



ROOM 28 NEWSLETTER



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

Term Two Values: Responsibility | Honesty | Self-Management + Independence | Challenge + Competition

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back! I hope you all had a chance to recharge over the break and enjoy some quality time with loved ones. We are diving into a marathon 11-week term, which feels quite significant compared to the whirlwind nine weeks of Term One. Our Zombie Apocalypse module was a massive hit, culminating in an epic overnight stay. It was a scarily memorable experience that allowed students to collaborate and create: rafts, armour, clean drinking water, a stretcher and medical supplies, so that we could 'survive' the night!!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Student-Involved Conferences (SICs). It was wonderful to engage in such fruitful discussions about academic progress and to learn more about your children and whānau expectations. That partnership is what makes our learning environment so successful.

Looking Ahead: "MI Expression"

We are kicking off Term 2 with a burst of colour and sparkle through our Art module, MI Expression.

We will be drawing inspiration from renowned New Zealand artist **Reuben Paterson**. Known for his stunning use of glitter, acrylics and pearls, his work provides a fantastic foundation for our students to explore texture and heritage.

- **Individual Projects:** Each student will create a personal piece reflecting their interpretation of the artist's style.
- **Collaborative Art:** We will also be working together on a whole-class masterpiece to display our collective creativity.

Important Reminders

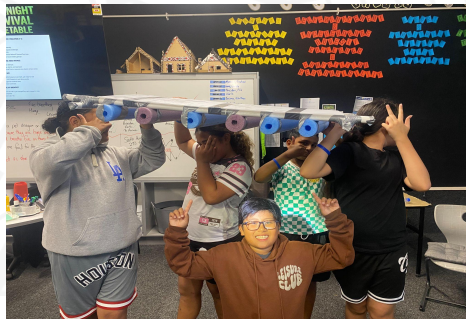
- **Term Length:** With 11 weeks ahead of us, maintaining consistent routines and healthy sleep habits will be key to keeping our energy up!
- **Art Supplies:** As we will be working with glitter and paint, please ensure your child has an old shirt if they'd like to protect their uniform.

We are looking forward to another action-packed term of learning and growth. As always, my door is open if you have any questions or concerns

Ngā mihi nui,

J. Gallagher

Whaea Trace



SUBJECTS & TEACHERS

Module 4

MI Expression

Module 5

Optimistic

Teachers for the year

Humanities: Whaea Trace

Math: Mr Dwain

Science: Miss Gomez

PE: Mr Byrne-Hansen

Module 5 Teachers

Digi Comp: Mrs White

Sustainable Design: Ms Henare

Module 5 Form Time Subjects

Hauora: Keeping Ourselves Safe

Monday Magic: Communication Literacy

Life Skills: Taha Hinengaro

Friday Frenzy: Foundation Basics

WELCOME BACK

Last term we made a strong start by getting the small things right - being at school every day, arriving on time, and wearing our uniform with pride. Let's keep that momentum going by staying consistent and supporting one another. **Tawa strong, all term long.**

Mr Ingham - Tawa Whānau Leader

Important Dates

For all important Term Two dates please refer to the 2026 MI Whānau Calendar you received, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 5. If there are any special events unique to our class, I will let you know.

- April 27: ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
- May 4: Uniform Check & Exhibition of Learning
- May 11: School Photos
- May 15: Pink Shirt Muffin Day
- May 26: Boys' Night Out
- May 27: Girls' Night In
- May 29: STAFF ONLY DAY
- June 1: KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- June 19: School Speech Competition
- July 3: Last Day of Term Two



TAWA BIG THREE!



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!

LATES

School starts at 8:30 am, though we encourage arrival by 8:20 am. Students late twice in a week, or three times in a term, will be assigned Community Service. A fourth instance within a term will result in after-school detention. If your child is late, please escort them into the school or provide a written note of explanation.

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.