



ROOM 26 NEWSLETTER



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

Talofa lava and warm greetings! We are thrilled to welcome all our new whānau joining us in 2026 at Manurewa Intermediate. To our returning students and whānau, it's great to see you back for another year full of excitement, joy, and achievements!

Talofa lava! My name is Mr. Solomona, and I am thrilled to be your child's Form Teacher in Room 26 this year. Born in Samoa and moving to New Zealand at age six, my heritage is a big part of who I am. I've been a proud member of the Manurewa Intermediate whānau for seven years, starting as a Learning Assistant, before spending the last four years as a Form Teacher in Math and Science. This year is particularly special, as I step into a new role leading one of our Sports Enrichment classes. While I am an experienced Form Teacher, I am incredibly excited about this new venture and the energy it brings to our classroom!

Manurewa Intermediate is a place full of energy and excitement, offering an incredible range of opportunities for your child to grow. We have a busy calendar ahead, including our **MI Night Market** on Wednesday 11th February (4:00 pm - 6:30 pm), Mini Athletics on Monday 9th February and Swimming Sports on Tuesday 17th February. Looking further ahead, please mark your calendars for our **Student-Involved Conferences** on Tuesday 31st March in Week 9. There is so much to look forward to!

I have high expectations for your child, including regular attendance, punctuality, and coming to school well-prepared with the correct uniform, their MI Planner, and a positive, can-do attitude.

I'm excited to collaborate with you this year to support your child's success in all aspects of their learning.



Ngā mihi nui

Mr Solomona

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.

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: Mr Ingham
Math: Mr Nathan
Science: Mr Solomona
PE: Mr Elazegui

Module 3 Teachers
Cooking: Mrs Rowney
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.

