



ROOM 62 NEWSLETTER



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

Kia ora koutou, Malo lelei, Talofa Lava, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Ni hao... hello!

Ko Ross Devereux taku ingoa. I am so excited to be the Form Class Teacher of Room 62, our music classroom, also known as 'The 62 Collective'. I've been in the profession since 2003 (phew, I feel old!) and I still absolutely love it. I began my career as a Music Teacher, have been a Deputy Principal and even a school Principal, but I am so, so excited and genuinely pumped to be back in the classroom teaching here at Manurewa Intermediate.

'The 62 Collective' is more than just a room. It's a space where students are encouraged to bring who they are, where they come from, and the sounds that matter to them. Our 2026 classroom kaupapa is simple: Bring your sound. Your voice matters.

Above all, Room 62 is a place where students should feel safe to try, fail, learn, and grow. We have a busy year ahead, so let's get right into it!

A special haere mai to all students beginning in Room 62 this year, particularly our Year 7 ākonga, who may be feeling a few nerves now but will be much more settled by the time you read this. We are part of the TAWA Whānau, and our colour is Blue/Kikorangi. We will be a close-knit class and whānau and will always strive to follow our Keys 2 Success, especially looking after one another.

During the first three weeks, we will be based in Room 62, focussing on learning, team building, and getting to know one another. In Week Four, your tamariki will begin moving around the kura as we start the specialist timetable. To the right are the teachers and rooms that 'The 62 Collective' will attend for specific learning areas

Towards the end of Term One, on Tuesday 31st March, we will hold our Student Involved Conferences (SICs). These are 20-minute kōrero where whānau and ākonga meet to reflect on the term so far and set goals for the remainder of the year. It's really important that we have 100% whānau attendance at these. I will also be in touch within the next week or so to introduce myself and touch base.

Here's to an amazing year for The 62 Collective!!!

Leeesshhh gooooo!!!

Ngā mihi nui

Ross Devereux

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.



Module 1
MI School Life

Module 2
MI Survival

Module 3
Risk Taker: MI Way

Teachers for the year
Humanities: Whaea Allie
Math: Mr Niuwoudt
Science: Miss Gomez
PE: Mr Elazegui

Module 3 Teachers
Art: Whaea Shar
Music: Me!!!

Module 3 Form Time Subjects
Hauora: Graduate Profile
Monday Magic: Service
Life Skills: Graduate Profile
Friday Frenzy: Languages

**COMING IN HOT** 🔥🔥🔥**MI Night Market**

The first big school event that The 62 Collective will be preparing for is our renowned MI Night Markets, taking place on Wednesday 11 February, 4:00–6:30pm. I will be contacting whānau very soon about ways you can help. Please don't hesitate to offer! He waka eke noa – We are all in the same canoe.

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.