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:	
, ,	, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Taloha, o Ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Salam, Mauri ora!
TERM F	OUR VALUES:
Tolerance, Tr	ust, Creativity &
Innova	ation, 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.

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PUBLICATION DATES:

TERM	WEEK	ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE
	1	01	Monday 3 February
TERM 1	5	02	Wednesday 5 March
	10	03	Wednesday 9 April
TERM 2	5	04	Wednesday 28 May
	9	05	Wednesday 25 June
TEDA 4.2	5	06	Wednesday 13 August
TERM 3	10	07	Wednesday 17 September
TERM 4	5	08	Wednesday 5 November
	10	09	Friday 12 December

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In our ngahere lives the tūī, a bird known for its beautiful white throat feather and its many voices. But the tūī was not always confident in its song. At first, his notes were clumsy and uncertain, and other birds laughed. With guidance from Tāne-mahuta, the guardian of the forest, the tūī learnt to listen carefully, to practise patiently, and to keep trying even when he failed. Over time, he wove together the sounds of the awa, the wind, and the calls of other birds into a melody that was uniquely his own. His waiata became a symbol that learning is not instant, but grows stronger through practise, resilience, and support.

This journey of the tūī reflects the learning path of our tamariki. Mistakes are part of the music, and each learner carries the potential to develop their own voice when given time, guidance, and encouragement. Across the Pacific, pūrākau share this same message. Māui's trials to gain fire, Hina's journey to the moon, and the navigators who read the waves all remind us that learning takes courage, persistence, and listening to those who came before.

As a school community, we celebrate our students journey: one that is shaped by curiosity, challenge, and connection. Just as the tūī's song grew rich from the voices of the forest, our tamariki grow when surrounded by whānau, teachers, and peers who believe in their unique gifts.

"Mā te rongo, ka mōhio; mā te mōhio, ka mārama; mā te mārama, ka mātau; mā te mātau, ka ora."

Through listening comes knowledge; through knowledge comes understanding; through understanding comes wisdom; through wisdom comes wellbeing.

Rogert

Rangi Ropati

Deputy Principal: Professional Learning Leader

Tawa Whānau Leader



WHO'S ON ASSEMBLY

TERM 4

Week 5 - Friday 7th November - Room 12 Week 6 - Friday 14th November - Room 11 Week 7 Friday 21st November - Room 24 Week 8 Friday 28th November - Room 77 Week 9 Friday 5th December - Room 9

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 <u>at</u> school, <u>on</u> time, <u>every</u> 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
5	Nov	3			Newsletter 8 out today Period 5: Whole School Spelling Bee Competition	R12	R75	
6		10		Mon 10: Tues 11: Wed 12: Thu 13: Fri 14: - 4	Ipm to 6:30pm: MI Night Markets (No School Singing today)	R11	R77	
7		17		5000 E2040 VE	Spm to 8:30pm: MI Cultural Performance Night NI day: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Dose 2 (Hall out)	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:	Spm: MI Sports Awards	R9 + Prize Giving Practice	PC Council	
10		8	8 Mon Tues 9 Wed 10 Thurs Fri	Wed 10: MC - N Thu 11: MC - 8 Fri 12: PF	Spm to 9pm: Year 8 Graduation ODULE 9 - MI EXPERIENCE MI Whānau Fun Day ODULE 10 STARTS - MI ACHIEVEMENT Sam to 8pm: Student Involved Conferences RIZE 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	Prize Giving	NIL	

AFFIRMATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students are having their birthday, up to the next newsletter on Friday 12th December 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.



November Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Klein
Beverly
Jamie
Cassino
Jane
Marsel
Kloe
Rithvik
Karlo
Indi-Rose
Caleb
l'ree
Denzel
Aukusitino

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Wesley
Ma'afu
Osallyen
Alofa
Danny
Abigail
Solomon
Yaashvi
Rommel
Jandrei
Vanisha
Eliana
Nicole

Paige	Riley
Lexus	Lu"isa
Micah	Jodan
Shivansh	Jayda-Cherie
Dani	Pono
Etonia	Tyrel
Fillip	Rabia
Brooklyn	Lole
Ellenlina	Krishant
Rhema	Josh
Tokilupe	Praveesh
Emmanuel	Armahny
James	Gia
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Inara Roguen Viliami Naite Mivaya Kashmia Varnoor Arnav Bentley Izaiah

✓ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jehonathan Khaedin

December Birthdays HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Mansi	Tongatu	Layton	William	Aki
Maziah	Aubree-Jene	Benedick	Solomona	Vanilla-May
Kean	Wyatt	Lopeti	Evellyn-May	Ahurei
Xavier	Shreya	Avan	Derron	Alopa
Joash	Davis	Josiah	Crystal	Ibraheem
Oceania	Shamara	Kirimangu	Caylin	Joseph
Leaia	Shania	Aamira	Trevahn	Neilam
Nephi	Lilly	Sasha-Rose	Sophia	Timothy
Moe	Grayson	Vai	Junior	Jaidyn

CONGRATULATIONS ROOM 69



28 October 2025 Mr Rodriguez Room 69 Manurewa Intermediate School

Dear Mr. Rodriguez and the wonderful students of Manurewa Intermediate,

On behalf of the team at Manurewa Police Station, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your recent visit. It was a genuine pleasure to host you and share a glimpse into the work we do in our community.

Your presence brought great energy to our station, and the sweet treats you kindly brought along were a delightful surprise—thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. It's always inspiring to see young people engaged and curious about the world around them, and your visit reminded us of the importance of building strong, positive relationships with our local schools.

We hope you enjoyed the experience and left with a better understanding of our role in keeping the community safe. Please know that you are always welcome.

Yours sincerely

Adam Pyne

Area Commander

Manurewa Police Station

Counties Manukau District

CLASS REPORTS







BY LIAHN



OUR INTRODUCTION!!

From Survival Camp to Athletics Day, this year has kicked off awesomely. Room 4 has been learning a lot in their core subjects. Mathex, Speeches, Narrative Writing, and the Spelling Bee. This year has been jam-packed with exciting events that students always look forward to, and we're so thrilled to be sharing our journey with you!

HOW HAS ROOM 4 BEEN?

For our Module 6, United Nations, our class chose the beautiful country of Egypt. Our story was about Hatshepsut and how she led Egypt to success and fairness, becoming the first female pharaoh to rule all of Egypt. This story showed us that regardless of your background and who you are, you can always strive to be your best, to be the best leader that you can be.

Room 4 has had a lot on its plate over the past two terms, with plenty more to come for the remainder of Term 4. We're hoping to finish the year with a bang while also farewelling our Year 8s.



STUDENT VOICE!:

Liahn: Honestly, our class is such a vibe. Coming to school knowing i have a really cool class, makes me excited. Although, I'm thrilled for what Manurewa High has to offer for me!

Diamond: I
enjoy hanging
out with the
girls in our
class, and Miss
Gielink. I love
my knew class!

Shanvi: I love how my class is always joyful, and the vibes everyone brings. I'll be missing my Yr 8 friends next year when they leave.

Princeton: One of the most memorable memories I have with Room 4 was our class marae stay, even though we got not free time.

Daniel: In my opinion, Room 4 is filled with a bunch of hard working students, i'm going to miss this class and everything about it. I'm excited to be going to Manurewa High.

KAURI WHANAU 2025







HAVE A LOOKSIE 10





















HARRY POTTER AND THE WOVEN TIDES

EXPLORING MAGIC, CULTURE AND LITERACY

In Room 3, we're always looking for ways to engage in reading and writing while connecting learning to our world and culture. We have been delving into the story of Harry Potter and the Woven Tides, a tale that blends magic with Māori and Pasifika culture, offering important life lessons.

The story follows Albus Potter, his siblings and friends as they journey to Aotearoa to learn from Matua Rangi, a wise teacher whose woven cloak holds stories and magic. As the students encounter taniwha, magical hooks and the shimmering lagoon, they explore themes of respect, unity and belonging. This unit also relates to some of the barriers that hinder us from being our best as a class.

We mixed reading, writing, hands-on projects and cultural learning. We stepped into the characters' shoes, used our imagination to picture the scenes and learnt about literary devices such as imagery and symbolism. We created flax weavings and cloak designs to explore themes of unity and teamwork. By learning about taniwha, tīpuna and karakia, we built respect for Māori and Pasifika culture. Combining fantasy and culture helped us grow as readers, creators and storytellers.

We're proud of how we've explored magical worlds while connecting them to our own lives. This is literacy in action: imaginative, cultural and deeply engaging.



ROOM 14

This year, we took part in our school's UN Show, and Room 14 had the amazing opportunity to create a performance based on our chosen country, South Africa. Through this experience, we learnt about the country's rich culture, vibrant traditions, and the warmth of its people. The students explored South African music, dance, and everyday life, bringing all those elements together in a lively and colourful performance that truly celebrated the spirit of South Africa.



Love, rhythm, Flavour! "My favourite part about UN Show was getting to do it with my class" - Judah Wilson

"UN Show was so much fun especially performing in front of my family and friends" - Sulieti Vea



Ye! Ye! Ye!











Come get your Pap here!

"I was so nervous about performing in front of people but when I got onstage it was the best feeling!" - Riley Mata'afa

"UN Show was an experience I will never forget, especially our final song. That was special" - Lopeti Pome'e



Its ubuntu bro!



Who are we? South Africa!

"Im grateful to share the stage with my class. This is a moment we will never get to live ever again" - Kezia Peilua





THE GRACIES INSIDE ROOM 52

During the MI Self, MI Peers module, Room 62 took on a fun and reflective challenge, discovering which fictional character best represents each of us! The activity began with the question:

"If school became virtual, who would be your avatar?"

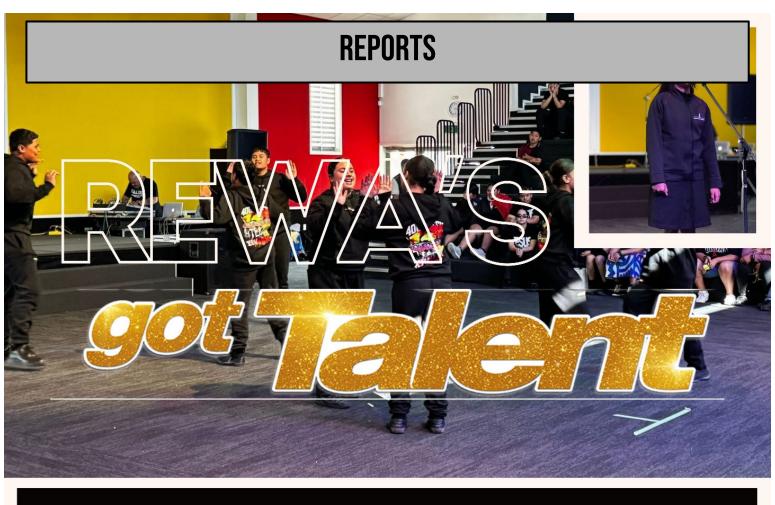
Students explored different characters from movies, books, and games, looking for someone who shared similar personalities, values, and strengths. Some chose heroes known for their bravery, others picked creative or caring characters, and a few even chose funny sidekicks who know how to brighten the day!

Through discussions and creative writing, students explained why they connected with their chosen characters and what these traits say about who they are as learners and friends. The classroom buzzed with excitement (and a few laughs) as students shared their avatars — from classic Disney favourites to modern gaming icons.

The activity encouraged self-awareness, empathy, and creativity helping students see that, just as their characters do, they each bring something unique and powerful to Room 62.

We can't wait to see how these avatars inspire their learning journeys this term!





Our highly anticipated annual event, REWAS GOT TALENT, happened on Friday 19 September. The energy was electric, the talent was immense, and the show was a successful and fun event with entertainment from start to finish.

The stage was set for our impressive eight finalists, who poured their hearts and souls into their final performances, making the judges' job incredibly difficult. We were honoured to host a fantastic panel of special guest judges this year: General Fiyah, Taylah Johnson, Charliee Pomee and JP Foliaki.

We were also treated to two phenomenal performances! Our very own 728 hip hop dance crew brought the house down with their sharp, synchronised moves. But the real showstopper came from our crowd favourite: the MI Staff, who took to the stage to dance for us.



A massive congratulations to all our winners, who demonstrated incredible dedication and talent:

First Place: Ghen!

Second Place: Team XIV Third Place: First Borns

Thank you to every performer, every judge, our dedicated staff, and the wonderful audience for making this year's REWAS GOT TALENT an unforgettable success!



An awesome day out for our girls Restricted and Opens rugby league teams. All girls showed great sportsmanship, determination and teamwork throughout the whole tournament. With results not going our way and injuries playing a pivotal role in both finals. The girls showed great resilience and stuck together right to the last hooter. Below are the scores from throughout the tournament.

OPENS

Pt England	10 - 1	Win
Royal Oak	10-5	Win
Kedgley	10 - 5	Win
Glen Eden	10 - 1	Loss

RESTRICTED

Kedgley	2 - 11	Loss
Henderson	9 - 1	Win
Kedgley	44 - 4	Win

NATURE CLUB VISITS PUHINUI RESERVE



On the 16th September, 52 kids from Nature Club were off on another adventure - back to Puhinui Reserve, which we look after each term.

On this adventure we were caring for the native trees that we planted last term by pulling out long grass that was growing over them.





In Term 4 we will celebrate 3 years of being Puhinui Reserve Kaitiaki. Auckland Council are going to shout our kids a BBQ Party! Our school is outstanding in our commitment to this programme! This will also be our 11th trip to the reserve, WOW!



BOYS BASKETBALL

MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE US COUNTIES MANUKAU



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THE GARDENS
RAMARAMA
GREEN MEADOWS
PUKEKOHE

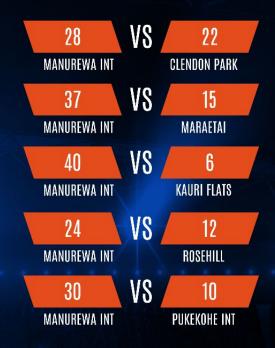
CLENDON PARK

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On Tuesday 15 October, nine boys represented our school at the Counties Zone Basketbal Tournament. We played strong all day, staying undefeated until a close four-point loss to Clendon Park in the final. We're proud of our teamwork and effort. Thank you to Mr E and our whanau for their awesome support!

ZONES & AUCKLAND CHAMPS

In Week I of Term 4, our Girls' Basketball team participated in the Counties Manukau Zone Competition. The girls had a big start to the day, matching up with their toughest components - Clendon Park. We were down at the half but the team pulled out a lot of fight and came away with a 28-22 win. The rest of the day was much of the same, coming out undefeated and qualifying for the Auckland Champion of Champions.



A couple of weeks later, the girls ventured to the North Shore to compete in the Auckland-wide Championships. Again, the girls made a great start to the day with a win against Glen Eden.

Unfortunately we went down to a very tidy Marist team in Game 2, but bounced back against Sancta Maria in Game 3. Our semi-final was tough! We just held on, after Murray's Bay missed a free throw after the buzzer to tie up the game and take us to OT.

Marist were far too strong in the final, taking us down convincingly. We are very proud of the teams efforts - second in Auckland is something to be very proud of! Thank you to Mr P for all of his effort coaching the team this season.



ZONES & AUCKLAND CHAMPS











MI ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday 15th October we held our whole-school Athletics Day Whānau Competition, and for the first time ever, the event took place right here on our school grounds!

While hosting it on-site meant a few creative adjustments due to space, the day ran smoothly and was an incredible success. Students took part in a range of classic track and field events, including Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Static Jump, 100m Sprint, and the crowd-favourite 50m Sack Race.





The atmosphere throughout the day was electric, with cheers echoing across the field as students pushed themselves and encouraged their team mates. Everyone represented their Whānau Colours with pride.

It was a fantastic celebration of participation, effort and school spirit, well done to all our athletes and supporters who made the day one to remember!

KAURI **1st** RIMU 2nd TAWA 3rd

KOWHAI **4th**

COUNTIES ZONE VOICES ZONE SOLUTION OF THE STREET OF THE

what an incredible day of volleyball for our girls! They faced some tough competition and rose to the challenge with determination and heart. Throughout the day, the team played with great energy, focus, and teamwork, showing real commitment in every set. Their positive attitude and strong sportsmanship shone just as brightly as their impressive serves, digs, and spikes. The girls represented our school proudly and handled every match, win or lose, with maturity and confidence. It was a fantastic experience that helped them grow both as athletes and as a team.

The girls finished 4th overall, but their effort, teamwork and determination were truly impressive. They gave their all in every game, supported each other on and off the court, and showed great focus and resilience. Their positive attitude and team spirit made the tournament a fantastic experience, and they should be proud of how they represented our school.



ball touches the floor



volleyball players for some reason



Results

MANUREWA INT 36	14 CLEVEDON
MANUREWA INT 28	13 GREENMEADOWS
MANUREWA INT 21	19 CLENDON PARK
MANUREWA INT 29	15 KAURI FLATS

POOL 1 SEMI-FINALS

MANUREWA INT 25 24 WAIMAHIA

POOL 1 FINALS

MANUREWA INT 13 18 CLENDON PARK

COUNTIES ZONE BOYS VOLLEYBALL



It was an awesome day of volleyball for our boys, going up against some really strong schools and playing some of their best games of the season.

They showed great teamwork, focus, and effort in every match, and it was awesome to see how much their skills have improved, especially in serving and defense.

The boys dominated their pool, winning all but one game to reach the playoffs. After a close semifinal loss by just one point, they bounced back strong to win their final match convincingly. In the end, the boys placed **3rd** overall in the Counties Zone Volleyball Tournament. It was an awesome effort from everyone and a great reflection of how far they've come as a team this year.

DOOL GAMES

PUUL	
MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 26	23 WAIMAHIA
MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 30	21 CONIFER
MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 24	17 KARAKA
MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 45	15 CLEVEDON
MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 21	22 ROSCOMMON

Semi-Finals

MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE 21 **22** GREENMEADOWS

THIRD AND FOURTH FINALS

MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE **20** 17 WAIMAHIA

COUNTIES ZONE

What an awesome day of competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship at the Counties Zone Touch Tournament! Our Manurewa Intermediate boys, girls, and mixed teams all showed outstanding effort, energy, and determination throughout the rounds.

From the first whistle, our players brought intensity to every game, running hard, holding the line with mana and showing great communication on the field. The weather held up perfectly, and the spirit across all schools made for an exciting day of fast-paced touch. A huge mihi to our coaches, whānau supporters, and referees for helping make the day run smoothly. It was awesome seeing our students represent MI with pride and uphold our school values both on and off the field.

Below is the breakdown of our games and scores.

Division	Round	Opponent	Result	Finals
Boys	1	Randwick Park	Win	
Boys	2	Karaka School	Win	1st Place
Boys	3	Greenmeadows Int	Win	
Girls	1	Randwick Park	Draw	
Girls	2	Karaka School	Win	2nd Place
Girls	3	Kauri Flats	Win	
Mixed	1	Rosehill Int	Win	
Mixed	2	ACG Strathallan	Win	1st Place
Mixed	3	Te Matauranga	Win	





BOYZZ MIGHT OUT

On Thursday 23rd October we hosted our annual Boys' Night Out, a special evening designed to strengthen the bonds between our male students and the important male role models in their lives.

Although attendance was a little smaller this year, likely due to the upcoming long weekend, those who came made the most of it. The weather held out for most of the evening, a little rain toward the end was just enough to cool things down after all the action.

Families rotated through three fun-filled activities , spending about 30 minutes at each station. The Nerf Wars in the hall was an instant favourite, with students and dads going head-to-head in friendly (and sometimes chaotic) battles. On the GOAT, groups gave Pickleball a go, a fast, easy-to-learn game that had plenty of laughter and competitive spirit. Out on the field, Flag Football brought energy and teamwork to the night, with everyone getting involved.

To wrap up the evening, we held a **raffle draw** with three awesome prizes up for grabs, adding a little extra excitement before everyone headed home.

A huge **thank you** to all the whānau who came along and supported their boys, and to the **MI male staff** who helped run activities and make the event such a success. Nights like this remind us of the power of connection, fun, and community at **MI**.













On Wednesday 22 October, our amazing female staff organised a spectacular event just for our girls, *Girls' Night Out!* The purpose of this evening was to create a special opportunity for our girls to relax and have fun with an important female in their lives. We had mums, aunties, nans, bonus mums, and older sisters galore join us for the night.

Activities included stunning Henna art from our talented staff and students, a lively Karaoke session that proved to be a hit with the adults, and exciting sports games that gave everyone a chance to show off their precision skills. The food rotation was another highlight, featuring popcorn, MI dogs, ice cream, and heaps of prizes.

Although the weather tried to dampen the turnout, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended! It was a fun-filled evening with smiles for miles. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make this event such a success and, of course, to our girls and their whānau for coming along and making it memorable.

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! Ilf 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!!

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 <u>do not</u> 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!



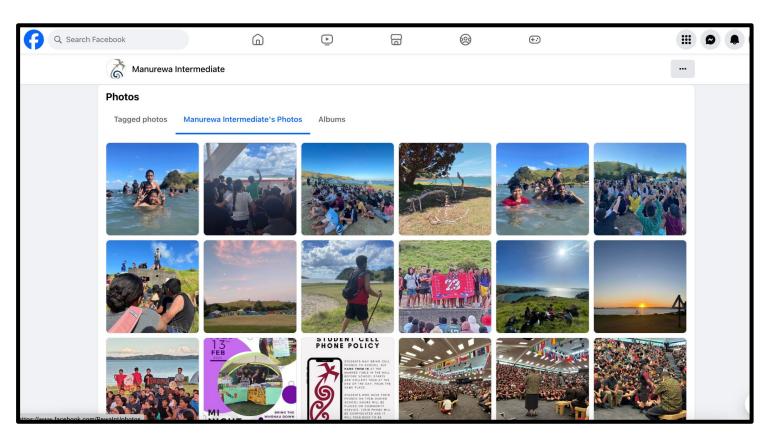
ALSO, CHECK OUT OUR OFFICIAL TIKTOK PAGE, TOO!

@MI.TIKTOK.OFFICIAL









MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



9 Hot Tips for Maintaining a Successful Relationship With Your Device:

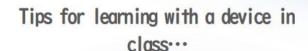
"Love it like you paid for it!"

Tips for looking after your device in class...





- I) 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!



- 1) Use the device for samething 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



- AS A PARENT, YOU SHOULD BE IN CONTROL OF HOW YOUR CHILD USES THEIR DEVICES
- TI IS NOT THE SCHOOLS RESPONSIBILITY TO SOLVE SOCIAL MEDIA PROBLEMS
- YOUR CHILD IS UNDERAGE AND SHOULD NOT BE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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: <u>juniorp@manurewaint.school.nz</u> | 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: <u>paulaw@tehononga.org.nz</u> | Ph: 0221394769

PRINCIPAL

Iain Taylor

Email: <u>iain@manurewaint.school.nz</u> | 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 OF BRINGING A VAPE AT M!

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!

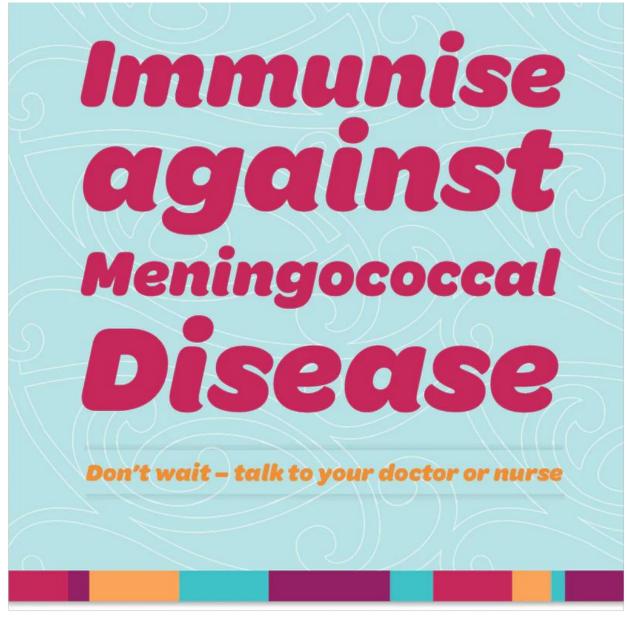
YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY AT SCHOOL ALL DAY!

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.

LIBRARY BOOKS

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST NOW BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. ANY LOST BOOKS ARE TO BE REPLACED OR PAID FOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RETURN OR REPLACE LOST BOOKS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND WHĀNAU FUN DAY.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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 orwww.health.govt.nz/dontwait



New Zealand Government



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.



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 NEWS





ANOUNCMENT!

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 Call or Text don't want to wait for the doctor?

pprox022 |39 4769 0800 658 326 (Free)

Paula:

Open during holidays too!.

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



Public transport services for 2026

Kia ora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026.

The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours.

Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead.

Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up. Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip. It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- Plan ahead for the busy season. If school buses are not an option for students, they
 can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that
 will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier
 than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get
 their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email **info@at.govt.nz**.

Have a great end of the year and summer break,

Auckland Transport



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QUIZ	
Can you find the answers	
Who travelled to the moon?	
What is happening on Wednesday, 19 th November?	
How many teams did the Boys Basketball team win against	
Finish this sentence "The energy was	
What was the Nature Club caring for?	
What food is missing from the Girls Night Out popcorn, ice-cream and?	
Which classes wrote reports in this newsletter, and which whānau are they in?	
Who did the boys' touch rugby team play against in the finals?	

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I have received and read Newsletter Issue 08/2025

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ZI(2 X F1),	Parent of	Room:

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







