry:

- Human rights exist and are universal
- Humans rights have been protected by some and abused by others throughout history
- Organisations and individuals have a responsibility to champion human rights



## **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 by using the topic and history of Human Rights to find and analyse different writing such as research, diaries, poems and setting descriptions. We will learn about the characteristics, structure, organisation as well as the drafting and editing of different text types.

**Mathematics:** We will start by finding and highlighting the number knowledge gaps from our disrupted year in 2021 and then explore how to solve interesting and challenging problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. Later this term, we will be covering Statistics.

**Specialisation:** Soft Materials (food and fabric), Hard Materials/Digital Technology, Science, Music and Visual Arts will be taught by our expert specialist teachers.

Friday will be our specialist assigned day each week. The specialist subjects are fully integrated into our themes connecting closely to classroom programmes.

**Languages:** Students will be learning Spanish twice a week for 45 minutes with Ms Montesinos and Te Reo with Matua Mauri once a week for 45 minutes.

**PE:** Mr Jones will take students for PE once a week for 45 mins. The students will also have another PE lesson with their classroom teacher.