

ROOM 78 CLASS LETTER

Malo e lelei, Bula vinaka, Talofa lava, Kia ora and welcome to Manurewa Intermediate School and Room 78 for the 2024 school year! I am looking forward to learning about my new students and to welcoming back some familiar faces as well!

This year marks my thirteenth as a teacher here at MIS and my fourteenth in New Zealand. I am Canadian (from the province of Ontario) and I love bacon, maple syrup and ice hockey. I love learning about Pasifika cultures and pride myself on being a technology geek. I enjoy travelling, playing Pokemon Go, spending time with my British husband, Steve, and appreciate proper spelling and punctuation!

I have a strong Humanities background, high expectations for behaviour, effort and involvement and I am excited to be working with your child this year! I am teaching Digi-Comp, a subject that incorporates the Ministry of Education's recent curriculum regarding Digital Technology and its systems and processes. I am really looking forward to seeing how amazing our students can be with their digital thinking as we explore topics like robotics and coding. Your child will be fully supported and highly encouraged to participate positively in every subject and activity throughout the entire year. Welcome to MIS!

This first term will be full on! We will be working on building our classroom team together and finding out about what it means to be in Tawa Whānau and a member of the MIS team. I am looking forward to your family support, communication and questions about our programmes and events. Please encourage your children to own their successes and take positive risks so that they can experience as much as possible this year. If you ever have any questions, please contact me!

Our school programmes are designed to get your child experiencing new things and also to challenge their current abilities. No one sits out and everyone is expected to help out, get involved and use a positive attitude when they are with us at school but also when they are with you at home! I will be making attempts to contact you at the start of the year - please reply, respond, call, come see me if possible so we can connect with your whānau at home and show the aroha we have for you all at school!

Malo aupito and I hope to meet you all soon!

Kind regards,

T. White
Mrs. Tanya White



Module 1
MI School Life

Module 2
MI Survival

Module 3: Risk Taker
MI Way

Teachers for the year
Humanities: Matua Danny
Math: Ms Faith Huang
Science: Ms Tara Clement
PE: Mr Cian Byrne-Hansen

Module 3 Teachers
Digi-Comp: Mrs Tanya White
Art: Ms Sharmayne Hardwidge

Module 3 Form Time Subjects
Hauora: Graduate Profile
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics
Life Skills: Service
Friday Frenzy: Languages



Term One Values: Manaakitanga | Respect | Communication | Engagement & Teamwork

MI NIGHT MARKETS

Tuesday 13th February at 4pm we have our fundraiser for survival camp, your contribution and involvement will have a huge impact on making this event a success.

MI SURVIVAL CAMP

TAWA Whānau will be heading to camp on Wednesday 28th February and will arrive back at school on Friday 1st March (More information to come closer to the time).

Important Dates

Whānau - for other important Term One dates please refer to the 2024 MI Whānau Calendar you received, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 6. If there are any special events unique to our class, I will let you know.



CARRY THE BOATS

ATTENDANCE

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school every day. If your child is not coming to school make sure to contact me in the morning preferably before 8:30 am. I will be contacting you or visiting your home if your child is away without a valid reason. Your child can not progress if they miss school and instead will be playing catch up with their academics.

LATES

School starts at 8:30 am but we encourage students to be here by 8:20 am. Students who are late and do not have a valid reason will be placed on Community Service during break time. If your child is running late please come into the school with them or write a note to explain their lateness.

UNIFORM

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

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