



ROOM 81 NEWSLETTER



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

Kia ora whānau and students and welcome to Manurewa Intermediate!

My name is Mareena Henare and I am extremely honoured to be both the Form teacher and Sustainable Design teacher of Room 81. This year we are a part of the amazing 'Tawa Whānau'. It is going to be an exciting year and I am looking forward to working alongside your child.

About me

**Ko Whakakoro te maunga moana
Ko Rangiputa te maunga whenua**

Ko Awaroa te awa

Ko Tinana te waka

Ko Kaha te tangata

Ko Te Rarawa te iwi

Ko Ngati Haua te hapu

Ko Te Kotahitanga te marae

No Whangape ahau

Ko Mareena Henare toku ingoa

I am a proud Māori woman who was raised in South Auckland my entire life. I lived in Manurewa for the first twenty four years of my life but have been a part of the Manurewa community for the last thirty plus years.

Whānau is the most important part of my life and this underpins my values in the classroom. I believe that building positive relationships with our students and their families is the key to having a successful year.

This is my seventeenth year working at Manurewa Intermediate and my passion and enthusiasm to work here continually grows.

MI has so much to offer. It is exciting, energetic and provides your child with a range of different opportunities. We have MI Night Market on Wednesday 11th February from 4pm - 6.30pm, Student Involved Conferences on Tuesday 31st March, Mini Athletics on Monday 9th February, Swimming Sports on Tuesday 17th March and so much more. I am a firm believer that if you can **"be better than the day before"** you will succeed. **"You are the choices that you make"** so please ensure your child is ready to make the choices that will provide them with the best MI experience possible. It is important that your child is at school on time and in the correct uniform everyday - **"we learn, we fly"**.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me using the details at the bottom of the page.

Ngā mihi

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Mareena Henare



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.



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.

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 Nieuwoudt

Science: Miss Gomez

PE: Mr Elazegui

Module 3 Teachers

Sustainable Design: Ms Henare

Digi Comp: Mrs White

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!

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.

