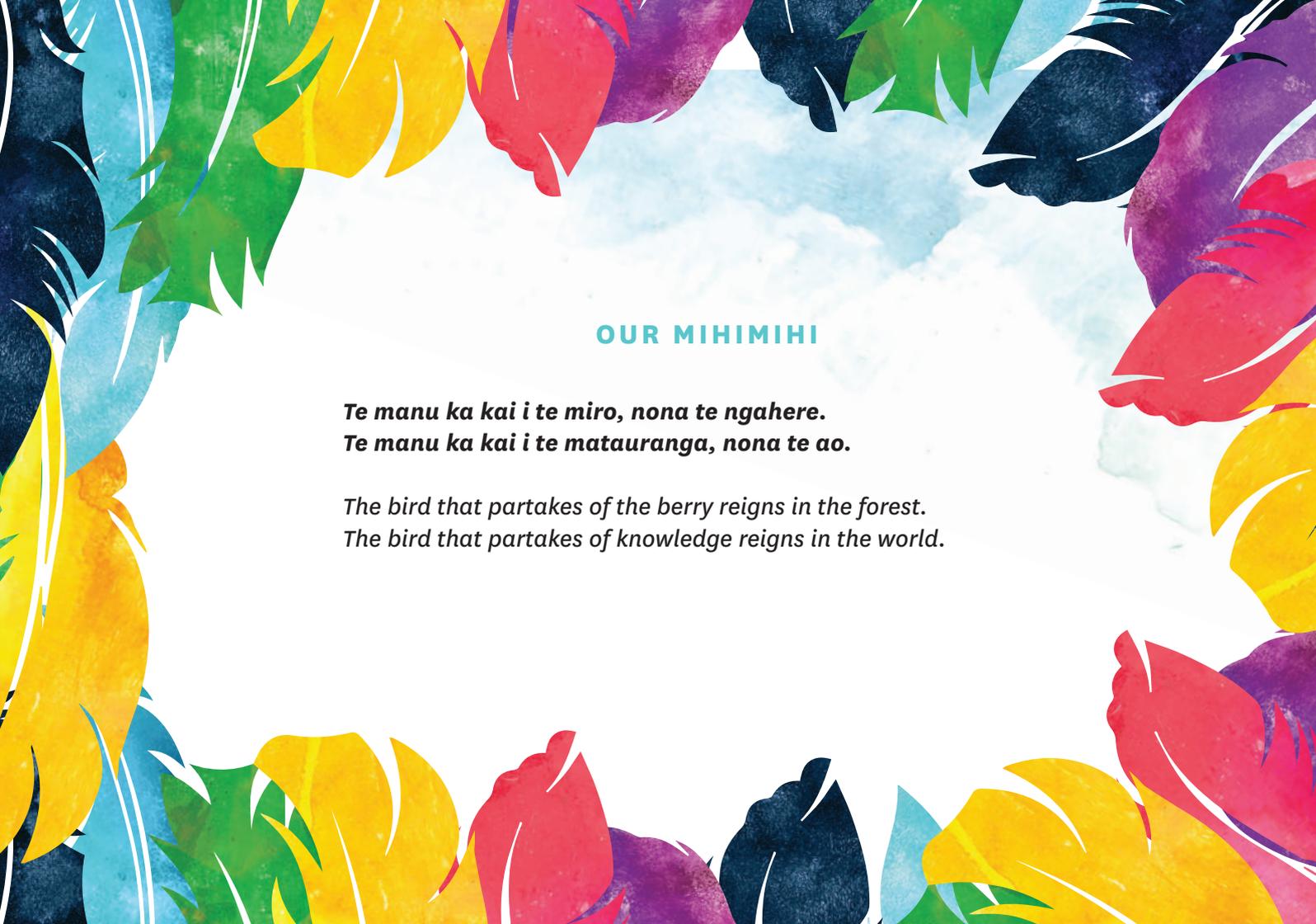




THE
MATUA LEARNER
Story





OUR MIHIMIHI

***Te manu ka kai i te miro, nona te ngahere.
Te manu ka kai i te matauranga, nona te ao.***

*The bird that partakes of the berry reigns in the forest.
The bird that partakes of knowledge reigns in the world.*

KOTUKU



TAKAHIA



ABOUT THIS STORY

Matua School is represented by two birds; the White Heron and the Talking Tui. The heron is honest, wise, and helpful; the tui is determined and hardworking.

This book is about Takahia the Talking Tui and his journey to become a Matua Learner. Along the way he learns important lessons from Kotuku the wise White Heron – and finds that being a Matua Learner is special.

ONE DAY...

Takahia the Talking Tui wanted to play soccer at the park with the other birds. But one of the laces on his boots was broken!

“Oh no, I can’t play soccer without my boots!” Takahia cried.

Then Kotuku the wise White Heron appeared and said, ***“Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua. There is more than one way to achieve an objective.”***

So Takahia took one of the laces from an old shoe and used it to lace his soccer boot.



“Well done” said Kotuku,
“now you are a *Problem Solver*,
so your feathers should be
***glorious green.*”**





When Takahia got to the park, the other birds were already playing. Takahia was too shy to ask to play, so he stood on the side and waited for someone to ask him.

“Oh no, why won’t anyone play with me?” Takahia cried.

Kotuku, being wise, said **“Mauria te pono. Believe in yourself.”**

So Takahia opened his mouth and sang a song so beautiful that everyone stopped playing and listened. **“Can I play soccer with you?”** asked Takahia. **“Sure, join in.”** said the other birds.

“Well done” said Kotuku,
**“now you are a Confident
Communicator, so your feathers
should be *passionate purple.*”**



Takahia started playing soccer, but every time he tried to kick the ball he would miss and fall over.

“Oh no, why do I keep falling over?” Takahia cried.

Kotuku thought for a moment, then said **“Me mātou ki te whetu, i mua i te kokiri o te haere. Before you set forth on a journey, be sure you know the stars.”**

Takahia knew he needed to prepare, so he went back to the sideline and practised kicking the ball without falling over. After a while he was able to kick the ball very well, so he went back to join the game and he scored a goal!



“Well done” said Kotuku,
**“now you are a self-manager,
so your feathers should be
terrific teal.”**



Once Takahia got one goal he really wanted to score another one. Every time the ball came to him he tried to run up the field and score. But every time he got close, he ended up losing the ball.

“Oh no, why can’t I score another goal?” Takahia cried.

But Kotuku being wise, said ***“Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai. Many hands make light work.”***

Takahia knew he needed to be part of the team. So every time the ball came to him he passed to someone on his team, who passed it back to Takahia and he scored!



“Well done” said Kotuku,
“now you are a Team Player,
so your feathers should be
powerful pink.”





At the end of the game, Takahia was excited to be on the winning team. The other birds wanted to fly back to school and tell the teacher. As they took off, Takahia looked back and saw Kiwi didn't know how to fly.

“Oh no, why isn't everyone the same as me?” Takahia cried.

But Kotuku being wise, said ***“Waiho i te toipoto, kuaa i te toiroa. Let us be close together, not far apart.”***

Takahia knew he needed to think about others and their feelings. So he called to the other birds to come back and walk together with Kiwi.

“Well done” said Kotuku,
**“now you are a Connected
Learner, so your feathers
should be youthful yellow.”**





As Takahia arrived at school, he noticed that he felt different than before.

Kotuku said, ***“Look Takahia, now you have achieved all of the skills you need to be a Matua Learner. You are ready to fly”***.





Takahia smiled, flapped his
colourful wings, and flew higher
than he'd ever flown before.

THIS IS NOT THE END...

As Matua Learners we must remember the lessons from Takahia's story and develop our skills every day so that we too can fly higher than ever before.

Together, we will touch the sky.



PROBLEM SOLVER



**CONFIDENT
COMMUNICATOR**



SELF MANAGER



CONNECTED LEARNER



TEAM PLAYER





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