

# TEAM TAWA 2019

**Together Everyone Achieves More**



Monday, 4th of February 2019

## Welcome to Room 62

Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei and welcome to Room 62. My name is Mokoia Huata and I have the privilege of teaching your child this year. To all Year 8s, I hope you have had an awesome break and that you are all ready to get back into it. To all Year 7's who are joining us this year, I look forward to having an exciting year with you.

I will be starting my second year here at Manurewa Intermediate and I am excited for what this it has to offer. I am originally from Hastings, Hawkes Bay and my iwi are Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou, Te Arawa, and Ngāti Whakaue. I am a father to a son of five months and whānau is something that is of great importance to me.

I believe that every child deserves an education where they are able to express the things that make them unique. All kids are born with great potential and it is our duty to ensure that they are provided with the opportunities to reach their full potential.

Our kids are passionate about coming to school and the staff here work tirelessly to make learning fun and engaging because our kids deserve it. There are many opportunities here at MI and I ask that you encourage your child to take full advantage of what our school has to offer, to work hard and to always try their best in whatever they do. Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child and their involvement in school life.

### What to Expect This Term

**NIGHT MARKET** - As a lead up to Survival Camp, we will be fundraising to cover the costs of the food we will eat. On Friday 8th February, Room 62 (along with the wider school) will be holding a Night Market. We would appreciate any whānau support.

**SURVIVAL CAMP** - In Week 3 we will be participating in a school-wide Survival Camp at Home Bay on Motutapu Island. Students will take part in a two-night camp where they will pitch a tent, prepare their own meals and participate in various team building activities.

**ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS** - It is vital is for your child to be at school on time so please ensure that you contact me if your child will be absent or late after 8:40 am. Please bring any late students directly WITH YOU to the office. Thank you for your efforts to ensure this continues to be a priority. If our attendance is strong then not only do students do better with school work but they also get rewarded with mufti days.

**HEALTHY FOOD AND WATER** - Here at Manurewa Intermediate, we encourage kids to eat healthy food. Students enjoy pies and lollies but packing a healthy lunch will allow your child to stay focused throughout the term. Please help them make something that is nutritious, simple and tasty every day of the week. Water bottles are also an essential part of helping your child to learn. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to every class. We are supporting our students as they learn to care for their health and to make good choices when they bring food to school.

### Your child's teachers for this term are:

<i>Humanities:</i>	Tom Clarkson
<i>Math:</i>	Allison Leiataua
<i>Science:</i>	Jenny Oh
<i>XPLO-Tech:</i>	Amanda Scott
<i>Digi-Comp:</i>	Tanya Kearney
<i>Physical Education:</i>	Melissa Lee

### 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

**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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*Again, please feel free to contact me or visit my room anytime throughout the year. I will call you if your child is away. If you see either of these numbers 2668268 (school) or 0223087062 (my mobile) please pick up. It is just me worried about your child.*



This is my mother and father at my graduation.

Naku noa,  
Mokoia Huata