



**Monday 4th February 2019**

Tena Kotou whanau and welcome to the start of what is going to be an amazing year. My name is Rita Brooking and I have the great privilege to be your child's form teacher for 2019.

My family is made up of my son (Mako), daughters (Carterina and Dawn), and their dad Moe'z. We have a dog called Bossy and live in Otahuhu. I have taught at MI for around fourteen years now and can honestly say that each year continues to evolve and make **OUR** place better and better for all our kids.

It has been a really hot break and I hope you are all well rested and ready to 'hit the ground running'. Term one promises to be full on and we will all need to work as a team in order to make the best of the opportunities available here at MI.

**EXPECTATION BASICS:**

**Attendance:** This is paramount and I make it my goal to know where all of my kids are everyday. Therefore communication is important when your child is going to be away and I will check up on unknown absences.

**On time:** School starts at 8:45 and it is our Kauri Whanau expectation that students arrive by 8:30 to prepare for the day.

**Tools for learning:** Every student needs to be ready and prepared with their tools which is their stationary, Uniform, MI Planner, water bottle and healthy food to fuel the brain for the day. Our SMART target this term is Right Place, Right Time, Right Gear.

**Night Market:** Week 1 on Friday is the MI Night Market and our class will be busy organising our product to sell. We will need your support with this and your child will let you know by this afternoon how you can do this. Thanks in advance for making, buying or helping in the selling of products at our stall.

**Survival Camp:** Is in Week 3 and all the funds we collect at the Night Market will supply our food for this amazing event. We will need parent helper so if you can support the class please get in contact with me so we can talk and you can get some specific details.

**Teachers that your child will have in Term 1**

Humanities	Mr Vallender
Math	Mrs Sharan
Science	Mr Svela
Physical Education	Miss Lee
Digi-Comp	Mrs Kearney
Xplo-Tech	Miss Scott

I look forward to meeting you all and making 2019 an exceptional year! Save my number and don't hesitate to contact me.

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR - TERM 1 2019**

**Mon 4 Feb:** Day 1! MI Whanau Day

**Wed 6 Feb:** Waitangi Day holiday

**Fri 8 Feb:** MI Night Markets (Funds for Survival Camp) 5pm-8pm

**Tues 12 Feb:** MI Swimming Sports - Papatoetoe Pools

**Fri 15 Feb:** Mini Athletics

**Mon 18 Feb - Wed 20 Feb:** Tawa and Kowhai Survival Camp

**Wed 20 Feb - Fri 22 Feb:** Rimu and Kauri Survival Camp

**Tue 26 Feb:** Zone Boys Softball 1.45pm: HPV Talk - All Year 8's

**Wed 27 Feb:** 5:30pm: BOT Meeting

**Tue 5 Mar:** Zone Girls Softball

**Fri 8 Mar:** Zone Swimming "Tell Us About Your Kid" due today

**Tue 12 Mar- Thu 14 Mar:** Leadership Camp

**Wed 13 Mar:** Zone Ultra Rip

**Wed 27 Mar:** 5:30pm: BOT Meeting

6.30-8.30pm: Easter Social and Whanau Hui

**Wed 3 April:** Class and Individual Photos

**Tue 9 April:** Zone Boys Football

**Thu 11 April:** 8am-8pm Student Involved Conferences

**Fri 12 April:** STAFF ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL



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