

KŌWHAI

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TERM TWO VALUES: RESPONSIBILITY | HONESTY | SELF-MANAGEMENT + INDEPENDENCE | CHALLENGE + COMPETITION

ROOM 71 CLASS LETTER

Monday 28th April - Term 2

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Slav, ʻaḥaḥa, Kam Na Mauri, Bula Vinaka, and welcome Room 71 Whānau to Term 2.

Term 1 was utterly fantastic! We began with Night Markets, which was hugely successful due to the contributions from every family, especially **Mr and Mrs Dass**, who manned our ovens all night. Survival Camp was brilliant: 100% of our class not only turned up, but also leapt from the Motutapu Wharf, proving that we are all Risk Takers. I am enormously grateful to **Mr Walker, Mr Surtash Alam, Mr Work, and Mr McKinnel**, who trekked up the mountain with us, making camp a breeze for me and a joy for the kids. I am thrilled that we can count three School Councillors in our ranks: **Daniel Bull** with the Eco Crew, and both **Mareta Mariner** and **Tyree Timu** leading in the Cultural Council. All three have been working diligently since they earned their positions and are an asset to our class. Rounding out our leadership council, we have our brilliant Whānau Leader **Daezzel Walker** and Classroom Manager **Selena Maihi**. I should also mention all the other Year 8 students stepping up to challenge for that second Whānau Leader Spot later this year: **Avleen Prasad, Wyatt Neho-Collis, Nephi Heka, and Krayven Salle** have all been pushing to show that they are strong leaders in their own right.

Term 2 begins with **STEAM Fair** - as a Science class there's some pressure on us to make something pretty awesome. We are going to be studying Physics, the science of forces and motion, by building and testing our own projectiles. Anyone who saw last year's art project knows we like to build enormous, somewhat impractical, and impressive structures in Room 71 so get ready to be blown away! We will be back on timetable from Week 3 for Module 5: Curiosity.

I want to personally commend every member of Room 71 for their Moneybook in Term 1: this is a running record of the class' behaviour across the school, and since the competition's beginning in Week 5, they have lost very few points at all. This success, along with their incredible attendance and near-perfect uniform resulted in us being crowned the **Class of the Week** at the end of last term. This award is the single most prestigious honour a class can be granted at MI, as it recognises achievement across the board. We have many goals left to tick off for the rest of the year, but this is a big one under our belt very early indeed. My one small whinge going into Term 2 is Lates. We have not yet had a week with 0 Lates, and this is a significant contributing factor to Kōwhai's position in the league. I always say 'Attendance is more important than Lates'; if you have to choose between being late or being absent, please turn up. However, **set those early alarms and encourage students to get to bed at a reasonable time** because it is so important to build the habit of being punctual.

For the 7 weeks after STEAM Fair, you'd imagine life would calm down. At MI? No chance... In Week 5 we have both our **Marae Noho (Monday 26th May)**, an overnight stay in our school's Te Kahurangi Marae. If that week isn't busy enough, we also have our optional Boys Night Out and Girls Night In on the Wednesday and Thursday respectively. The term rolls on from there with all the exciting learning, performance, and fun opportunities you have come to expect from MI.

Ngā mihi nui for taking the time to read this letter with your child,

M. Talbot

Matt Talbot



Module 4:

MI Expression (STEAM Fair)

Module 5:

Curiosity

Subject Teachers:

Humanities: Miss Maggie Misa

Mathematics: Miss Amber Hobbs

Science: Mr. Matt Talbot

PE: Ms. Mohi

Cooking: Mrs. Anne-Marie Rowney

Music: Mr. Jay-Varn Simmonds

Form Time Subjects:

Hauora: Sexuality Road

Monday Magic: Comms & Literacy

Life Skills: Taha Hinengaro

Friday Frenzy: Foundation Basics

Important Dates:

28th April: STEAM Fair Begins

26th May: Room 71 Class Marae Noho

12th - 15th May: STEAM Fair Exhibition of Learning in the Hall

16th May: Pink Shirt Day

26th May: School Photos

28th May: Boys Night Out

29th May: Girls Night In

2nd June: King's Birthday

20th June: Matariki

25th June: Mid Year Social

27th June: Last Day of Term 2

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ATTENDANCE:

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school everyday. If your child is not able to come to school, make sure to contact me in the morning, preferably before 8:30am. I will be contacting you if your child is away without a valid reason as they can not progress with their learning if they miss school. We want and need your child at school everyday!

LATES:

If your child arrives to school after the 8:30am bell, they will be on Community Service at lunchtime the following day. To avoid this happening, please ensure your child is getting to bed at a decent hour each night so they wake up early and get to school on time.

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 send them to school with a note. They can take this to Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.