

# ROOM 70 NEWSLETTER



Talofa lava and greetings to you all. It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Room 70. I am Ojay Solomona, honoured to be your child's Form and Science teacher. The approaching year holds the promise of numerous enjoyable experiences and valuable learning opportunities. I eagerly anticipate the start of this educational journey and am excited about celebrating your child's achievements with you throughout the year.

Allow me to share a bit about myself. I take pride in my Samoan heritage and currently reside in the vibrant South Auckland, which I consider the best place on earth. Born in Samoa, I moved to New Zealand at the age of six. Beyond teaching, I find joy in Hip Hop dancing, spending time with my family and partner, and sharing laughter with friends. I have been working at Manurewa Intermediate since 2019, initially as a Learning Assistant. During my time, I've had the privilege of being a form teacher and teaching subjects like Math and Humanities.

I am extremely excited about the upcoming year and the chances for your child's academic and social growth. I hold high expectations for both myself and my students. I aspire for them to maximise their time at Manurewa Intermediate, absorb valuable learning experiences, and seize every opportunity with both hands. I will consistently encourage them to give their best effort in every opportunity that Manurewa Intermediate has to offer. This is the best place for your child at this age.  
LETS GET IT!



**Term One Values:** Manaakitanga | Respect | Communication | Engagement & Teamwork

SUBJECTS & TEACHERS

**Module 1:** MI School Life  
**Module 2:** MI Survival Camp  
**Module 3:** Risk Taker

**Teachers for the year**  
Humanities: Mrs Mohi  
Math: Miss Hobbs  
Science: Mr Solomona  
PE: Mr Byrne-Hansen

**Module 3 Teachers**  
Sustainable Design: Miss McB  
Performing Arts: Mr Tanaki

**Module 3 Form Time Subjects**  
Hauora: Graduate Profile  
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics  
Life Skills: Service  
Friday Frenzy: Languages

## Starting off with a bang Swimming Sports

This Friday 9th Feb we will be kicking off our first whānau sports event of the year with Swimming Sports at the Papatoetoe Pools.

## Night Market

On Tuesday 13 Feb from 4 pm - 6.30 pm we will be fundraising for our Survival Camp in Week Four. It is very important that EVERYONE helps contribute towards our stall (more information about this to come). Also, please let all your whānau and friends know to come along and support us!

## Survival Camp

Kauri Survival Camp takes place Monday 26 - Wednesday 28 Feb (Week Four) at Motutapu Island. Students will be staying two nights where they will prepare their own food and participate in activities. Please start to source tents and sleeping bags for your tamariki. We also need at least three parent helpers, a gazebo, pots and hotplate. If you are able to be a parent helper or have items we can borrow please let me know ASAP!

## WELCOME TO KAURI

It is great to have your tamariki as part of Kauri. Inspired by the history behind the number '24' worn by Basketball legend Kobe Bryant our symbol is the green mamba. This year our mantra is 'No one gets left behind' This is important for us as a whānau as we rise to the challenge, together as one to endure and conquer the whānau.

Mr Nathan - Kauri Whānau Leader



## Important Dates

Whānau - for important Term One dates please refer to the 2024 MI Whānau Calendar you received, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 6. If there are any special events unique to our class, I will let you know.

## THE KAURI CORE

### 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 but we encourage students to be here by 8:20 am. Students who are late and do not have a valid reason will be placed on lunchtime Community Service. If your child is running late please come into the school with them or write a note to explain their lateness.

### 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.