



ROOM 15 NEWSLETTER



TEAM TAWA - "Step by Step, Day by Day"

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, and warmest of welcomes to Room 15

Happy New Year to our Room 15 whānau and students. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing summer break. Whether you are new to Manurewa Intermediate or returning as a Year 8 student, I hope you are feeling excited and ready for the year ahead.

About me...

My name is Aimee Palmer, and I am delighted to be the Form Teacher of Room 15 this year. I am originally from Scotland and began my teaching journey in 2019. Since then, I have taught in Scotland, England, and New Zealand. This will be my second year teaching at Manurewa Intermediate and my third year teaching in the Manurewa community. Alongside being the Form Teacher for Room 15, I will also be their Math teacher. Math is a subject I am extremely passionate about. I look forward to working closely with both students and whānau to create a supportive learning environment where learners feel confident, challenged, and proud of their progress.

Life at MI...

Manurewa Intermediate is a very special place, with countless opportunities for students to get involved, try new things, and discover their strengths. I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of what MI has to offer, as involvement beyond the classroom plays a huge role in building confidence, connections, and a sense of belonging.

Term 1 is a busy and exciting time at MI! Events that will be happening this term include:

MI Night Markets: Wednesday 11th February (Week 2)

Swimming Sports: Tuesday 17th February (Week 3)

Student Involved Conferences: Tuesday 31st March (Week 9)

These opportunities are an important part of school life, and student success is strongest when both whānau and students are actively involved. We truly are one team — **"Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean."**

I hold high expectations for all learners in Room 15 and will support students to develop high expectations of themselves, both academically and socially. Strong communication between home and school is essential, and I value working in partnership with whānau to ensure a successful year. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing. My contact details are listed down below.

Ngā mihi

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Aimee Palmer



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

WELCOME TO TAWA

It is great to have your tamaiti in our Tawa whānau! This year's mantra, 'step by step, day by day,' highlights the power of consistency. By mastering daily habits and showing up every day, we build the collective wins we celebrate as a whānau. Once Tawa, always Tawa!

Mr Ingham - Tawa Whānau Leader

**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 on their learning. We want and need your child at school every day!

Important Dates

Whānau - for important Term One dates please refer to the 2026 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.

TAWA BIG THREE!**LATES**

School starts at 8:30 am but we encourage students to be here by 8:20 am. Students who are late twice in a week will be placed on lunch time Community Service. If your child is running late please come into the school with them or write a note to explain their lateness.

MI Survival

All of Tawa whānau will be staying overnight at school for MI Survival on Tuesday 24th February (Week 4). More information to come.

**UNIFORM**

Your child needs to be in 100% correct school uniform, this includes their whānau band. Refer to the MI Planner for more info. 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.