

# KŌWHAI

NO FEAR. NO LIMITS.



TERM THREE VALUES: PRIDE | FAIRNESS | EFFORT & COMMITMENT | EXCELLENCE

## ROOM 71 CLASS LETTER

Monday 14th July, 2025

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Slav, မင်္ဂလာဒုံ, Kam Na Mauri, Bula Vinaka, and welcome to another term in Room 71!

I don't know about you, but Term 2 flew by at school! We started with STEAM Fair, our best off-timetable module to date. The students worked tirelessly to bring together an ambitious project, comprising complex woodwork, challenging physics, and some really cool digital skills. I could sing the praises of everyone involved in the project, but special acknowledgement has to go to **Aaron Dass** and **Rehan Surtash-Alam** who worked through every lunch break, after school, and on the weekends to bring the catapult and ballista to life. Our class' video, masterminded by **Sasha Losia** and **Kate McKinnel**, was shot in the pouring rain on one of the wettest days of the year, but it turned out brilliantly. Congratulations to all of the students involved in what I not-so-humbly believe was the best STEAM project in the school! The other Term 2 event that must be mentioned is the Speech Competition, which always brings out the best in our students' writing and public speaking. Miss Misa was highly complementary about all the speeches delivered in Humanities lessons and we were stunned by the work of the ever-articulate **Mikayla Coffey** who represented Room 71 in the Kōwhai Whānau competition!

Term 2 was full of wins and achievements for our class: We had an **immaculate Moneybook**, which reflects the students' ongoing commitment to their learning in all subjects. We earned **shields**, school-wide acknowledgements presented in assembly, for our contributions to **Sustainability**, for our **Classroom Environment**, and for our commitment to **Culture** by developing our language skills. All of this contributed to a fabulous term for Kōwhai Whānau, with plenty of weekly wins! As a class, we are still searching for that week with no lates... maybe in Term 3 we can achieve this goal? Our class' attendance had been pristine through the year, even in the high 90s for the first part of the term, but we took a massive hit after a sickness bug went round in Week 6. I completely understand that sickness happens, and that all of the kids in Room 71 have a really positive attitude towards school, but please keep encouraging them to attend every day, simply because it is the best way you can support their social and academic progress!

Turning our attention to Term 3 and... the big one! **The UN Show**: Manurewa Intermediate's most high-profile performance night in our biannual calendar. In two weeks, on **Tuesday the 30th of July**, we will be showcasing our performance alongside the other classes in Kōwhai and Rimu. It promises to be a fantastic event and we would love to see you there. We have selected to tell the story of the powerful and historic African nation of **Ghana**: famed for its gold, vibrant culture, and chocolate (which you will be able to taste at the **Food Festival** on the **23rd of July**).

Term 3 promises to be exciting, packed with opportunities, and busy! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. All the key dates you need are in the yellow box on the right hand side of this letter, as well as in your child's MI Planner.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter with your child, and for all your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

*M Talbot*

Mr. Matt Talbot



### Module 6:

MI Cultural Breakout: UN Show

### Module 7:

Adventurous

### Subject Teachers:

**Humanities:** Miss Maggie Misa

**Math:** Miss Amber Hobbs

**Science:** Mr. Matt Talbot

**PE:** Mr. Cian Byrne-Hansen

**X-Plo Tech:** Mr. Daniel Rodriguez

**Performing Arts:** Mr. Di Tanaki

### Form Time Subjects:

**Hauora:** Nutrition

**Monday Magic:** Money Mojo

**Life Skills:** First Aid

**Friday Frenzy:** Media Studies

### Important Dates:

**23rd July:** Food Fest Celebrations

**30th July:** Kōwhai UN Show

**31st July:** Year 7 Boostrix

**4th August:** All Week: Uniform Check

**7th August:** Student Involved

Conferences (SICs)

**14th August:** Year 6 Open Day

**15th August:** MID TERM BREAK

**18th August:** STAFF ONLY DAY

**20th August:** Whole School Mathex

Finals

**17th September:** Spring Social

**19th September:** Last Day of Term 3

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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.