

WELCOME TO ROOM 81

Tawa Whanau

2nd FEBRUARY 2021

Salam, kia orana, bula, māiō e lelei, talofa, kia ora and welcome to the first term of 2021!

Welcome back to our new Year 8 students, it is so lovely to see you all again, and a special MI welcome to the Year 7 students who have just joined us in Room 81. I hope you have all had a lovely and refreshing summer holiday and festive season and are raring to go for this new year. I had a wonderful break, most of it spent soaking up the sun in the local region, though I did venture down to the west coast for a few days in January. I feel full of energy and keen to get into this new school year.

Whanau, if I have not met you personally yet, please come and say hello anytime in the next few weeks. It would be great to put your faces to your names before Student Involved Conferences in Week 11 :-)

We have a bumper and fun-packed term ahead of us including Night Markets - which is this coming Friday (5th February, 4.30pm - 7.00pm) and Survival Camp. This is a great event and I really look forward to spending some quality time out of school with the whole class. It is a superb bonding opportunity, heaps of fun, and includes lots of outdoor learning.

I am really excited about this year and I know we are going to achieve great things together.

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NIGHT MARKETS

This coming Friday, from 4.30pm - 7.00pm, we have the first of our two night markets for the year. The money we make from our stall will be used for our school camp. The more money we make, the better our food and equipment will be! We would love to make enough extra money to buy a class gazebo as we will use this a lot over the year and shade at camp is really important.

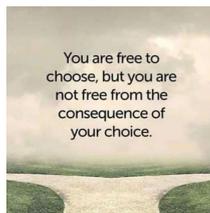
Every member of the class will participate, so please think of something you and your child could make to contribute. Food is the main order of the day and food that we do not have to heat (we have no electricity on the stall) or keep frozen will sell well.

Please let your child know what you are able to contribute and if he/she is able to stay to help with the set up and pack down. Thanks heaps in advance for your support with our stall.

IMPORTANT DATES

Whanau - for important Term 1 dates please refer to the 2021 MI Whanau Calendar you received at the beginning of the school year, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 6.

The most important date for Room 81 is **Wed 17th-Fri 19th Feb - Survival Camp, Tawa**



17th-19th Feb

Our school survival camp is one of the highlights of the year at MI. It is a superb opportunity for bonding with classmates and our Tawa whanau group and for pushing personal boundaries, being away from home and trying new things - including a superb walk up to the top of Rangitoto. There are heaps of activities and experiences on offer in a wonderful and remote part of our country. It is expected that all students will attend camp as it is part of our school curriculum and also as we don't want anyone to be left out of the early bonding process that takes place when the whole class are together for this period of time. If you are concerned about your child being away from home for a few days, please come and talk to us as we are able to allay many of your worries. More information about camp will follow but for now, the dates we are going are Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th February. We will need parents and caregivers to come with us, so if this is a bit of you, please contact me as soon as possible.

Room 81, REMEMBER...

- School starts at 8.30am, please be at school by 8.20am ready to start the day. **BE ON TIME**
- Please make sure you are in full uniform - this includes hair ties and whanau bands
- Label your uniform and all your stationery - name and room number
- Make sure you have your sports uniform with you at school on the days that you need it. You will have fitness every morning from Monday to Thursday
- If you have questions, please ask. There is **NO SUCH THING** as a stupid question!

I AM Powerful, Confident, Proud, Enough, TAWA!