



ROOM 13 NEWSLETTER



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

HERE WE GO AGAIN.....

A massive **'WELCOME BACK'** to our returning students and families, for another year that is guaranteed to be unforgettable. Last year we were full pedal to the metal and 2026 is amping up to exceed it.

To our new fanau and students - WELCOME to the exciting experience that is 'MI'. If you haven't had much exposure to our amazing values and school culture before, then get ready for an 'education ride' that promises all the learning experiences that will allow your child to grow and thrive.

My name is Allison Leiataua. Students call me Whaea Allie.

I love teaching here at Manurewa Intermediate and I would like your child to enjoy coming to school as much as I do. Having had two of my own children attend MI in the last four years, I am an absolute advocate for the systems we have in place here to make sure everyone enjoys each and every day. I have an "open phone policy", so please text or call me (email is fine too) to discuss any matters related to your child's learning journey.

A few very important dates to mention straight off the bat are: MI Night Market on Wednesday 11th February in Week 2 from 4pm - 6.30pm and Student Involved Conferences (SIC's) in Week 9. MI Night market is our first big community involved event. Last year, Room 13's stall did very well. This year, I'm hoping to do even better. The proven recipe for success is your contribution, so please have a good think about what you will be doing to help.

This first term, Room 13 will be attending X-PLO Tech with Mr Rodriguez and Performing Arts with Mr Tanaki as their Module subjects. We will also be familiarising ourselves with the MI Graduate Profile, Civics and Languages, which will be initiated in our Form Class.

Room 13 students, I look forward to working alongside you to ensure you have every opportunity to excel this year. A positive, can-do attitude with a heavy dose of effort and commitment to learning is going to be a winner for us in 2026.

Chat soon - Whaea Allie.

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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

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.

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.

SUBJECTS & TEACHERS

Module 1

MI School Life

Module 2

MI Survival

Module 3

Risk Taker: MI Way

Teachers for the year

Humanities: Whaea Allie

Math: Mr Stefan Nieuwoudt

Science: Miss Gomez

PE: Mr Elazegui

Module 3 Teachers

X-PLO tech: Mr Rodriguez

Performing Arts: Mr Tanaki

Module 3 Form Time Subjects

Hauora: Graduate Profile

Monday Magic: Foundation Basics

Life Skills: Civics

Friday Frenzy: Languages

COMING IN HOT 🔥🔥🔥

MI Night Market

On Wednesday 11 February from 4 pm - 6.30 pm we will have our annual MI Night Market. It is very important that EVERYONE helps contribute towards our stall. Also, please let all your whānau and friends know to come along and support us!

TAWA BIG THREE!

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!

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.

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.

