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# KŌWHAI WHĀNAU

PRIDE, PURPOSE, ROAR



TERM ONE VALUES: MANAAKITANGA | RESPECT | COMMUNICATION | ENGAGEMENT & TEAMWORK

## ROOM 78 PRIDE

Malo e lelei, Bula vinaka, Talofa lava, Kia ora and welcome to Manurewa Intermediate School (MIS) and Room 78 for the 2026 school year! I am looking forward to learning about your child if they are new and to welcoming back some familiar faces as well!

This year marks my fifteenth year as a teacher here at MIS and my sixteenth in New Zealand. I am Canadian (from the province of Ontario) and I love bacon, maple syrup and ice hockey. I love learning about Pasifika cultures and pride myself on being a technology geek. I enjoy travelling, playing Pokemon Go, spending time with my British husband, Steve, and appreciate proper spelling and punctuation!

I have a strong Humanities background, high expectations for behaviour, effort, and involvement and I am excited to be working with your child this year! I am teaching Digi-Comp, which is all about Digital Technology and its systems and processes. Your child will be encouraged to participate positively in every subject and activity throughout the year.

This first term will be full-on! We will be working together to build our classroom culture and explore what it means to be part of Kōwhai Whānau and the MIS team. I am looking forward to your family support, communication and questions about our programmes and events. Please encourage your children to own their successes and take positive risks so that they can experience as much as possible this year. If you ever have any questions, please contact me.

We will need your help first of all, preparing for our camp, so I will be asking you to send in items we can sell at our **Night Market stall on Wednesday, February 11th**. Your help is needed and appreciated to support our tamariki.

Our school programmes are designed to get your child experiencing new things and also to challenge their current abilities. No one sits out and everyone is expected to help out, get involved and use a positive attitude when they are with us at school but also when they are with you at home! I will be making an effort to contact you at the start of the year - please reply, respond, call, or come see me if possible so I can connect with your whānau at home and show the aroha I have for you all at school!

You can also join our parent/guardian Facebook group page by contacting me for the link - can't wait to see you there!

Malo 'aupito and I hope to meet you all soon!

*T. White*



Wednesday 4th February  
Term One



**Module 1:**  
MI School Life

**Module 2:**  
MI Survival

**Module 3:**  
Risk Taker - MI Way



### Subject Teachers:

**Humanities:** Ms. RaeAnn Gielink

**Math:** Mr. Dwain Samuels

**Science:** Matua Danny Saxby

**PE:** Mr. Derek Elazegui

**Digi-Comp:** Mrs. Tanya White

**Cooking:** Mrs. Anne-Marie Rowney

### Form Time Subjects:

**Hauora:** Graduate Profile

**Monday Magic:** Foundation Basics

**Life Skills:** Civics

**Friday Frenzy:** Languages

### Important Dates:

6th Feb: Waitangi Day

11th Feb: Night markets

17th Feb: Swimming Sports

26th Feb: Kōwhai Overnight Camp

10th-12th Feb: Leadership Camp

24th-26th Feb: Whānau Leaders Camp

2nd - 5th Mar: Exhibition of Learning

16th Mar (All Week): Uniform Check

31st Mar: Student Involved Conferences

2nd Apr: MI Haka Competition

2nd Apr: Last Day of Term One

**CONTACT ME ON:** 022 482 6600; [tanya@manurewaint.school.nz](mailto:tanya@manurewaint.school.nz); (09) 266 8268 ext: 3078

### 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 8:30am. 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.

Also available - Room 78 Parent/Guardian Facebook Group - contact me if you wish to join and keep in touch!