



ROOM 28 NEWSLETTER



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

Kia ora whānau

Warm greetings and welcome to Room 28. A very special welcome to our new students and whānau, and a big welcome back to those returning. I hope you all managed to enjoy some quality time over the summer break, with at least a few sunny beach days squeezed in between the rainstorms, thunder, lightning, and torrential downpours!

My name is Tracey Gallagher; this year I will be known as Whaea Trace. I am entering my 22nd year as an educator and feel incredibly privileged to continue working alongside tamariki and whānau here at Manurewa Intermediate. I am a proud Mum to two adult daughters and a very proud Ma to four mokopuna. I am grounded in Te Ao Māori, guided by the whakataukī "Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei." Meaning: Pursue excellence – and if you should bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain."

I am passionate about literacy, particularly writing, because I believe we all have something important to say. I love supporting students to shift from feeling disconnected or reluctant about writing to finding their voice, expressing their ideas, and growing in confidence.

This term in Room 28, our focus will be on getting to know one another and developing a strong class culture built on whanaungatanga. I will be encouraging students to step outside their comfort zone, take risks, and try new things in a supportive and respectful environment.

What's coming up this term:

MI Night Markets

Our first big school event is MI Night Markets, taking place on Wednesday 11th February, 4:00–6:30pm. Room 28 will keep things simple by selling Steak and Mushroom on Rice, Caramilk Slice and cold drinks. I will touch base this week to discuss the ways in which you can support our Night Market stall.

Student Involved Conferences (SIC's)

On Tuesday 31st March, we will hold our Student Involved Conferences. This is an important opportunity for students, whānau, and teachers to come together to reflect on learning so far and set goals for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I am really looking forward to a positive, connected, and successful term with our Room 28 whānau.

Ngā mihi nui

Tracey Gallagher

Whaea Trace
Tracey Gallagher



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.



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!

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: Whaea Trace

Math: Mr Dwain

Science: Miss Gomez

PE: Mr Byrne-Hansen

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!

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.