

# NEWSLETTER



# RM23

## Tena Koe, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, and Hello

To those who are new, welcome. To those returning, welcome back. My name is Rob Shephard. It is my absolute pleasure to be your child's form class teacher for 2019. I am excited to be a part of your child's journey this year at Manurewa Intermediate.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the parents and caregivers. I look forward to meeting with you, getting to know you and your child and working together to challenge, motivate and inspire them to success.

A little about myself: 2019 is my second full year here at Manurewa Intermediate after recently moving here from the United Kingdom. I have taught at a variety of high schools across the United Kingdom in a variety of subjects including Science, Physical Education and Geography. I will be your child's Form Teacher and Physical Education teacher this year. My other roles include passionator of Rimu and being part of the sports coaching team.

**To me, there is nothing more important than Whānau.** I am originally from England in the United Kingdom where most of my family still live. I'm in the middle of three boys in my family. I currently reside in Britomart with my partner. In Room 23 - Whānau will be reflected in everything we do.

### **CAMP WE NEED YOU!!!**

Our school-wide Survival Camp at Home Bay on Motutapu Island is in Week 3. Students will take part in a two-night camp where they will prepare their own meals and participate in various physical and team building exercises. In the lead up to camp, as a class, we will be fundraising to cover costs primarily through the school MI Night Markets, which is on Friday evening Week One! Start sourcing things like tents and sleeping bags now! For these events to work, WE NEED YOU!! We will need parent help for camp this year. Please if you can help, put your hand up. It is a great experience for everyone!!

### **Uniform**

Children need to be in 100% correct school uniform. Refer to the M.I Planner if you don't know what this is. If for any reason your child cannot wear the correct uniform, please write a note and your child will get a pass from Miss Doidge.

### **Healthy Eating**

As a class, we will be discussing the benefits of healthy eating. Please try to include healthy food options in your child's lunch as well as a bottle of water.

### **Attendance**

Remember to get your child here to school before school starts at 8.40am. I expect 100% attendance. If they are unable to attend, please remember to get in contact with me or the school office.

### **Messages/Reminders**

I find that the easiest way to remind parents and caregivers about what is happening in Room 23 is by texting home. Can you please fill out the little sheet below and return it with a phone number which I can text to keep you updated with what is going on and check up on absences.

As part of my teaching philosophy, I believe that every student deserves an environment in which they feel challenged, motivated, curious, inspired and where they feel a sense of belonging. I truly believe that every child has the potential to be the very best they can be.

For your child to be the best they can be, your role at home is key. I believe it is **vital** to have open and ongoing communication. Please do not hesitate to call, email or make an appointment at any time to see me. My door is always open. You don't have to wait for Student Involved Conferences!! I would love to meet with you at any time throughout the year.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Kindest regards,

Robert Shephard  
Teacher of PE



## UP AND COMING EVENTS

<b>Week 1</b> <b>Mon 4 Feb:</b>	<b>(MODULE 1 STARTS: "MI Adventure")</b> Day 1! MI Whanau Day (Powhiri and Whanau Day all day), Newsletter 1 out today
<b>Wed 6 Feb:</b> <b>Fri 8 Feb:</b>	Waitangi Day holiday MI Night Markets (Funds for Survival Camp) 5-8pm
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Tue 12 Feb:</b> <b>Fri 15 Feb:</b>	MI Swimming Sports - Papatoetoe Pools Mini Athletics
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Mon 18 Feb - Friday 22 Feb:</b> <b>Wed 20 Feb - Fri 22 Feb:</b>	<b>(MODULE 2 STARTS: "MI Survival")</b> SURVIVAL CAMP (Home Bay, Motutapu Island) Rimu and Kauri Camp
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Mon 25 Feb:</b> <b>Tues 26 Feb:</b>	<b>(MODULE 3 STARTS: "MI Way")</b> Timetable Start, 9.00am: Get Set, Go! Assembly Zone Boys Softball, 1.45pm: HPV Talk - All Year 8's in the Hall
<b>Wed 27 Feb:</b>	5.30pm: BOT Meeting, Newsletter 2 out today
<b>Week 5</b> <b>Tue 5 Mar:</b> <b>Fri 8 Mar:</b>	Zone Girls Softball Zone Swimming, "Tell Us About Your Kid" due today
<b>Week 6</b> <b>Tue 12 Mar- Thu 14 Mar:</b> <b>Wed 13 Mar:</b>	Leadership Camp Zone Ultra Rip
<b>Week 8</b> <b>Wed 27 Mar:</b>	<b>MONEY WEEK</b> 5.30pm: BOT Meeting, Newsletter 3 out today, 6.30-8.30pm: Easter Social and Whanau Hui
<b>Week 9</b> <b>Wed 3 April:</b>	Class and Individual Photos
<b>Week 10</b> <b>Tue 9 April:</b> <b>Thu 11 April:</b> <b>Fri 12 April:</b>	Zone Boys Football 8.00-8.00pm Student Involved Conferences <b>STAFF ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL</b>

Subject	Teacher
Humanities	Miss Scholten
Math	Mrs Kim
PE	Mr Shephard
Science	Miss Fox
Music	Mr Huata
Foods	Mrs Rowney

Please cut out and return to Mr Shephard ASAP:  
**Name:**

**Number:**

I will be calling if your child is away. I you see either of these numbers:  
**0226911618 (MY CELL) 09-2668268 (SCHOOL NUMBER)**  
Please pick up.

