



TERM 3 VALUES – PRIDE – FAIRNESS – EFFORT & COMMITMENT – EXCELLENCE

TUTTUGU OG ÞRJÚ (23)

TERM THREE NEWSLETTER

Monday 20th July

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mälö e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Asalamu Alaykum, Kamusta, Alreet like and Halló frá Liði 23!

Well, it is official, we have passed the halfway mark of 2026 and are about to embark on my favourite module – **Module 6: MI Cultural Focus Breakout – Global Games!** While odd-numbered years give us the amazing UN Shows, even-numbered years bring the **Global Games**, a chance to plan and develop a major sporting event in a country assigned to us.

For 2026, Team 23 will be representing the Land of Fire and Ice: **Iceland!** I won't lie, I was a little unsure when we were assigned this small island nation in the North Atlantic. However, the more I thought about it, the more I realised there may not have been a better country to receive. A proud nation with a strong cultural identity, Iceland is home to towering volcanoes, vast glaciers, breathtaking waterfalls and landscapes that seem almost otherworldly. Add in Vikings, folklore and mythical creatures, and it quickly becomes a country that captures the imagination. It is a place I cannot wait to explore alongside our amazing Team 23 tamariki this term!

Term Two was amazing. Our students experienced Swimming, X-PLO Tech and Performing Arts, took part in our first Marae stay of the year, and performed our *Lion King* assembly in front of the well known Friday audience. However, the thing that stood out most to me was how much Team 23 grew as a class. Throughout the term, I saw friendships strengthen, students support one another and a real sense of belonging begin to develop. There were many memorable moments along the way, including our lunchtime sports game against the Room 26 Sports Class. Despite being underdogs, Team 23 pushed them all the way to a tiebreaker and came within touching distance of a famous victory. More importantly, it was another example of our students backing each other, competing with pride and showing what can be achieved when we work together. Our regular circle-ups have also become an important part of our class culture. They have given students the opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss challenges, share ideas and strengthen the trust and respect we have for one another. As we head into Term Three, I am incredibly proud of the class culture we have built.

My target for next term is for Team 23 to really step up in the Big Three. As strong as our class culture appears on paper, our attendance and punctuality statistics are often below where we know they should be. As we head into the second half of the year, let's challenge ourselves to become one of the school's leading classes by showing up, being on time and continuing to strengthen the culture we have worked so hard to build.

As the Icelanders say: *"Saman erum við sterkari"* – Together we are stronger.

Kveðja,

C Innes



Module 6: MI Cultural Focus
Breakout – Global Games
Module 7: Communicator

Subject Teachers

Humanities	Mr Baird
Math	Mr Innes
Science	Miss Brunjes
PE	Mr Byrne-Hansen
Sustainable Design	Miss Henare
Digi Comp	Miss White

Form Time Subjects:

Hauora: Nutrition

Monday Magic: Money Mojo

Life Skills: First Aid

Friday Frenzy: Careers

Term 3: Important Dates

July 20: First Day of Term 3

July 29: School Mathex Competition

Aug 3: Exhibition of Learning Opens in Gym; Uniform Check Begins; Cook Island Lng Week

Aug 17: Tongan Lng Week

Aug 19: Student Involved Conferences (8:00am-8:00pm)

Aug 24: STAFF ONLY DAY

Aug 28: Book Character Dress-Up

Sep 10: MI-Sci Competition

Sep 14: Māori Language Week
Sep 23: Spring Social

Sep 25: Last Day of Term 3 and Rewa's Got Talent

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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 cannot progress with their learning if they miss school. We want and need your child at school every day!

LATES

School starts at 8:30am, though we encourage arrival by 8:20am. Students who are 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 and this includes their whānau band. Refer to their 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 Pailua to receive a uniform pass for their incorrect uniform.