



# ROOM 70 NEWSLETTER



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

Kia Ora Whānau!

Welcome to MI for 2026. This year is going to be an unforgettable year with many exciting adventures ahead.

My full name is Melisa Aristizabal-Gomez, but you can call me Miss Gomez. I come from Colombia-South America but was raised in New Zealand. In recent years, I have lived in Glen Innes and Otara. This is my first year teaching at Manurewa Intermediate. I will be the Form Teacher for Room 70 and will be teaching Pūtaiao / Science. Our form class is part of the vibrant 'Tawa Whānau'.

I stand strong to the Māori proverb:

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini**

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective.

For your child to truly flourish, a strong support system at home is just as vital as their effort and my support in the classroom. I encourage you to stay active in their journey and cheer them on as they aim high. Together, we can help them reach their greatest potential! Important dates to keep an eye out for and get involved in:

**MI Night Market - Week 2**

Wednesday 11th February  
4pm - 6.30pm

**Student Involved Conferences (SIC's) - Week 9.**

Tuesday 31st January  
8am - 8pm

Please text, email or call me to discuss any matters related to your child's learning journey. However, if you'd like to meet face to face, as well as learn some spanish on the way... come and say 'buenos dias' so we can meet.

Excited to meet you all!

Melisa Gomez  
*Melisa A. Gomez*



**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 Tracey

Math: Miss Palmer

Science: Me!

PE: Mr Elazegui

### Module 3 Teachers

Cooking: Mrs Rowney

Te Ao Māori: Whaea Alazae

### 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.

