

MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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*Our school newsletter - communicating with our school
community every month*

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THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER OF:

NAME: _____ ROOM: _____

Greetings, Kia ora, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo Ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Salam, Mauri ora!

TERM FOUR VALUES:

Tolerance, Trust, Creativity & Innovation, Fun

MANUREWA MONTHLY:

Our Newsletter, “Manurewa Monthly” is published every month, coming home each term, approximately in Week 5 and 10. Listed below are the publication dates with the current issue highlighted. Our intention with this newsletter is to ensure the communication between home and school is frequent, effective and relevant by keeping you fully informed about all that is going on in our school, and also, to share with you some student work.

Our newsletters are a very in depth summary of the past month, and take much time to put together. We do this because we want you to know what is going on, and whilst I realise perhaps, a very small minority of you read the newsletter it is still important we do this for that small minority because you deserve to know and we want this formal outlet for students to showcase their learning.

PUBLICATION DATES:

TERM	WEEK	ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE
TERM 1	1	01	Monday 3 February
	5	02	Wednesday 5 March
	10	03	Wednesday 9 April
TERM 2	5	04	Wednesday 28 May
	9	05	Wednesday 25 June
TERM 3	5	06	Wednesday 13 August
	10	07	Wednesday 17 September
TERM 4	5	08	Wednesday 5 November
	10	09	Friday 12 December

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

At Manurewa Intermediate, we're well known for creating opportunities and creating lifelong memories, from Survival Camp and Marae Noho to events like AIMS Games and Sports Camp.

I have the privilege of being involved in Cultural Enrichment and observe all our students getting involved in the group of their choice. These are led by passionate and inspirational staff who always go above and beyond to ensure our kids get the best deal by learning about a culture that is not always their own.

Each week, one of the eleven groups performs at Assembly, and another group entertains the residents at the Erin Park Retirement Home. The residents look forward to these visits, and seeing them smile and interact with our kids is always special.

Sports culture continues to grow this year, and the highlight for many of our kids would be attending AIMS Games in Tauranga or Sports Camp at Camp Adair. Attending events like this brings our kids together and gives them the opportunity to shine while competing against other top-level sports people from across Auckland and Aotearoa.

Learning culture is something we highly value across our school, from sharing assessment results and Student Involved Conferences to competing in class, whānau, and school-wide events like Mathex and Spelling Bee.

In all, the term culture is not restricted at Manurewa Intermediate, and I thoroughly enjoy watching it develop and support all our students, ALL THE TIME, EVERY TIME, ALL OF US, EVERYWHERE!

Rita Brooking

**Deputy Principal: Student Focus
KAURI Whaanau Leader**



WHO'S ON ASSEMBLY

TERM 4

Week 10 - Friday 19th September Room 30

Week 1 - Friday 10th October - Room 71

Week 2- Friday 17th October - Room 32

Week 3 - Friday 24th October - no assembly (SOD)

Week 4- Friday 31st October - Room 15

Week 5 - Friday 7th November - Room 12

Our assemblies are every Friday in the Hall at 9.50am. Parents/Caregivers are more than welcome to join us and I ask if you could please sit at the back of the hall on the right.

Regular assemblies serve as a vehicle to further enhance our positive school tone and climate, to foster a corporate school spirit and to share information. But even more importantly assemblies are a means to share our collective experiences and to celebrate and acknowledge each other – acknowledging achievement and the effort exerted – regardless of the end result.

It is an opportunity to give “all our kids a pat on the back” for their efforts and also to reinforce to everyone our high behaviour expectations. Whānau MI Bucks are given out and individual student certificates awarded. If your child is receiving a certificate you will receive an invitation letter to attend the assembly where I will present the certificate to your child. Likewise, feel free to attend because you want to, regardless of whether your child is receiving a certificate or not. Come and join the frivolity and sense of our community!

M.I.S ATTENDANCE TARGET

This month our target is 96% of children here every day and only 5% late every day.

Let's meet it and beat it!



At Manurewa Intermediate School the only way we can work our magic with students is if they are here at school, on time, every day. This is the simplest most important thing you can do for your child. Skipping days here and there, leaving early or arriving late all stop your child from having the best chance of succeeding at school. So please don't be offended if we ask why your child was not at school, or why they are late - and this could be via a phone call or even an in person visit.

The only reason a child should be absent is if they are sick and if this is the case please let us know as soon as possible. Please see the guide over the page which puts absences into real perspective!

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We love having your children here at school! They bring life, energy and learning! Whilst we know that some days we have appointments, family events and celebrations, we feel sad when students miss out on school unnecessarily, so we wanted to share these facts with you:

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

“How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child...”

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

Not only does lateness affect a child’s education, but it also has an impact on our office staff, who need to meet with these students and adjust the morning register. This takes them away from completing other important tasks that benefit our students.

Instruction starts at **8:30 am** each day.
All students must arrive at school before then to prepare for the day.

Please do your absolute best to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Get in touch with us if you have special circumstances, so we are aware of what is happening for your whānau.

MI WHĀNAU CALENDAR - DIARY DATES

WEEK	MONTH	WEEK BEGINNING	MODULE	TERM FOUR First day: Monday 6th October Last day: Friday 12th December LANGUAGE FOCUS: Tongan TERM 4 VALUES: Tolerance, Trust, Creativity + Innovation, Fun	ASSEMBLY HOSTS	MI MATES + GRATEFUL BOARD	HOLIDAYS + OTHER DATES
1	Oct	6	8	Mon 6: MODULE 8 STARTS - SUST (Timetable begins) - Day 1, Term 4 - 8:45am: Powhiri and Get, Set, Go Assembly Tue 7: Wed 8: Thu 9: Fri 10:	R71	R62	
2		13		Mon 13: Tue 14: Wed 15: - All day: MI Athletics Day (Massey Park) Thu 16: Fri 17:	R32	R70	
3		20		Mon 20: - All week: Uniform Check Tue 21: Wed 22: - 6pm to 8pm: Girls Night Out Thu 23: - 6pm to 8pm: Boys Night Out Fri 24: - STAFF ONLY DAY	NIL	R71	Fri 24: Staff Only Day
4		27		Mon 27: - LABOUR DAY Tue 28: Wed 29: - 5pm: Board Meeting Thu 30: Fri 31: - Period 1: Whānau Spelling Bee Competition - All day: Mufti Day (Donations to chosen charity)	R15	R73	Mon 27: Labour Day Holiday
5	Nov	3		Mon 3: Tues 4: Wed 5: - Newsletter 8 out today Thu 6: - Period 5: Whole School Spelling Bee Competition Fri 7:	R12	R75	
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6		10		Mon 10: Tues 11: Wed 12: Thu 13: Fri 14: - 4pm to 6:30pm: MI Night Markets (No School Singing today)	R11	R77	
7		17		Mon 17: Tues 18: Wed 19: - 6pm to 8:30pm: MI Cultural Performance Night Thu 20: - All day: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Dose 2 (Hall out) Fri 21:	R24	R78	
8		24		Mon 24: Tues 25: Wed 26: Thu 27: Fri 28: Sat 29:	R77	R79	
9	Dec	1		Mon 1: Tues 2: Wed 3: - 6pm: MI Sports Awards Thu 4: Fri 5:	R9 + Prize Giving Practice	PC Council	
10		8	8 Mon 9 Tues 10 Wed 11 Thurs 12 Fri	Mon 8: Tues 9: - 6pm to 9pm: Year 8 Graduation Wed 10: MODULE 9 - MI EXPERIENCE - MI Whānau Fun Day Thu 11: MODULE 10 STARTS - MI ACHIEVEMENT - 8am to 8pm: Student Involved Conferences Fri 12: PRIZE GIVING + LAST DAY OF TERM 4: - 8:30am: Form time - 10:30am: Interval - 11:00am: Form time - 11:15am: Prize Giving then back to class - 1:15pm: Lunch - 1:45pm: Lunch Eating, Form class activities - tidy up, pack up - 3:15pm: End of day - Last day of Term 4 - Newsletter 9 out today	Prize Giving	NIL	

AFFIRMATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students are having their birthday, up to the next newsletter on Wednesday 5th November 2025.

We wish you an early Happy Birthday and trust you have a wonderful day!

NB: *There may be times when we inadvertently 'miss' a birthday – please let us know if we do, so we can acknowledge it in the next newsletter. It is important that we do this so please do not feel bad telling us.*



September Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Kai
Jahrius
Hunny
Silas
Izaiah
Aketaukare
Braxton
Nathan

Braxton
Leondre
Eljaye
Paisley
Zion
Maddison
Gissell
Parteek

Chorus
Tatiana
Shay
Raymondo
Kesandra
Te Umu
Kataraina
Lexie
Amnon

Isaac
Sophie
TeHana
Royalle
Izma
Merlia
Jahmarley
Cassius

Finau
Sariah
Qtæ
Armani
Liam
Maybel
Roman
Isyss

October Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Nytrous
Atonina
Farxiya
Kyarra-Leigh
Ricky
Tariana
Jacob
Kaveri
Taniela
Katelyn

Olivia
Zahneisha
Tihei
Sharon Jane
Ezekiel
Matthew
Niko

Cedric
Kaden
Muhammad
Siaosi
Shafiq
Giselle
Savannah

Zufishan
Jairus
Thanh
Jahzel
Ashleigh
Elia
Liam

Te Awekotuku
Tati
Sofia
Jerrish
Wilson
Reign
Ritisha
Daniel

October Birthdays continued...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Kate Monteisha Pritisha Miracle Vivaan Rhyza	Denzel Mercy Aaron Lupe Cid D'Artanyan	Jaelah Gloria Sione Fuia Kameron Mattea	Aliyah Alexander Khanya Afizah Avi
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November Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Tahana-Marie Jacinta-Segia Paihera Sahara	Dylan Dru Aryan Ariki 0 te	Adam Lathaniel Kaea Kauariki	Callai Clare Lasa
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TEAM #33



SURVIVAL CAMP

2025 STARTED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY — WITH A TRIP TO THE SUMMIT OF MT. RANGITOTO AND THE CHANCE TO CAMP ON MOTUTAPU ISLAND. IT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE IN THE SUMMER SUN: SWIMMING IN THE SEA, JUMPING OFF THE WHARF, VISITING OLD BARRACKS, DOING SOME AMAZING WALKS, AND MAKING MEMORIES TOGETHER AS A TEAM WHILE ENJOYING SOME OF THE MOST STUNNING SCENERY THE NORTH ISLAND HAS TO OFFER!

AS ONE OF THE SPORTS CLASSES WE ENJOYED TWO REALLY MEMORABLE STAYS IN OUR SCHOOL MARAE. WE LEARNT ABOUT THE CUSTOMS OF THE WHARE AND THE WHAREKAI, CREATED OUR OWN TRADITIONAL MĀORI FEATHER CAPE, AND EVEN PULLED OFF SOME MASSIVE MANU'S IN THE POOL! TO THE TEACHERS AND LA'S WHO SUPPORTED US ACROSS THE TWO STAYS, NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA — TEAM 33 GREW STRONGER TOGETHER AND DISCOVERED WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE A TEAM.

MARAE STAYS



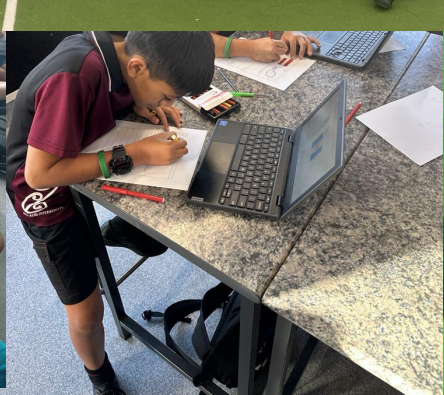
UN SHOW

TERM 3 SAW TEAM 33 PRODUCE AND PERFORM OUR UN SHOW — A TRIBUTE TO THE WONDERFUL ISLAND OF JAMAICA AND THEIR LEGENDARY BOBSLED JOURNEY IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS. WE ALSO MADE SPICY RICE FOR THE FOOD FEST AND LEARNT SOME PATOIS FOR GOOD MEASURE. A BIG WAH GWAAN TO MR. M, MR. B MISS B FOR HELPING US BRING THE SHOW TO LIFE — FROM THE STAGE TO THE SLED TO THE SPICY RICE — AND TURN TEAM 33 INTO SOME REAL-LIFE RASTAFARIANS — SEAL IT UP!

A HUGE PART OF OUR YEAR WAS GETTING READY FOR OUR TRIPS TO AIMS GAMES AND SPORTS CAMP! TEAM 33 SHOWED THEIR SKILLS COMPETING IN RUGBY 7'S, BASKETBALL, AND NETBALL AT AIMS IN TAURANGA, WHILE OTHER STUDENTS TOOK ON EVERYTHING FROM ARCHERY AND MOUNTAIN BIKING TO BADMINTON AND FLAG FOOTBALL AT CAMP ADAIR IN HUNUA! NGĀ MIHI NUI KI NGĀ KAIKO WHAKAAKO WHO SUPPORTED US ALONG THE WAY — WE PUSHED OUR LIMITS, CHEERED EACH OTHER ON, AND MADE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME!

AIMS - SPORTS



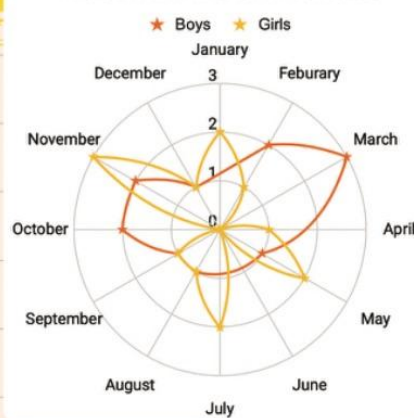


ROOM 23

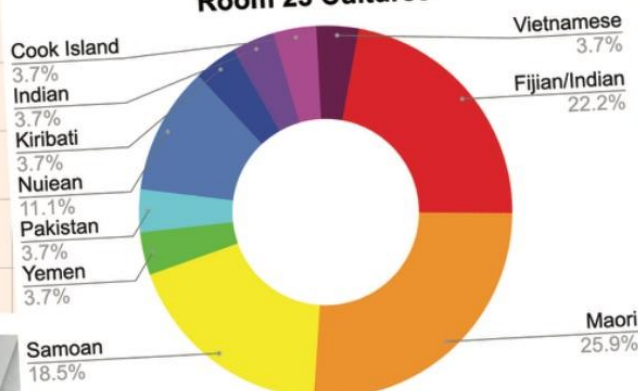
STATISTICS INVESTIGATIONS

Our class has been busy exploring statistics in a fun and creative way! Each student chose their own question to investigate, collecting data from classmates or surveying other classes across the school. Some measured things like height, while others conducted surveys about birthdays, siblings, and more. We used Google Sheets to analyse the data and create a variety of graphs, discovering how different graphs can show information in different ways. It was fascinating to see patterns, like how Year 8 students are much taller than Year 7s, and to compare the months we were born in or how many siblings we have. This project was a real team effort, full of teamwork, curiosity, and creativity.

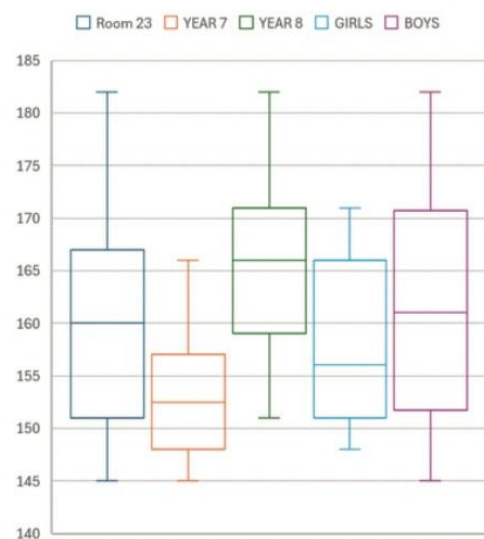
Room 23 Birth Months



Room 23 Cultures

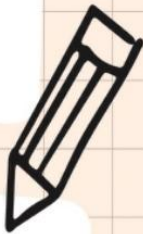
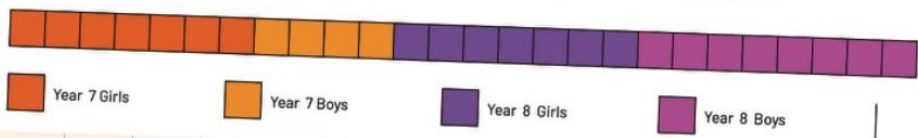


ROOM 23 HEIGHTS (IN CM)

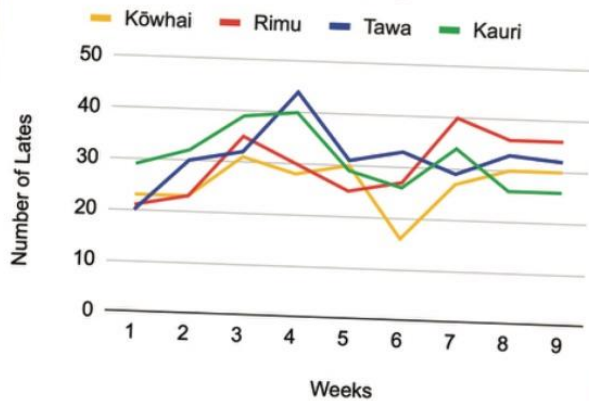




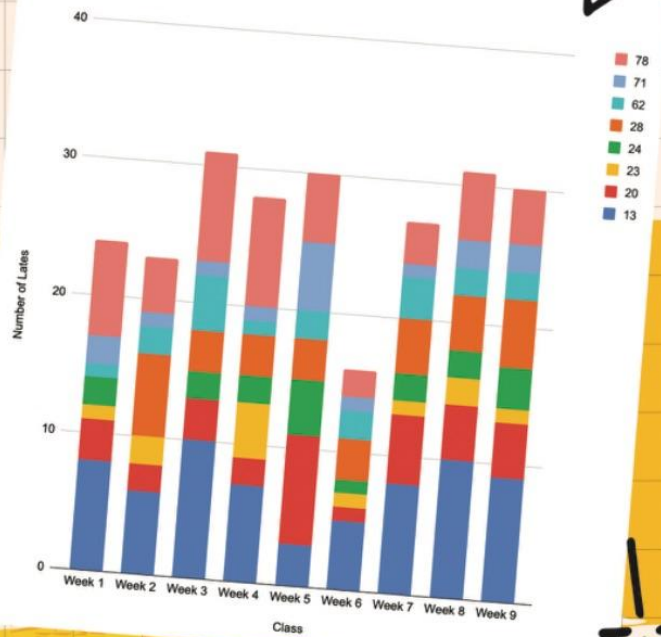
Year 23 Genders and Year Groups



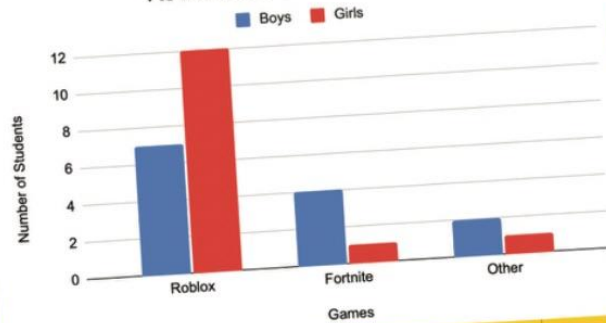
Term 2 Lates



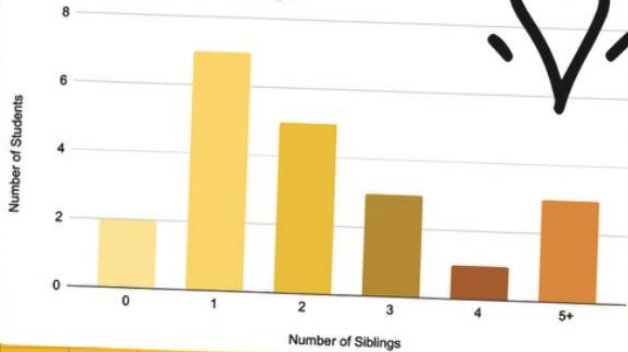
Term 2 Lates in Kowhai



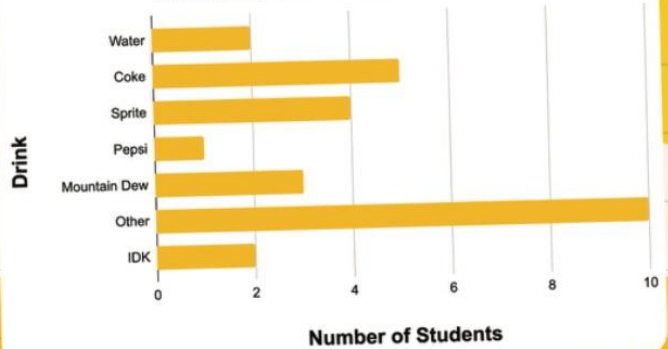
Room 23's Favourite Games



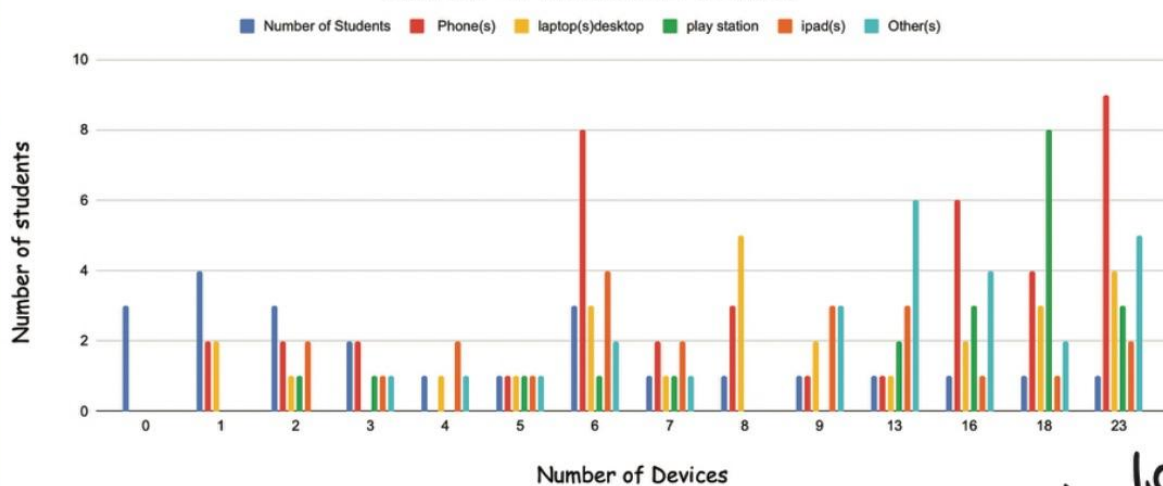
Room 23 Number of Siblings



Room 23 Favourite Drinks



Number of Household Devices



Wow!



ROOM 67'S HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Being part of Manurewa Intermediate means there are so many opportunities to get involved in. For Room 67, this year has been packed with standout moments, from the very start right through to today. Here are some of our highlights and the things we've enjoyed most this year.

AIMS GAMES

ONE OF MY HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR WAS AIMS. THE 728 TEAM AND I GOT TO PERFORM AT MERCURY BAY PARK ARENA. WE STAYED AT AN AIRBNB FOR TWO NIGHTS AND TRAINED AT A MARAE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

By: PAIGE

U.N SHOW

I picked the UN Show because it was one of the best nights of my life. I got to bond with my classmates and try something new, which made the whole experience unforgettable.

By: Athena



U.N SHOW

One of my most favourite memories at MI was being at UN show. We all worked hard throughout the three weeks and were so hyped to put on for our class and teacher. On the night of UN, we were so pumped but my favourite out of all of it was when we all huddled together to sing a song for our teacher to show our appreciation!

By: Nesalia



HANDS IN

"Family on me, family on three! 1, 2, 3, family!" At the end of each day, our class huddles together for a group hands-in. It's our way of ending the day strong and reminding ourselves to show up and give our best again the next day.

By: Fuka

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Every Wednesday, at the end of the day, we have Cultural Enrichment. I'm in Country Step, which means I have to dance like a cowboy. It can get pretty tiring, but it's so much fun. I've learned heaps of new moves, and it's cool to see how much better we've all gotten over the weeks.

By: Emelio Takakovikaetau



MARAE STAY

I chose the Marae Stay as my highlight because I loved playing tag (well, except for when I scraped my foot!). The best part was practising for our assembly item – it felt like a once-in-a-lifetime experience with our class this year. I really wish we could have that opportunity again. At night, when we were getting ready for bed, Ms Henare and Mr S shared some awesome stories with us. If I could go back, I'd definitely fix a few mistakes – like actually wearing shoes so I didn't scrape my foot, and not zoning out so much!

By: Emily Kirkwood



NIGHT MARKETS
 I like Night Markets because we get to buy and eat yummy food, and I enjoy helping to sell food too. Everything smelt so good! We even made enough money to help pay for our camp trip to Rangitoto.
 By: TIRI TEURU



SCHOOL SINGING
 My highlight is school singing is the awesome vibes we bring into the hall and all the cool chants from the different whānau. I love singing with my friends and just having fun together.

By: Rathgar Elisaia



CAMP
 At the start of the year, I went to camp with my whānau, Rimu. One of my favourite parts was the hike up Rangitoto. It was tough, but once we reached the top, the view made it all worth it, we could even see Motutapu Island in the distance. After heading back down, we had a rest and then walked to our campsite, where we spent the next three days.

By: Aviti Tueipi



ROOM 67

This year has been packed with incredible moments and memories for Room 67. From performing at AIMS and representing M1 with pride, to sharing powerful experiences like our Marae Stay,

Night Markets, and the unforgettable UN Show, every event has helped us grow closer as a class. We've danced, sung, learned, and supported each other through every challenge, and celebrated every success, big or small. Room 67 has shown what it truly means to bring the energy, the teamwork, and the heart that makes our class one of a kind.

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AIMS

FOR AIMS, 728 DANCE CREW WENT TO TAURANGA FOR THREE DAYS. ON FRIDAY, WHEN WE ARRIVED, WE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE MARAE AND JUST PRACTISED AND PRACTISED TO GET READY FOR OUR PERFORMANCE.

BY: SELENA

AIMS 728

Saturday 30th, was one of the biggest "I need to try my hardest" days of my life, it was our performance day for AIMS as a Year 7 in Team 728 at M1. As we performed, I could hear our AIMS sports team cheering us on with a chant, while everyone else looked at them with envious eyes. That support gave us the courage to keep going, and we were so proud when we finished our performance. I couldn't believe how emotional I felt on stage; I was so close to crying.

By: Jalan-Mari Kimi.



ROOM 79



HUMANITIES



We've been getting creative in humanities class, where we've been learning how to write our own adventure stories. We've talked all about the key parts of a story and what order they should go in. To help us understand this better, we've even been analysing our favourite movie scenes, focussing on characters, settings, and plot.

So far, we've brainstormed some amazing ideas. I've decided to write my story about a brand-new, massive volcano even bigger and deadlier than Mount Tambora that suddenly appears next to a loud, busy city in New York in the year 2030!

We've also been exploring literary devices. One that we've been practicing is **sibilance**, which is the repetition of the 's' sound in sentences. It's a fun way to make our writing sound more interesting.

This past week, we got to work on the building blocks of our stories. We created character profiles, including their traits and weaknesses. We also figured out which characters would be **foreshadowing** something important later on and chose the main settings for our stories.

A few of us, including me, have already started writing our adventure stories, and it's been a blast!

This term has been an exciting journey of discovery and collaboration for us. We have learnt new things in Science, Math, Humanities, Performing Arts, PE and XPLO Tech. Together, we have worked collaboratively, celebrating each other's strengths and building on our new learning as a class. Putting all our ideas together we wanted to share what we had done in Humanities, Science, Performing Arts and Break Out Buzz Group.

PERFORMING ARTS



Our Journey

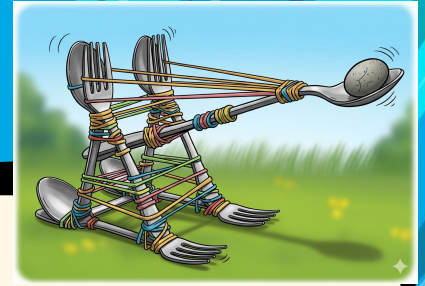
In our performing arts class, we've been learning different dance formations and techniques. My group of three has already created sections of our dance that include **canons**, **shapes**, and **levels**.

You might be wondering, "What are those?" Well, a **canon** is when one person performs a move and the others repeat it in sequence. A **shape** is when a group of people form a distinct shape with their bodies. A **level** uses different heights for a dance move, with one person at a low height, one in the middle, and one at the highest point.

This term, I've learned a lot about formations and how to use them to make a performance more interesting. My group has put a lot of effort and energy into our routine, and we are about halfway finished!

The main purpose of performing arts is to inspire, tell stories, and help you grow in confidence and creativity. For me, it has been a huge inspiration because I love creating my own dance moves. Performing arts has pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me feel more confident when dancing, singing, or speaking in front of people. At first, I was a little unsure, but as the weeks went by, I started to get used to the routines and now it's a lot of fun!

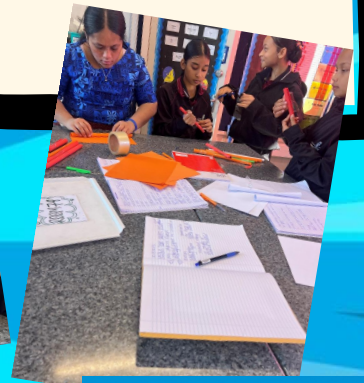
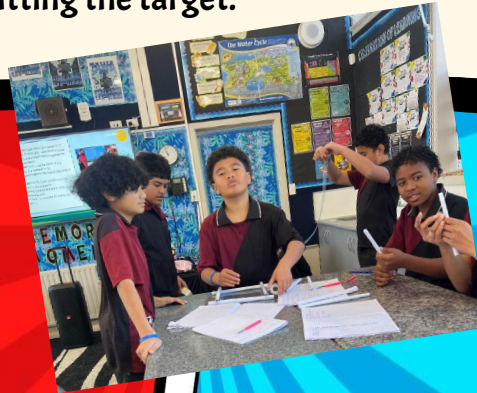
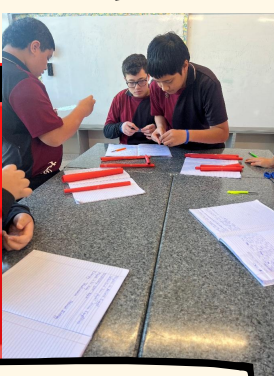
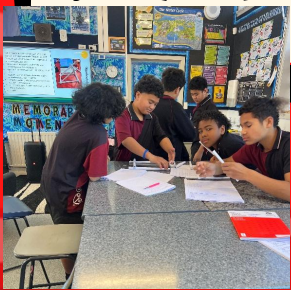
SCIENCE



In Science, we have been learning about Medieval Engines and building catapults. We are also trying to define the laws of physics. Mr SJ has been teaching us about trajectory and power, so when we launch our stones, they have enough force to hit the target.

To build the catapult, we used sporks and rubber bands. First, we cut the tops off four sporks and made a square, then tied it with rubber bands. After that, we added two more sporks to stand it up and used more rubber bands to hold it together. When it was finished, we could launch things with it.

The easy part was arranging the sporks into a square, but the hard part was ensuring it stood up properly without falling over. I liked testing it out the best because we could see how far our stones would go. I learned that Medieval people used machines like catapults in battles, and that trajectory and power are important for hitting the target.



BREAK OUT BUZZ



Breakout Buzz was a week-long event where we were involved in activities like charades, making a paper airplane, and guessing drawings while blindfolded. I created my own AI website and designed tasks for others. The week began with us forming teams and taking on fun challenges.

The two main tasks I want to highlight are the airplane and the highway challenge. Mr. Nathan, challenged us to not only build a paper airplane but also a highway and target for it to land on. We watched a three-minute video to learn how to make the plane, but it took us a full ten minutes to get it right. Still, we were proud of our two finished planes: one was decent, and the other was fantastic!

The highway task was the real test. Many teams didn't think to use the beds in the marae as part of their construction. We all struggled until Mr. Nathan told us we could use anything in the room. This pushed us to be more creative and really use teamwork. It was amazing to see everyone's problem-solving skills improve.

In the end, my team, "Team Tree," came in fifth place. We were disappointed at first, but we quickly realised the rank didn't matter. The real prize was the experience itself, the teamwork, the fun, and the valuable lessons we learned about working together and thinking outside the box. It was a game, and the journey was the most important part.

REPORTS

ZONE BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE

In near balmy spring weather, the MI Brothers Restricted, Open A and Open B Rugby League teams embarked on their quest to win their zone day division. The Restricted team had one other team in their pool, Rosehill Intermediate - The Brothers had a State of Origin three game series. Not underestimating Rosehill at all and giving them the respect they deserved, the brothers went to work and about their business with slickness and a mentality that was forged in hard work, steely determination and pure skill and vision for the game. Winning their first two games 104- 4, Rosehill pulled out of the last game.

The Open A and B teams had great success in their games during the course of the day. Meeting together, the A team came out on top in a keenly fought contest. The Open A team remaining undefeated during the day to advance to the Championship Day, while the B team came second which was a fantastic result on the day.

A massive thanks goes to Mr S, Mr SJ, Mr Solomona for all your help and hard work building up towards the Zone Day. We appreciate you all.

Overall Results:

MI Brothers Rugby League
Restricted Zone Day
Champions

MI Brothers Rugby League
Open A Team Zone Day
Champions

MI Brothers Rugby League
Open B Team 2nd Place Overall

Open A's Results		Open B's Results	
MI B's	12-10 win	Finlayson Park	30-12 win
Pukekohe Int	50-6 win	Papakura Normal	18-20 win
Roscommon	20-5 win	Greenmeadows	20-10 win
Greenmeadows	30-0 win	Roscommon	WBD
Papakura Normal	60-0 win	MI A's	12-10 Loss
Finlayson Park	40-0 win		



MANUREWA REHU TAI

FESTIVAL OF ORAL LANGUAGE

On Friday 15th August, Reremoana School hosted the annual Manurewa Schools Speech Competition, with ten schools competing across four exciting categories: Spoken Word, Traditional Speech, Flash Talk, and Rap. This year's APPA theme, Whenua Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua. There were a wide range of creative and thought-provoking speeches that highlighted the voice and talent of our Manurewa rangatahi.



Manurewa Intermediate was proudly represented by Araisa and Marylynn, who both delivered outstanding performances. Araisa, who placed first in our MI school competition, competed in the Spoken Word category with her passionate piece Ko te Pounamu, earning a strong third place overall. Marylynn represented MI in the Traditional Speech category.

She shared a speech on Pangea, explaining how the past helps us understand the present from a geographical perspective, and was awarded second place. It was wonderful to see both Araisa and Marylynn not only compete with pride but also support one another throughout the event. A true example of MI spirit.

BLACK FERNS

VISIT TO MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE



What a privilege it was for our school to play a special part in the Black Ferns' journey to the Rugby World Cup! In an event that was a complete surprise to our students, we had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with New Zealand Rugby and the team themselves to host a special farewell party.

The secret was kept under wraps, and the pure joy on our students' faces when they realised who our special guests were was a sight to behold. It was an unforgettable afternoon filled with excitement, school singing and our now viral MI Haka! The event was such a success that our school featured on the Black Ferns' official Instagram page and was even highlighted in a two-minute feature piece during the sports news on TVNZ!

As the Black Ferns now embark on their quest to defend their title, we are cheering them on from New Zealand! We wish them all the very best as they aim to go back-to-back and bring home the World Cup trophy.



GAMES

Monday, August 25: vs. Spain

Monday, September 1: vs. Japan

Monday, September 8: vs. Ireland



**WOMEN'S
ENG25**

YEAR 6 OPEN DAY



In early August, we opened our doors for our annual Open Day, and what a huge success it was! Our Year 6 visitors participated in five rotations, across 14 groups, making new friends and connections along the way with students from all over Manurewa and further afield!

The students who attended on the day participated in:

- School Tours
- PE Games
- Whānau Passion
- XPLO Tech
- Digital Technology
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Art
- Enviro and MI Zoo
- Pasifika
- Cooking
- Music



We believe that engaging with our community and local schools is critical to securing our future enrolments, and we were thrilled with the turnout. Dare we say it, maybe next year is the year we hit 1000 students!

We look forward to welcoming all our new students in the coming year and are excited about the journey ahead!

MATHEX

WHĀNAU COMP



The start of Term Three is always an exciting time with Mathex. Students immersed themselves in the competition, running around buildings, working together in teams, and solving problems, all culminating in a spirited Intra-Whānau competition! It was fantastic to see the top teams from each class battle it out.

Congratulations to the winning team from each whānau:

- Tawa: Room 29
- Kowhai: Room 23
- Rimu: Room 27
- Kauri: Room 5

These teams faced a formidable team of teachers and LAs. In the end Room 23 took out the finals in a tense finale scoring a perfect 20/20 just piping Room 29 on time. This year the teachers beat the LA ladies!

ROOM 23 CHAMPIONS



MANUREWA MATH CLUSTER MATHEX COMPETITION

For the first time ever, our school placed, finishing in 2nd place with a fantastic score of 17. A massive round of applause for Yash, Diyan, Richie, and Sia!



AUCKLAND MATHEX COMPETITION

We also had two teams compete at the Auckland Mathex finals. Our Year 7 team achieved our highest-ever score with a brilliant 50 points in a competition of 59 teams! Our Year 8's scored a very commendable 35 in a competition featuring 68 teams! This is an incredible accomplishment, and we are so proud of them. A special thank you also goes to Miss Fox, who volunteered her time as a marker on the evening.

CLUB NETBALL



FRIDAY NETBALL

MANGERE NETBALL CENTRE

Our school's A' team, who competed on both Friday nights and Saturday mornings at Bruce Pulman, played a season of netball to be proud of. The girls trained with focus and intensity, always pushing themselves to get better. Week after week, they left everything out on the court. Their teamwork, resilience, and fight against strong competition stood out, showing what it means to play with pride and commitment. Finishing the season in 3rd for the Intermediate A grade.



SATURDAY NETBALL



PAPAKURA NETBALL CENTRE



Our school's A' team, who competed on both Friday nights also played Saturday mornings at Bruce Pulman, had a season to be proud of. This team trained with focus and intensity, always pushing themselves to get better. Week after week, they left everything out on the court. Their teamwork, resilience, and fight against strong competition stood out, showing what it means to play with pride and commitment. Finishing the season in 2nd for the Intermediate B grade.



MANUREWA NETBALL CENTRE

Our Saturday morning netball B team played every weekend at the Manurewa courts. For most of these players, it was their very first time stepping onto the court in a competitive game. They gave it everything, showing courage, dedication, and a strong willingness to learn. Turning up to trainings and putting those new skills into practice on game day has been inspiring to watch. I am so proud of their progress, and I hope they continue their netball journey next year.



PRE-AIMS NETBALL

TOURNAMENT



Our girls' netball team took part in the Pre-AIMS Netball Tournament as preparation for the upcoming AIMS Games. It was an exciting and competitive day, and the girls showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience.

The day started with pool play, where the girls went undefeated in all of their round games:

- Vs BBI - Won 17-7
- Vs Randwick - Won 13-11
- Vs Avondale Intermediate - Won 18-2
- Vs Auckland Normal - Won 20-6

These strong performances pushed the team through to the grand final for the gold and silver medal against Pukekohe. It was a tough and fast-paced game, and although the girls gave it their all, the result didn't go our way. **Final Vs Pukekohe - Loss 13-18**

Placing them 2nd overall and securing the silver medal.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school - displaying great sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance throughout the day. They should be very proud of themselves, and we know this experience will help them prepare for the AIMS Games.



31st AUGUST -
6th SEPTEMBER

AIMS NETBALL

2025



Our netball girls recently represented our school at the AIMS Netball Tournament, and what an incredible week it was! The tournament brought together schools from across the country, creating a tough and competitive environment where every game tested our players' skill, fitness, and teamwork.

From the very first whistle, our girls showed grit and determination. They worked hard through pool play, combining strong defence with fast attacking play to secure some fantastic wins. Each game was a chance to improve, and the team grew stronger as the tournament progressed.

Highlights included their ability to stay composed in tight games, push through long and tiring days, and support each other both on and off the court. The energy, encouragement, and spirit within the team truly stood out.

Although we faced some challenging opposition, the girls never gave up. They played every match with pride and represented our school with mana. At the end of the tournament, the girls finished 4th overall in the Girls B Grade Netball section, leaving us 38th out of 123 schools, a result that reflects their hard work and determination.

We are extremely proud of this group of athletes, not only for their performance on the court, but also for the way they carried themselves throughout the week. They were excellent role models for our school and demonstrated true sportsmanship at every step.

A huge thank you goes out to our coaches, managers, parents, and supporters who dedicated their time and energy to prepare the team and cheer them on throughout the tournament. Your support made all the difference.

If you see the girls around, be sure to congratulate them on a fantastic campaign!



Day	Game / Opponent	Result / Score
Sun 10 Aug	Game 1 vs Carmel	Win 15 – 13
Mon 11 Aug	Game 2 vs Tuakau	Win 27 – 10
Mon 11 Aug	Game 3 vs Katikati	Win 25 – 5
Tue 12 Aug	Pool Game 1 vs Albany Junior High	Win 19 – 13
Tue 12 Aug	Pool Game 2 vs Clendon Park	Loss 8 – 47
Wed 13 Aug	Pool Game 3 vs Te Puke	Loss 18 – 22
Wed 13 Aug	B Grade Finals Game 1 vs Berkley Normal Middle School	Win 23 – 10
Thu 14 Aug	Quarter-Finals vs Whakatane	Loss 21 – 24
Thu 14 Aug	Semi-Finals vs Paremata	Win 22 – 10
Fri 15 Aug	3rd/4th Place Playoff vs Cambridge (Finals)	Loss 22 – 23



AIMS #728 HIP HOP

ON FRIDAY 29th OF AUGUST THE 728 HIP HOP DANCE CREW TRAVELLED DOWN TO TAURANGA TO COMPETE IN THE LARGEST INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION IN AOTEAROA, THE ZESPRI AIMS GAMES. THIS COMPETITION IS ATTENDED BY OVER 14,000 STUDENTS, 431 SCHOOLS AND NOW AN AMAZING FOUR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS.



THIS GROUP HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEIR AUDITIONS BACK IN TERM ONE. THEY COMMITTED BY BEING INVOLVED IN PERIOD SIX PRACTICES EVERY THURSDAY THIS YEAR AND ALSO USING THEIR OPTIONS TIME TO LEARN A SET THAT COULD COMPETE AGAINST THE OTHER FORTY THREE SCHOOLS.

THE CREW CONSISTS OF NINE YOUNG LADIES, MR TANAKI AND ALSO MR G. AFTER A COLD AND RAINY START TO THE DAY WE WERE SOON IN TAURANGA WHERE THE WEATHER WAS MUCH NICER. WE MADE OUR WAY TO MANAGATAWA PAPA KAINGA WHERE MRS ROPATI HAD ORGANISED A REHEARSAL SPACE FOR US AND HANGI FOR DINNER.

SATURDAY HAD US ALL UP EARLY FOR REGISTRATION AT THE MERCURY BAY PARK. AFTER THE INITIAL SOUND CHECK AND REHEARSAL IT WAS BACK TO FINE TUNE OUR SET AND GET SORTED INTO OUR PERFORMANCE GEARS. WITH ONLY AN HOUR TILL 'SHOW TIME' THE CREW WAS JOINED WITH INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER AND CHOREOGRAPHER MR S.

THE GIRLS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE OTHER AIMS TEAMS WHO HAD TRAVELLED DOWN JUST THAT MORNING. MANY STAFF, PARENTS AND WHAANAU ALSO ATTENDED AND WERE THE LOUDEST SUPPORTERS BY FAR! OUR CREW REPRESENTED US ALL WITH REAL PRIDE AND DID A SPECTACULAR JOB NAILING EVERY CANNON, SHAPE, TWIST AND TURN. THEIR TIMING WAS ON POINT AND FACIAL EXPRESSIONS WERE SECOND TO NONE. WE MAY NOT HAVE COME AWAY WITH A PLACING BUT THIS TEAM HAS CREATED LIFE LONG MEMORIES AND A SISTERHOOD.



2025 AIMS BASKETBALL RECAP



The MI boys basketball team brought passion, focus, and heart to the national stage at the AIMS Tournament. Battling through fierce competition, the boys secured 2nd place in their pool, showcasing resilience and elite-level teamwork. Although they came up just short of cracking the top 20, they earned a strong 32nd place finish out of 86 schools nationwide — a remarkable accomplishment on such a competitive platform.

What truly stood out wasn't just their performance, but their unity. From the first tip-off to the final buzzer, the team remained locked in, never wavering in their focus or brotherhood. Every game, win or lose, they left it all on the court. With humility and gratitude, they recognised the sacrifices made to give them this opportunity, and they carried that respect into every play.

Job's not finished. The MI boys are just getting started. With the same fire and commitment, they'll continue to grow — together.



M.I X WHANAGERIE
INTERMEDIATE

36 - 23
WIN

M.I X ROSMINI
COLLEGE

9 - 38
LOSS

M.I X NORTH STREET
SCHOOL

24 - 16
WIN

M.I X TAUPU
INTERMEDIATE

25 - 13
WIN

HIGHLANDS
INTERMEDIATE X M.I

43 - 23
LOSS

PEACHGROVE
INTERMEDIATE X M.I

22 - 34
WIN

M.I X KOROMATUA
SCHOOL

30 - 37
LOSS

BUCKLANDS BEACH
INTERMEDIATE X M.I

36 - 15
LOSS

M.I X MAIDSTONE
INTERMEDIATE

23 - 45
LOSS



IT'S **BRONZE** FOR OUR GIRLS 7'S TEAM

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES 2025

Our incredible Manurewa Intermediate Girls Rugby Sevens team showcased immense talent and heart at the Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga from September 1st - 5th. Twelve talented players proudly represented our school, their families, and our entire community, leaving their mark on the national stage.

The campaign began on a cold and windy Monday, but the challenging conditions did little to deter our girls. They started strong, delivering a commanding 45-0 victory against Kaitao Intermediate before backing it up with a spectacular 56-0 win over Otumoetai Intermediate to end day one undefeated.



Day two saw the team face tougher opposition, but they proved they were up to the challenge, demonstrating incredible determination and teamwork. They dug deep to secure a 31-0 victory against Te Awamutu Intermediate and finished the day on a high note with a 21-7 win against Henderson Intermediate.

The intensity increased on day three. Our team continued their winning streak with a hard-fought 19-5 victory over Te Puke Intermediate. However, the day concluded with a tough match against Tauranga Intermediate, where they suffered their first loss of the tournament, 5-38.

Despite the setback, the girls' resilience shone through. On Thursday, September 4th, they faced Te Awamutu Intermediate once more in the quarter-final. In a dominant performance, our team secured a decisive 31-0 win, earning a spot in the semi-finals.

The semi-final clash against Glen Eden Intermediate proved to be their toughest battle yet. Our girls gave it all but unfortunately went down 24-0. Although there was disappointment in not making the gold medal match, the team quickly regrouped, turning their focus and excitement towards the bronze medal match against Rotorua Intermediate.



The bronze medal match had a slow start for our girls, who had to build resilience in defence and then seize every scoring opportunity. Led by our dynamic duo of Legacy and Keilah, the team showed incredible grit and determination to get the job done. Mata'i found space in the middle of the defensive line, stepping and gliding all the way through to score the first try, which was then converted by Amelia. In the second half, our girls went up another gear and ran away with the win, securing the bronze medal with a final try to Ryna.

This is an amazing achievement for the girls and we are so proud of their efforts. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Terri Martin for keeping our bodies nourished throughout the week. Your service to our kids is highly appreciated.

AIMS BOYS 7'S

The MI Brothers Rugby Club 7's embarked on their 2025 AIMS Games campaign. Placed in a tight pool with Glen Eden and Tauranga, the boys were in high spirits.

Playing Tauranga in the first game, the brothers played well but Tauranga were just better in keeping the ball in play and exploiting their chances. Unfortunately the brothers went down 28-14. Playing Kaitao Intermediate in their second game confidence grew and using the structure and plays in their arsenal they won 30-0. On Day Two, the brothers first game was against Glen Eden. Unfortunately the brothers went down 29-0, letting the occasion get the better of them. This spurred them on and from here on out, it was one way traffic for the brothers. Regaining focus and their confidence, the brothers managed to win their next 8 in a row. Playing some of their best rugby 7's, with freestyle, flow and excellent chemistry, the brothers moved to the shield final against Whangarei Intermediate where they won 22-14 to win the shield division.

My most sincere thank you to Mr Seuala for all his hard work, efforts and dedication in the build up towards AIMS. The brothers had a wonderful experience on the field and off the field and one they won't ever forget.



SPORTS CAMP

During week 8 MI sent out a team to Hunua to compete in the Camp Adair Sports Camp. The team did really well all week leaving their best out on the field. With over 20 sports the students were challenged to compete and adapt all week.

MI managed to secure medals in the following sports.

Gold: Girls Gaga ball, Boys Archery, Girls Rifle Shooting, Cross Country Mixed, T Ball Boys.

Silver: Boys Kio Rahi, Boys Mountain Biking, Boys Singles Table Tennis, Rock Climbing Mixed, Boys Table Tennis Doubles.

Bronze: Girls Singles Tennis, Tennis Mixed Doubles, Girls Basketball.

I am proud of how the students conducted themselves all week and the effort and time they put into trainings. A couple of highlights throughout the week was our performance on night one which in typical MI fashion was done with pride and energy. Our first medal with our boys gaining Silver in Kio Rahi despite being undersized. Winning cross country in dominating style with our mixed team lapping opponents. Our girls Gaga ball team claiming gold on Thursday and never looking like dropping a set all day. Legend and Harlyn making racket sports their new thing, claiming medals in tennis. The T ball boys winning the final 1-0 in the most dramatic fashion with Jahsdys playing a key role.

Thank you to those teachers who came out and to all the parents for their support, and a special thank you to Mr Innes and Miss I for spending their week out at camp ensuring our kids had a great time.

Till next year,

Mr Rodriguez



REWA DELICS



Five of our talented students represented our school with pride at **Bandquest 2025**, held at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna. Stepping out onto the big stage, our students gave it their all - playing their hearts out and leaving everything under the lights. Their passion and hard work shone through, and it was clear to everyone watching that they were truly enjoying every moment of the experience.

ACHIEVEMENTS 🏆

- **ROCKSTAR STYLE AWARD** (Ben Tak)
- **BEST ORIGINAL SONG**

MASTER CHEF

On Wednesday, August 26, LJ and Ada represented **MI** at the 2025 South Auckland Junior MasterChef competition, held at Papatoetoe Intermediate School.

They created the **MI Eiffel Tower** –a delicious profiterole dessert from France with an **MI Pacific** twist. The team had a lot of fun trying out their recipes and placed third.



Junior MASTER CHEF

A Taste Of The World

DESSERTS FROM EVERY CORNER

MIEiffel Tower, FRANCE

Our dessert is inspired by the croquembouche from France, a delicious tower made of yummy cream puffs held together with sweet, sticky fillings. We've added our own special touch to this classic treat.

Why it reminds us of France:

Fit for a King: This dessert was originally made for French royalty, making it a symbol of grand celebrations.

Art on a Plate: Croquembouche is a true work of art, showcasing the incredible skill of French bakers.

A Symbol of Fun: It's a key part of French weddings and big holidays, representing a happy and exciting party.

How We Made It Our Own:

- Banana leaves represent our Pacific whānau base.
- Passionfruit is a special treat, fit for a Pacific Queen.
- White chocolate drizzle adds decadence and texture.
- 100s and 1000s are a nostalgic Kiwi tradition.

Bon Appétit

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

PLEASE NAME IT

We make every effort to see students' personal items are secure. It would make our task considerably easier and would drastically reduce levels of stress for students if ALL ITEMS – INCLUDING ALL UNIFORM ITEMS, PE UNIFORMS, SHOES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, JACKETS, JERSEYS, LUNCHBOXES, WATER BOTTLES, BAGS etc. WERE ALL CLEARLY NAMED!!

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with legislation I remind parents/caregivers and students that our entire school and boundary is Smoke and Vape Free. Also refer to the NO VAPE flier further in this newsletter.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

As mentioned in my initial letter in Week 1 our school has an "Open Door Policy". This means that should you have any questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't be a stranger, but pop in anytime you can. We'd love to see you! If at any time you wish to see any of your child's teachers about something specific please telephone the school to organise an appointment. At times there are bound to be issues that crop up and we encourage you to air your concerns but ask that you speak to the person involved first. If you have done this and feel there has been no success, you are more than welcome to see the form teacher, the relevant senior staff member or myself.

If you are wanting information on your child's progress, it is advisable to book a time to see the relevant subject teacher. This will enable the teacher to give you the time you deserve to have the proper conversation. Classrooms are busy places in the mornings before school and immediately after, and it is not always possible for the teacher to give full attention to your queries if you do not book in advance.

UNIFORM

In Terms 1 and 4 students are to wear the following as school uniform: For boys, this is the school shorts, t-shirt, jacket, plain black leather shoes and long black maroon topped socks. Girls have the same option, or instead of the shorts, they can wear the school skirt. They wear plain black socks with their plain black shoes.

MESSAGES FOR/FROM STUDENTS

We accept there will be occasions when students need to contact members of their family during the school day. With the approval of their classroom teacher, students are able to use a school telephone to do this. Because of the demands of school management and school activities, these calls will be restricted to important matters – not to have forgotten homework, lunch etc. dropped off or to arrange an after school social occasion! If things are forgotten then children will need to learn to accept the consequences for their actions. Likewise, the school accepts with today's busy schedules there will be occasions when parents need to get important messages to their children.

The school will make every effort to forward these messages, if received before 2.45pm. However, the administration staff cannot accept responsibility if a student does not receive a message.

STUDENT MI PLANNER

Your child has been given a diary that is loaded with information. Each student is encouraged to use this on a daily basis to help them become more organised with life at school. Please check with your child and have a look at it! Do it regularly!

UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If there have been any changes to the custodial arrangements, change of address, change of telephone number, change of emergency contact numbers, or any other changes we would be very grateful if you would inform us as soon as possible, so our records can be corrected.

MONEY

Money is not to be left in bags, desks or clothing when not being worn. Hand to the office or form teacher for safe keeping. If the procedure is not followed and money is 'lost' or 'stolen' we will not waste any time following up. Owner beware - follow the procedure!

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please call the office on 2668268, before 8.30am to advise us.

If you do not do this we contact you immediately through our system. After the second day of no notification, the administration staff will contact the home directly as well. After three days of no contact, a Deputy Principal will be in touch with you about your child's absence.

LATENESS

All students who are late (i.e. arriving at school after the 8.30am bell) report to the office before heading to class.

This is to ensure we keep a track of attendance and student safety. No valid note or parent means a consequence - which is an after school detention to make up for the time that is lost due to lateness! We appreciate your support with this, but to avoid any consequences, please encourage your child to get to school on time.

NO!!

Games, fizzy drinks, lollies, chocolate or chewing gum are to be brought to school. If a student has any of these, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day! We look forward to your support with this. AND lunches are provided free to every child so no need to do drop offs or bring in food for a whole class **SHARED LUNCH.**

MOBILE PHONES

If students bring cellphones to school they are left at the office before school and collected after school. If students keep them on them or in bags during the day and they are 'lost' or 'stolen' we will not waste any time in following up. Owner beware - follow the procedures!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

No medication should be kept in your child's school bag. If your child has antibiotic/medication that needs to be administered during the school day please ensure you have filled out a permission slip at the office. No medication can be administered to your child without approval.

VISITORS

Whenever you visit the school please do so via the office so you can be checked in, instead of going directly to the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school has a policy of “abuser pays”. Students who carelessly or wilfully damage school property or equipment will be asked to meet the cost of the repairs, or at the very least pay a fair share of the replacement. We hope this will become a rare occasion at Manurewa Intermediate, however when this does occur, parents/caregivers will receive an explanatory letter and a tax invoice to cover costs. In addition to the fact that schools operate on very tight budgets, we see the development of personal responsibility as an important outcome of our school programmes.

INTERNET SAFETY

We are well aware that the internet is a wonderful educational resource, but we all know there are dangers.

As you know, to use the information and communications technologies resources, including accessing the internet at school, students and their parents are required to sign an **ACCEPTABLE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT**. This agreement spells out very clearly what is acceptable and what is not acceptable both in terms of use and internet site access. This is done at enrolment. Students use individual logons and our system records for audit all logons, the date and time of the logon, the location of the computer and a list of all searches attempted and sites accessed. Please discuss with your child the appropriate use of the internet. Teachers also do this on a regular basis.

TUESDAY EARLY FINISH (1.45PM)

The early finish for students every Tuesday afternoon is so that staff can participate in professional learning, aimed at extending and increasing expertise. However any student requiring supervision until 3.15pm will go to the Library where supervision will be provided. This early finish each week does not interfere with in-class learning time as our lunch breaks are only 30 minutes instead of the normal hour most schools have and we start each day at 8.30am.

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are expected to be in school before 8.20am, ready for an 8.30am start. The school day ends at 3.15pm. We have no wet early finishes, although finish at 1.45pm every Tuesday.

Please note a fuller explanation following this and also of the breakdown of the timetable on the front page of your child’s MI Planner.

DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder with the summer term coming up that all children are encouraged to carry water bottles with them in class. A common sense approach and one we will remind all children throughout the term! Your support with this is much appreciated in the form of naming drink bottles and providing them! We encourage all children to drink water regularly throughout the school day.

PARK SAFELY AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

This term our school is participating in Auckland Transport’s ‘Safety at the School Gate’ programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is ‘zero tolerance’ - there will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone’s driveway - or for any other vehicle safety offence. This includes driving into the school car parks or Dental Clinic and neighbours driveways. Please note – park on the street if coming into school, not inside the school drive or car parks at all. Thank you!

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed. Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

Please **do not** call your child to cross the road before or after school to where you are parked. There are pedestrian crossings at either end of the school. Encourage your child to use them!

PERIOD 6/PASSION PURSUITS

Our Extra-Curricular Activities, offered by staff, operate during Period 6 (from 3.15-4.15pm) on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. In the past staff have offered various clubs such as Chess, Cooking, Art, Sewing and Crafts, Maker Spaces, E4S, Homework Club, Khan Academy, Digital Club, Gardening, and Horticulture for students to take part in.

The school wide activities of choir, bands, cultural groups (Te Manu Ka Rewa, Samoan, Tongan, Indian etc) and Zone sports teams training will also happen in a Period 6 in addition to any other practices that may be scheduled. Students will be given a permission slip for parents/caregivers to sign in order to attend any Period 6 they take part in. Without signed permission students will not be able to attend.

HOME STUDY/HOMEWORK

Our stand on home study is that it is useful and helps develop good work habits but can also be a contentious and emotional issue, that can cause much conflict in the home and at school. There is always a wide range of views on the subject with some parents wanting more and others wanting less.

We believe that home study at this level gives students practice at managing their time to do some self-directed learning and therefore, encourage the importance of reading. Reading is crucial in all areas of life. Our children need to learn to read for sustained periods (at least 15 minutes at a time) – so if your child says’ “I don’t have any homework”” hand him/her a good book!

We have an After School “Home Study Club” every afternoon from 3.15pm-4.15 pm except Friday, and 1.45-4.15pm Tuesdays, in the Library as well as the ICT Lab which is open for students to use the computers. The Library is also open before school, at all break times and until 4.15pm after school every afternoon. Any student is welcome to attend! Encourage your child to do so if they find doing work at home is difficult.

STUDENT AND WHĀNAU SUPPORT

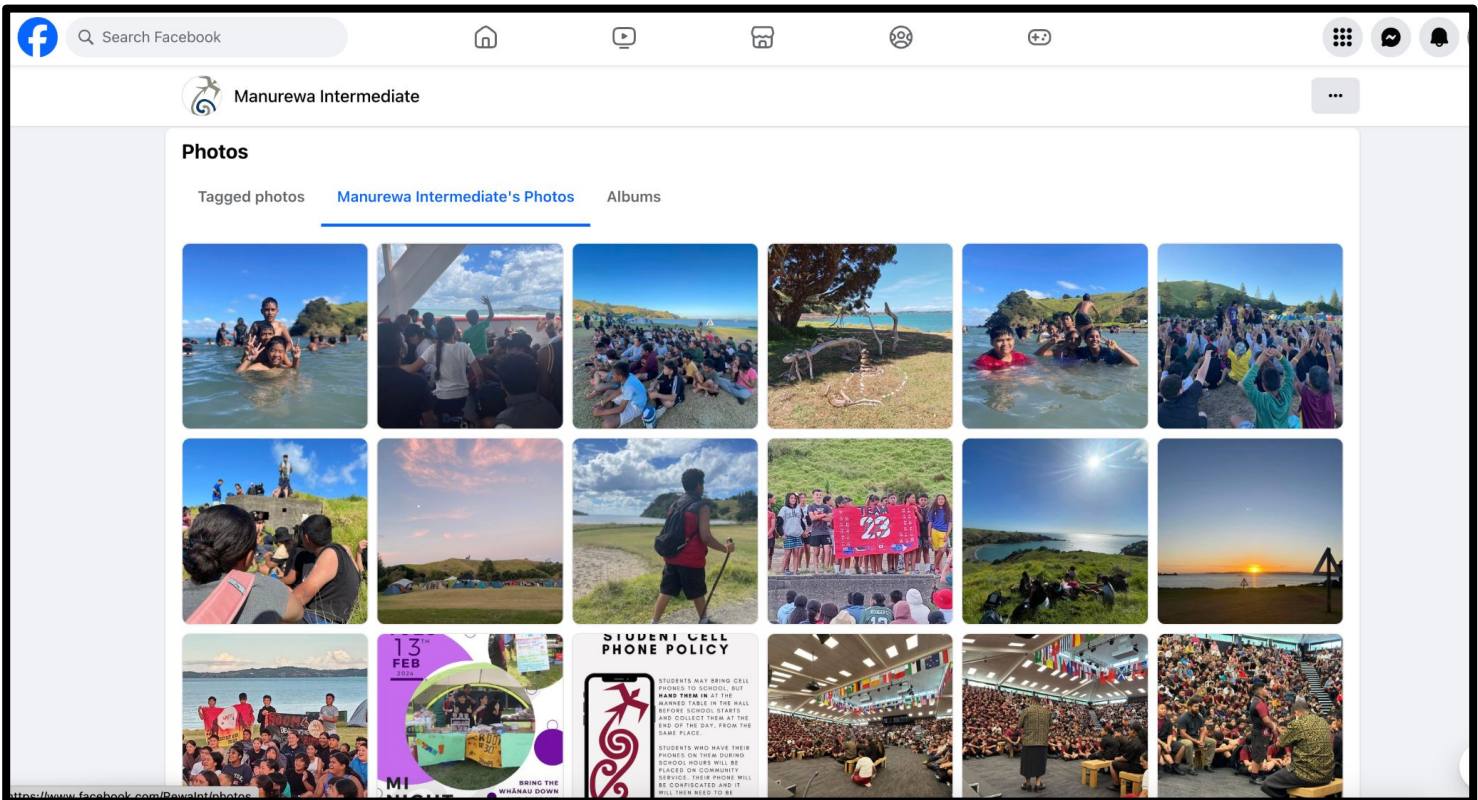
We are very lucky to have the services of our very own full time SWiS. Their roles are fully funded by the school and are here to support students and whānau (to some degree). Please refer to the flier which follows for more information.



**HAVE YOU LIKED AND FOLLOWED
THE MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE
FACEBOOK PAGE?
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH NOTICES,
LEARNING AND CELEBRATIONS
ON OUR FB PAGE!**



**ALSO, CHECK OUT OUR OFFICIAL
TIKTOK PAGE, TOO!
@MI.TIKTOK.OFFICIAL**



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



9 Hot Tips for Maintaining a Successful Relationship With Your Device: *"Love it like you paid for it!"*

Tips for looking after your device in class...

- 1) Know your laptop number! If you grab a random device: how do you know yours is safe?
- 2) Why are you smashing those keys? Because you are playing games? Be nice to your keyboard and work on tasks that the teacher has set for you!
- 3) Two hands please! Hold your device properly and carry it like you own it!
- 4) Keep your device off the floor! Big feet can do big damage. Simple!
- 5) Finally, log out and plug it back in! The device needs electricity to work!



Tips for learning with a device in class...

- 1) Use the device for something that you couldn't do with a pen, paper and a library book: otherwise, what's the point?
- 2) If you are not finding the info you need on Google: change your search terms. A search engine is only as good as your questions!
- 3) Use reliable sources of information! Double check your facts across multiple websites!
- 4) Remember that domain names like .org or .govt are a good place to start your research, before branching out to other sources of information.

PARENT/CAREGIVER AWARENESS



SOCIAL MEDIA



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AS A PARENT, YOU SHOULD BE IN CONTROL OF HOW YOUR CHILD USES THEIR DEVICES

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IT IS NOT THE SCHOOLS RESPONSIBILITY TO SOLVE SOCIAL MEDIA PROBLEMS

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YOUR CHILD IS UNDERAGE AND SHOULD NOT BE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS



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OR WITH PARENTAL AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SOME CAN BE ACCESSED AT AN EARLIER AGE.

MI PASTORAL/HAUORA CONTACTS

SCHOOL PH: 09 2668268

NEED SOME SUPPORT AROUND:

- Your own child's wellbeing?
- Your own wellbeing?
- Your whānau wellbeing?
- A food parcel?
- Other domestic issues?

CONTACT ANYONE FROM THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

- Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care – Junior Peilua
Email: juniorp@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3095
- Deputy Principal: Student Focus – Rita Brooking
Email: rita@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3040
- Social Worker – Shalene Hudson
Email: shaleneh@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3043
- Social Worker – Kalo Kaifa
Email: socialworker@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3043
- Community Engagement Coordinator/Poutoko Hapori –
Lois Hawley–Simmonds
Email: loishs@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3042

THE MANA CLINIC:

- Nurse – Paula Whyte
Email: paulaw@tehononga.org.nz | Ph: 0221394769

PRINCIPAL

- Iain Taylor
Email: iain@manurewaint.school.nz | Ph Ext: 3087

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY



STUDENTS MAY BRING CELL PHONES TO SCHOOL, BUT **HAND THEM IN** AT THE MANNED TABLE IN THE HALL BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AND COLLECT THEM AT THE END OF THE DAY, FROM THE SAME PLACE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR PHONES ON THEM DURING SCHOOL HOURS WILL BE PLACED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEIR PHONE WILL BE CONFISCATED AND IT WILL THEN NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY A PARENT/CAREGIVER.

WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR STOLEN OR LOST PHONES IF THEY DO NOT FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE ROUTINE.



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE VAPING RULES

Vape devices are strictly prohibited on school grounds, and under no circumstances should they be brought onto the premises. It is illegal in New Zealand for any person(s) under the age of 18 to engage in vaping. Any student(s) found in possession of a vape and/or vaping on school grounds will be dealt with accordingly by the DP: Pastoral Care.

The school will arrange a meeting with the student's whānau to discuss the situation. Additionally, the student(s) will face an immediate 'stand down' period of two school days for the first offense during the term. In the event of a second offense within the same term, the student(s) will be subject to a three-day stand down period. If the same student(s) is caught with a vape and/or vaping for a third time during the term, they will be stood down pending a Board hearing.

We take this matter very seriously, as the health and well-being of our students are our top priority. It is crucial that we maintain a safe and healthy environment on school grounds and abide by the laws and regulations regarding vaping.

Please note that this policy is in effect to ensure the safety and welfare of all students, and we appreciate your cooperation in upholding these guidelines. Let us work together to promote a positive and responsible learning environment for everyone.

NO VAPING or BRINGING A VAPE AT MI!

On Whānau Day at the beginning of the school year Mr Taylor shared with the students and whānau Manurewa Intermediate's No Vaping policy. We have included it in this newsletter to act as a reminder that we take this VERY seriously.

Please read this flyer and understand the consequences that we have in place AND will enforce if students have bought a vape to school or are found vaping.

Thank you for your support with this!

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

PLEASE DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD ACROSS THE ROAD AT THE END OF THE DAY. WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY!

IF WE ARE OUT ON THE FRONT GATE AND WE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTEAD OF RUNNING ACROSS THE ROAD TO GET TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. WE ARE LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING!

YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY AT SCHOOL ALL DAY!

PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT YOUR CHILD TO BE LET OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY AT SCHOOL THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY.

PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED IF WE ASK THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD RELEASED EARLY. COMING TO GET THEM BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY IMPACTS NEGATIVELY ON YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Immunise against Meningococcal Disease

Don't wait – talk to your doctor or nurse

Meningococcal disease can affect anyone.

Babies, children under 5-years-old, teenagers and young adults are at greater risk.

Meningococcal disease is very serious. Get your child immunised.

Talk to your doctor or nurse – even if your child has previously been immunised for meningococcal disease.

For more information about meningococcal immunisation

Call **0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)** or check the following websites:

www.immune.org.nz or www.health.govt.nz/dontwait



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Be protected against Meningococcal disease

Meningococcal disease is a dangerous illness that can kill or cause serious disability. The best way to protect against the disease is to be vaccinated with both the MenB and the MenACWY vaccines.



Penina Trust

Our people. our pearls

Empowering Pacific Community Wellness

FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AUCKLAND

Housing

In response to the huge and growing demand for culturally appropriate, affordable, and accessible housing for Pacific people in South Auckland, Penina committed to becoming a social housing provider in 2016, and became the first Pacific Housing Provider in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Approximately one third of NZ's Pasifika community of 330,000 reside in South Auckland, with large concentrations in connected suburbs and there is specific demand for culturally appropriate, affordable, and accessible housing for Pacific people in South Auckland.

Penina's initial focus was the transitional housing space, and since 2016 has extended into social housing, now having its own developments completed and housing families in a number of suburbs throughout South Auckland.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

It is always a priority for Penina to ensure that our clients see their culture and what matters to them reflected in the care and support services they receive.

All of our Mental Health and Wellbeing services are designed with our communities needs in mind.

We work with individuals, families and community groups across a broad range of areas where our communities experience mental health and addiction challenges.

These challenges can require short term support, mentoring or peer support. Some may require longer term interventions and more clinical experience when we need to support more complex challenges. All of our services are delivered by our experienced, skilled and culturally focused team.



Mana Clinic

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ANOUNCEMENT !

MANA KIDS CLINIC @
MANUREWA
INTERMEDIATE

Nurse Paula is
here to help!

- ✓ Got a sore throat?
- ✓ Skin infection that won't go away?
- ✓ Need antibiotics but don't want to wait for the doctor?

Call or Text
Paula:

022 139 4769
0800 658 326
(Free)

Open during holidays too!.

You don't need to
see your GP —
Nurse Paula can
help right here
at school!



MANUREWA MONTHLY

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TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES
INTO YOUR LIFE & YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS



YOUR TIME, YOUR WORDS, YOUR PRESENCE



EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF



REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS
THAT GIVE YOU JOY



I have received and read Newsletter Issue 07/2025

SIGNED: _____ Parent of _____ Room: _____

Whānau, please circle which whānau your child is in and return this to your child's teacher for your child to gain \$10 MI Money.

