



Wednesday 7th February 2024

ROOM 9

Term 1 Class Letter

- Module 1: MI School Life
- Module 2: MI Survival Camp
- Module 3: Risk Taker

Subject Teachers

Whaea Taania	Humanities
Matua Kalen	Math
Miss Gafoi	Science
Mr Elazegui	Physical Education
Ms McIntyre-Brown	Sustainable Design
Ms White	Digi Comp

Term One Values

Manaakitanga,
Respect,
Communication,
Engagement & Teamwork

Form Class Subjects

Hauora: Graduate Profile
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics
Life Skills: Service
Friday Frenzy: Languages

Important Dates

February:

- Fri 9th: Swimming Sports (Papatoetoe Pools)
- Tue 13th: Night Markets (4pm - 6:30pm)
- Wed 21st: Rimu departs for Survival Camp (return on Fri 23rd)

March:

- Mon 4: 'Tell Us About Your Kid' Letters go home
- Mon 18: School Photos

April:

- Tues 9: Student Involved Conferences (SICs)

Tēnā koe, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Malō e lelei and greetings!

Ko Hikurangi, ko Puketapu, ko Titiraupinga me Taranaki ngā maunga.
Ko Waiaapu, ko Waipāoa, ko Waikato me Waitotora ngā awa.
Ko Horouta, ko Tākitimu, ko Tainui me Aotea ngā waka.
Ko Ngāti Porōu, ko Rongowhakaata, ko Rereahu me Te Atiawa ngā iwi.
Ko Te Aitanga ā Mahaki, ko Ngati Maru, ko Te Miringa Te Kakara me Manukorihi ngā hapū.
Ko Pahou, ko Rongopai, ko Te Hape me Parihaka ngā marae.

My name is Taania Williams and this year I will be the Room 09 Form and Humanities teacher. I am passionate, determined and have a real drive to support and guide our future generations. I wish to work alongside students whānau, aiga and family to ensure they can be the best that they can be. I want them to believe their aspirations and dreams are limitless! This year we are a part of the Rimu Wolfpack and I am sure we are in for a competitive year!

I am from Tūranganui-a-Kiwa, Te Tairāwhiti, Taranaki and Te Rohe Pōtai. I was born in Rotorua but grew up in South Auckland (Wiri/Manurewa) and also attended Homai Primary, MI and Manurewa High School. I am the middle child of five with two older sisters and two younger brothers who also attended MI as well. I must say, it is actually really funny to be back at my old school as being the teacher rather than the student. I am the proud mum to three beautiful tamariki. My two teenage daughters attend Auckland Girls' Grammar and my handsome son attends Takanini Primary School. I enjoy whānau time, fishing, camping, hunting, cooking, sharing in kai and laughter. Also, watching sports such as league, rugby, dancing and kapa haka.

This term is full of exciting, adventurous and fun filled learning opportunities at MI where all your experiences stay with you for a lifetime. During the first three weeks I will be with your child developing our class culture, learning about each other and creating our class relationships. This will be an awesome way to get to know each other and form long lasting friendships. We also have a fun and packed two weeks back at school.

Week Two is our school Night Markets where will be selling food and beverages to raise funds to support the cost of food, expenditure and preparation for Module 2 - MI Survival camp. This is where we will be heading to Motutapu Island. Please help support or make contributions for our Night Markets to help Room 9 have a successful camp. We will also need parent helpers to assist at both our Night Markets and at Camp, so if you are available to help at either event, please let your child or myself know.

In Week Five we begin our timetable where students will meet with their subject teachers and engage in additional learning experiences. There are also many awesome, exciting and great opportunities available such as sports, cultural groups, and much more. So do support your child to become adventurous risk-takers and to try new things. With support I believe that 2024 will be a successful year for your child.

Keep a watch out for all the important information that will be sent your way. If your child is nervous or jittery about starting the school year, I am here to support them to settle in comfortably. I am looking forward to an awesome year with my awesome class! Please do not hesitate to contact me via call, text or email if there is anything you would like to discuss or chat about. I look forward to meeting you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Taania

REMINDERS

We aim for 100% attendance, rain or shine, Monday to Friday! If your child is not coming to school, please make sure to contact me in the morning preferably before 8:30am.

School starts at 8:30am. Students who are late and do not have a valid reason will be placed on **Community Service**. Please encourage your child to go to bed at a decent hour each night so they wake up early and get to school on time. Students should aim to be at school by 8:20am.

Your child needs to be in 100% correct school uniform, this includes their whānau band. If there are any problems and your child does not have the correct uniform, please provide them with a letter they can hand in to Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.