



ROOM 71

Term 1 Class Letter

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

Subject Teachers

Mr Boston	Humanities
Matua Kalen	Math
Miss Gafo'i	Science
Mr Elazegui	Physical Education
Mrs Rowney	Cooking
Mr Simmonds	Music

Term One Values

Management,
Respect,
Communication,
Engagement & Teamwork

Form Class Subjects

Hauora: Grad Profile
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics
Life Skills: Service
Friday Frenzy: Languages

Important Dates

February:

Fri 9: Swimming Sports (Papatoetoe Pools)
Tue 13: Night Markets (4pm - 6:30pm)
Wed 21: Rimu departs for Survival Camp (return on Fri 23rd)

March:

Mon 4: 'Tell Us About Your Kid' Letters go home
Mon 18: School Photos

April:

Tues 9: Student Involved Conferences (SICs)

Tēnā koe, Talofa Lava, Malō e lelei and greetings!

Welcome to Room 71 for 2024. My name is Miss Gafo'i and I will be the form teacher for Room 71. I have been teaching at Manurewa Intermediate for the past three years. Just like the start of previous years, I am looking forward to what this year will bring. I am of Samoan and Fijian descent with Uvea ties back to the small island nation of Wallis and Futuna. I love music and can play guitar and ukulele. Like many of our students and families, I too was born and raised in Manurewa spent majority of my life here. I have chosen to give back to same community that made me who I am today. My quote for the year will be:

" E so'o le fau i le fau"

This quote means that a thread can't hold its own - its strength comes from being interwoven with other threads to create the fine mat, which is the most precious in fa'a samoa.

My goal for our pupils is to provide an inviting setting in which they can express themselves, investigate, and ask questions. Room 71 will be a place where students may have fun while learning and develop the required discipline to apply the principles and morals they need. This includes faaaloalo (respect), alofa (love for others and their learning) and mitamita (pride). I also know there are many other values that we will instill in our pupils, such as the values for the term (listed to the left).

2024 will be a challenging but rewarding year for our students. We will push them to succeed, and overcome obstacles by working hard. It will be a year of opportunities, and all I ask of our students is that they make use of everything that is available here at Manurewa Intermediate. Week Two is our school Night Markets. This is where we will sell food and beverages to raise funds to cover the cost of food, expenses, and preparation for Module 2 - MI Survival camp, which will take place on Motutapu Island. Please support or contribute to our Night Market so that Room 71 can have a successful camp. We will also need parent volunteers to help at both the Night Market and Camp, so if you are available, please let your child or me know. Keep an eye out for any important information that will be sent your way.

I'm looking forward to an amazing year with my amazing students. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, text, or email if there is anything you would like to discuss or talk about. I am looking forward to meeting you all through the course of this year.

Faafetai tele Lava

Laura Gafo'i

REMINDERS

We aim for 100% attendance, rain or shine, Monday to Friday! If your child is not coming to school, please make sure to contact me in the morning preferably before 8:30am.

School starts at 8:30am. Students who are late and do not have a valid reason will be placed on **Community Service**. Please encourage your child to go to bed at a decent hour each night so they wake up early and get to school on time. Students should aim to be at school by 8:20am.

Your child needs to be in 100% correct school uniform, this includes their whānau band. If there are any problems and your child does not have the correct uniform, please provide them with a letter they can hand in to Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.