



ROOM 77

Wednesday 4th February
MI TEACHER

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana and a warm welcome to you all!

I am excited to meet all of our new Year 7 students, welcome back our amazing Year 8s, and connect with their whānau. It is vital that we work together, get to know each other well, and give our children the best deal possible. Whether you are new to our school or beginning your second year with us, welcome to MI 2026!

So, who am I? I go by Mr Watson, and this will be my fifth year teaching at what I believe is the best intermediate school in the country. There are several reasons why I believe this, and over the year I hope you will see these in action firsthand. About eight years ago, I made a career change from working as an ecologist to undertaking my Master's in Teaching. During my time at MI, I have had the privilege of working with many students who are passionate about our environment. Together, we have developed and maintained our school zoo, which currently has 42 animals across 15 different species.

Caring for these animals, along with our Edible Gardens, Greenhouse, Fruit Kitchen, and Waste System, is the responsibility of our ECO Class. If your child has been placed in my class, please be aware that this will be our main learning context. We will be busy with a wide range of responsibilities that support the ongoing care of these facilities and animals within our school.

Our school truly has something for everyone, and I am honoured to help guide your child in finding their voice, developing their interests, building self-belief, and ultimately creating happy childhood memories.

Nāku noa

M. Watson

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Module 1:
MI School Life

Module 2:
MI Survival

Module 3:
Risk Taker - MI Way

Subject Teachers:

Humanities: Mrs Raj

Math: Ms Palmer

Science: Matua Kalen

PE: Mr S

Te Ao Maori: Mrs Maiava Tuiono

Cooking: Mrs Rowney

Form Time Subjects:

Hauora: Graduate Profile

Monday Magic: Foundation Basics

Life Skills: Civics

Friday Frenzy: Languages

Important Dates:

6th February: Waitangi Day

17th February: Swimming Sports

9th February: Mini Athletics

11th February: MI Night Markets

Week 2 - 4: MI Survival

10th-12th March: Leadership Camp

13th March: All week Uniform Check

24th-26th March: Whanau Leader Camp

31st March: Student Involved Conference

2nd April: Haka Comp

2nd April: Last day of term

Term One Values: Manaakitanga | Respect | Communication | Engagement & Teamwork

ATTENDANCE:

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school every day. If your child is not able to come to school, make sure to contact me in the morning, preferably before 8:25am. I will be contacting you if your child is away without a valid reason as they can not progress with their learning if they miss school. We want and need your child at school everyday!

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 information. If there are any problems and your child does not have the correct uniform, please send them to school with a note. They can take this to Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.