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ROOM 71 CLASS LETTER

Monday 3rd February
Term 1

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, and Welcome!

My name is Matt Talbot, and I have the privilege to be the form teacher for Room 71 this year. Welcome to all new students, and welcome back to our wonderful Year 8s - I hope you're all ready to smash out 2025!

Term One has so much to be excited about and all of it comes around very quickly! In eight days, on Wednesday 12th February, we have our first **Night Market**. This is a proud Manurewa Intermediate (MI) tradition, and one in which our class did well last year; we will be selling food and drink made by students and whānau to raise funds for our Survival Camp. As always, the most important factor for success at Night Markets is you. If you have any special dishes that you know will fly off the stand, please let me know!

One of my favourite events in the whole MI Calendar is **Survival Camp**. This will be happening from February 24th to the 26th. It is three days consisting of challenge, exertion, grit, determination, but most of all... fun! Students will have the opportunity to sail on a ferry, climb a volcano, camp with their new classmates, cook as a team, hike up to the historic army base on Motutapu Island, and leap into the stunning Hauraki Gulf in Home Bay. We are then straight into Module Three: Respectful. This will be the opportunity for students to meet their other subject teachers, get stuck into Humanities, Mathematics and Science, to try their hands at their first two module subjects for this year: Te Ao Māori and Art.

For those of you new to MI, one huge aspect of the school is our Whānau Competition, a yearly quest to determine which team can be the best in every aspect of school life. In 2025 we have the privilege of fighting as the mighty Kōwhai Tribe: Yellow's up! I want to maintain and build upon the excellent attendance, lates and uniform we had in 2024. Perfect attendance is a great challenge to set for your kids; it requires dedication and students learn best by being at school every day. For lates and incorrect uniform, there are no excuses. We all live near school and you can only lose points for your uniform if you do not bring a note from home. They are easy wins and they will help to get Kōwhai Whānau on top!

If you have questions or concerns, your first port of call should be me. As your child's Form Teacher, I am well placed to support them in all subjects or to ensure you have all the information you need. All of my contact details are at the bottom of this letter - do not hesitate to text, email, or call; the only problems I can't help with are the ones I do not know about.

Ngā mihi nui,
M. Talbot
Matt Talbot



Module 1:
MI School Life

Module 2:
MI Survival Camp

Module 3:
Respectful

Subject Teachers:

Humanities: Miss Maggie Misa

Math: Miss Amber Hobbs

Science: Mr Matt Talbot

PE: Mr Cian Byrne-Hansen

Te Ao Māori: Miss Char Tamaki

Art: Whaea Shar Hardwidge

Form Time Subjects:

Hauora: Graduate Profile

Monday Magic: Foundation Basics

Life Skills: Service

Friday Frenzy: Languages

Important Dates:

6th Feb: Waitangi Day

7th Feb: Staff Only Day

12th Feb: Swimming Sports

12th Feb: Night Markets

24th - 26th Feb: Survival Camp

8th April: Student Involved
Conferences

11th April: Last Day of Term One

CONTACT ME ON: 029 043 45135; mattt@manurewait.school.nz; (09) 266 8268 ext. 3071

ATTENDANCE:

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school everyday. 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:

If your child arrives to school after the 8:30am bell, they will be on Community Service at Lunchtime the following day. To avoid this happening, please ensure your child is getting to bed at a decent hour each night so they wake up early and get to school on time.

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.