

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!*

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TERM FOUR VALUES:

***Tolerance, Trust, Fun,
Creativity + Innovation***

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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
TERM 4	10	09	Friday 12 November

2026

TERM	WEEK	ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE
TERM 1	1	1	Monday 2 February
TERM 1	5	2	Thursday 5 March
TERM 1	9	3	Thursday 2 April
TERM 2	5	4	Thursday 21 May

NGĀ MIHI KI A KOUTOU KATOĀ!

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, it's important to take a moment to reflect and acknowledge the collective efforts of everyone who contributes to the life of our school. Manurewa Intermediate is a special place, and that's because of the people - parents, caregivers, staff, board members, and our wider community - who give so much of themselves to ensure the best outcomes for our tamariki.

To all parents and caregivers – thank you for taking an interest in your children and therefore in our school. Thank you for all the things you have been involved in to support your child throughout the year. In this day and age, everyone leads such busy lives, and we appreciate you giving up your precious time. We go out of our way to do what we believe is the right thing for your children, and your support, encouragement, suggestions, positive feedback, and involvement are appreciated and indeed wanted. We look forward to seeing you again for another successful year in 2026.

To the Board Members – thank you for your time, encouragement, commitment, and for allowing the staff to get on and do the job without petty interference - this is something many of us have seen occur in other schools, and it stops staff from doing anything of use for their kids. We appreciate your continued support.

The general community – those who have no direct ties to our school. The feedback and involvement from community members has been incredibly positive this year. Thank you for all you have contributed and we look forward to further building upon these bonds next year.

To all our staff – a great school needs staff who get involved in things, who create exciting and fun learning opportunities for our kids, and who do a job, whatever that may be, to enable things to happen. We are very fortunate here at Manurewa Intermediate School to continue to have a group of committed, talented, interested, and enthusiastic staff who are providing a wealth of opportunities and experiences for our kids. Thanks for giving up your time freely, as well as displaying great energy and focus. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

It is truly a privilege to work alongside such a passionate, dedicated, and supportive school community.

2026 promises to be an exciting and action-packed year for our tamariki. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your whānau a Meri Kirihimete, a safe and restful holiday, and a New Year filled with aroha.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd February 2026** for the first day of kura. This first day will be a special "Whānau Day," where whānau will have the opportunity to participate in activities, connect with kaiako, and spend time in class with your tamariki as we start the year together. We warmly welcome all whānau to come and join us on this day.

Nau mai, haere mai. We can't wait to see you all there!

Ngā mihi

Iain Taylor
Principal ONZM

HEI KONĀ!

To our Year 8 students...

Moving onto High School is such an exciting new chapter in your lives, but it can also be a time for a few nerves and some sadness. Many of you have been together since Primary School and are now heading off along different paths. You have been great representatives of Manurewa Intermediate School. We hope you continue to make all the right choices and follow our Keys to Success into your high school lives, and that you behave and interact as you have done here, even if expectations aren't the same. Most of all, we hope you can continue to be Adventurous Risk Takers and try new things. Don't forget to let us know how it all goes, as you are all very special to the staff here. We can't wait to have you back to visit us all at Night Markets at the start of next year.

To Staff Leaving...

This is also the time of year when we farewell staff, so we wish these leavers well and thank them for all the work they have done, and for the time and aroha they have put into the students over their varying amount of time here. Farewell and good luck to:

Whaea Ella, a much-loved member of our Humanities team who has contributed so much to our school over the years, in so many different ways. She has been a hugely influential figure in the success of our Volleyball teams, has been an anchor for many of our Filipino students in particular, and this year, was the leading force in the first ever Asian Fusion Cultural Group. Whaea Ella, thank you for all that you have given Manurewa Intermediate. Good luck at your new school; we will miss you dearly!

Mr Talbot, a key member of our Science team, school pianist, Choir leader, and so much more - your consistent passion and work ethic over the last two years have left a lasting impact on us all. Thank you for all of the energy you have brought to our place every day, and for providing our students with opportunities that they wouldn't have had otherwise. We will miss you and your bubbly attitude, and wish you all the best as you venture back to your whānau in the UK.

Whaea Crystal, a member of the Humanities and Learning Support Team over the last three years. Thank you for all you have done for our students. In particular, thank you for all of the pride you have brought to our Tongan Cultural Group - you have truly brought a new life to this. We wish you all the best for your next chapter at your new school!

Mr Singh, a new member to the team this year who brought extensive knowledge and expertise around Media, Videography and Photography. Thank you for offering our students valuable learning through your Media programme, and for all of the time you have put into helping us capture memorable moments through photo and video. Good luck for the future!

Miss I, a Learning Assistant who has been with us for the last two years. Thank you for all that you have contributed to school life, and for being a caring, supportive figure for our students. We know there are many students that will miss seeing your smiling face each day. All the best for your move to Australia!

Mr McCoy, joined us at the beginning of 2024, fresh off the plane and into a Humanities classroom. His kindness, passion, and patience have been valuable in his role over the last two years. We will definitely miss hearing all about your Bonsai trees and Muay Thai. We wish him all the best as he moves on to Pakuranga Intermediate.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau, ngā mātua, me ā tātou taura – ngā mihi mahana o te wā ki a koutou katoa!

As we come to the end of another incredible year at Manurewa Intermediate, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work, resilience, and aroha that has carried us through 2025. Today's Prize Giving was the perfect opportunity to celebrate just that; a morning filled with pride, celebration, and recognition of the amazing growth and achievements of our taura. Whether you were there with us in person or not, thank you for all that you have contributed, as whānau, to the Manurewa Intermediate community this year. Your support, presence, and encouragement continue to uplift our kura in the most meaningful ways. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Looking ahead, the team is already preparing for an exciting start to 2026. During yesterday's Student Involved Conferences, our Year 7 students received their invitations to **"Whānau Day"** on **Monday 2nd February 2026**, which marks the first day of our new school year. This day is all about connection and is a chance to meet, kōrero, and set the tone together for a positive and successful start to the school year. We encourage all of our whānau to come along and join us on this day!

We are also locked in for our first **MI Night Market** of 2026, taking place on **Wednesday 11th February from 4:00pm to 6:30pm**. Save the date now because you won't want to miss it! This event always brings our community together, alongside some incredible kai, and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

One of the most exciting developments for 2026 is the introduction of **MI Papakāinga**, our very own Rural Campus, to the Manurewa Intermediate curriculum. It has been a massive process getting this up to scratch and ready to go! We are nearly there though and are so excited to share this with you all. Throughout 2026, you'll start to see this kaupapa come to life as we develop new opportunities for our students to learn, connect, and thrive whilst spending time staying overnight at our new campus with their class and Form Teacher.

To finish up, I would like to thank you all again for your many contributions to life at Manurewa Intermediate. Our kura is a special place and this simply wouldn't be the case without all of the many people playing their part every day. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, with lots of joy, whānau time and, of course, kai!

For those returning next year, we look forward to welcoming you back in February for another awesome year!

Ngā mihi nui

T Clement

Tara Clement



2026 TERM DATES

	DATES	No of Weeks	Holidays/Others
TERM 1	Monday 2 nd February – Thursday 2 nd April	9	Monday 2 February – Day 1 Friday 6 February – Waitangi Day EASTER – in holidays starting Thursday 2 April (Good Friday: Friday 3 April)
TERM 2	Monday 20 th April – Friday 3 rd July	11	ANZAC DAY – Saturday 25 April Monday 27 April – ANZAC Day 'Holiday in lieu' Friday 29 May – Week 6: Staff Only Day Monday 1 June – Week 7: Kings Birthday Holiday
TERM 3	Monday 20 th July – Friday 25 th September	10	Friday 21 August – Week 5: Mid Term Break Monday 24 August – Week 6: Staff Only Day
TERM 4	Monday 12 th October – Friday 11 th December	9	Monday 26 October – Week 3: Labour Day
Total (Half Days)		39	

2027:

Auckland Anniversary Day: Monday 1 February
Day 1, Term 1: ALL Students: Wednesday 3 February
Waitangi Day: Saturday 6 February (Day in lieu Monday 8 February)

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.

AFFIRMATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*The following students are having their birthday over the next eight weeks, up to the next newsletter on Thursday 5th March 2026. **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...

Jane	Tyrel	Paige	Izaiah
Marsel	Alofa	Inara	Micah
Lu'isa	Danny	Roguen	Shivansh
Jordan	Abigail	Viliami	Praveesh
Jayda-Cherie	Klein	Naite	Dani
Kloe	Rabia	Mivaya	Armahny
Rithvik	Lole	Kashmia	Tuli
Karlo	Solomon	Caroline	Emmanuel
Wesley	Krishsant	Varnoor	James
Pono	Josh	Lexus	Etonia
Ma'afu	Jehonathan	Arnav	Eliana
Osallyen	Khaedin	Bentley	Fillip
Brooklyn	Tokilupe	Denzel	Jandrei
Ellenlina	Nicole	Gia	Vanisha
Rhema	I'ree	Jerry	

December Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Josiah	Ilasa	Crystal	Oj
Maynani	Davoni	Caylin	Neilavni
Khaqan	Vai	Elleina	Toff
Lucy	William	Saofai	Vanilla-May
Kirimangu	Maelega	Trevahn	Ahurei
Tony	Solomona	Sophia	Alopa
Aamira	Evellyn-May	Ethan	Prabhu
Sasha-Rose	Jamisyn	Junior	Ibraheem
Alice	Derron	Aki	Joseph
Maziah	Oceania	Wyatt	Charleqwa
Dallas	Sharmua	Shreya	Lilly
Kean	Oriana	Davis	Grayson
Edison	Nephi	Shamara	Tafoki
Xavier	Moe	Shania	Montana
Joash	Tongatu	Mason	Layton
Alexander	Aubree-Jene	Sosaia	Benedick
Lilly	Timothy	Finau	Nikayla
Avani	Jaidyn	Akaiti	Mansi
Neilam	Adam	Lopeti	
Immanuel	Isla	Avan	

January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Zeporah	Jerry	Teliana	Arnav
Samara-Lee	Robert	Aurel	Sakshamveer
Zaidul	Tiulipe	Aeshal	Iritana
Gina	Uzziel	Glasgow	Eudora
Nishita	Sione	Lucish	Soso'o
Miracle	Pelei	Nytrous	Imaaz
Torea	Aisea	Atonina	Poiti
Preston	JP	Farxiya	Kyrah-Lee
Fuka	Arana	Zahneisha	Ava
Marylynn	Sukhman	Levi	Antonio
Jethmi	Kyla	Tahana-Marie	Darius
Kymanii	Hemeleta	Jacinta-Segia	Jahayliah
Theos	Michelle	Paihera	Daniel
Lehqwunhz-Jhade	Malakai	Avery	Hedaznee
Khaleel	Sanvi	Charlie	Eric
Hanleyanna	Emelio	Jayden	Diamond
Jayden	Manaia	Taylor	Noah
Seti	Whareparoa	Ciarah	Jessica
Gabriella	Ayaan	Exodus	Haven
Alzarae	Liam	William	
Jesstelle	Cee-Ivy	Francois	
Kaynohs	Ameerah	Shanaya	

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lissa	Zynaia	Israel	Tavita
Lance	Perez	Aqil	Jireh
Naylah	Filipo	Pilitaiti	Mele
Noah	Laupepa	Lathaniel	Nive
Vegetta	Keysha	Crystal	Sloan
Chris	Patience	Ashley	Layli
Summer	Izzabelle	Seira	Rukia
Hinemoa	Aellena	Wade	Kiani
Connar	Khloe	Tristan	Kyra
Reeha	Madison	Anton	Meliame
Jessie	Noah	Alisi	Hazel
Tiger	Maggie	Andre	Roimata
Afizah	Princeton	Jenny	Christian
Arisha	Leilani	Aubryanah	Lia-Larena
Tiavare	Noah	Olivia	
Mohamud	TJ	Enilose	
Ariki	Lee-Brian	Solomon	

March Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Tezley	SJ	Moki	Nur
Alizaya	Evander	Faulua	Tyson
John	Mikayla	William	

2025 PRIZE GIVING AWARDS - CONGRATS!

As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, this morning we had our school Prize Giving ceremony and it was an incredibly special time to be able to celebrate the achievement of many of our students. It is always unfortunate that not all students can receive a prize as we know that every student at Manurewa Intermediate deserves one for something they have achieved. We congratulate all of those achievements, but especially the ones in the following lists:

CLASS AWARDS			
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT FOR PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT			
ROOM	NAME	ROOM	NAME
3	Wesley Matuu	28	Avi Patel
4	Daniel Manulua	29	Semalama Toafa
5	Amelia Brown	30	Shyla-Flynn Upoko-Rudolph
9	Otepa-Lily Hall Tuakana	32	Ayaan Prasad
11	Paige Ryfle	33	Kevin Ratahi
12	Lehqwunhz-Jhade Campbell-Bourne	34	Luca Sue
13	Khloe Henry-Moala	62	Anahera Kohai-Lawson
14	Judah Wilson	67	Farhan Ali
15	Mele Wilson-Toki	69	Krystal Taua
19	Malia Moa	70	Anthony Tran
20	San Phuitu	71	Avleen Prasad
22	Marcus Vineula Tinei	73	Aliazer Wade
23	Ellayna Nathan	75	Seira Lemoe
24	Arisha Khan	77	Alofa Lio
25	Shania Peters	78	Ahurei Heremia-Tito
26	Pritisha Dass	79	Charlee Mizziebo
27	Sukhman Kaur		

YEAR 7 SUBJECT AWARDS		
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT FOR PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT / OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT		
SPECIALIST AREA	NAME - MOU MAGIC	NAME - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
HUMANITIES	Room 28 - Mariah Henry	Room 33 - Payton Timoti-Simmonds
MATH	Room 15 - Nwasllm Kei	Room 33 - Payton Timoti-Simmonds
SCIENCE	Room 71 - Kate McKinnell	Room 23 - Inara Hadland
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 34 - Izzabelle Gwynne	Room 14 - Vaimohea Po'ese
ART	Room 4 - Lasa Luau	Room 13 - Vivian Tran
MUSIC	Room 71 - Kate McKinnell	Room 14 - Lamapa Ale
PERFORMING ARTS	Room 25 - Jeary Etuale	Room 32 - Blaine Coulson-Absolum
COOKING	Room 14 - Lilly Hudson	Room 67 - Ada Peilua
LANGUAGES	Room 70 - Lavinia Vaki	Room 28 - Letroyoden Oaariki
X-PLO TECH	Room 34 - Te Pono Rosieur	Room 67 - Ada Peilua
DIGI COMP	Room 3 - Avya Bhan	Room 78 - Cruize McIlroy Van Nes
SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE	Room 26 - Devontay Hei Hei	Room 67 - Ada Peilua
ESOL - KURA REO	Room 11 - Isabelle Faingataa	

YEAR 8 SUBJECT AWARDS		
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT FOR PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT / OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT		
SPECIALIST AREA	NAME - MOU MAGIC	NAME - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
HUMANITIES	Room 29 - Glasgow Koia	Room 29 - Shivansh Sharan
MATH	Room 27 - Sukhman Kaur	Room 29 - Shivansh Sharan
SCIENCE	Room 14 - Lavaniah Pesamino	Room 29 - Rishi Kumar
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 33 - Nora Duah	Room 14 - Kingston-Lee Lisione
ART	Room 14 - Lavaniah Pesamino	Room 73 - Aliazer Wade
MUSIC	Room 5 - Ezra Lemusu	Room 78 - Isyss Osman
PERFORMING ARTS	Room 15 - Debra Tionisio	Room 67 - Harlyn Kaihau
COOKING	Room 14 - Kezia Peilua	Room 12 - Lehqwunhz-Jhade Campbell-Bourne
LANGUAGES	Room 14 - Kyla Moon	Room 29 - Glasgow Koia
X-PLO TECH	Room 67 - Paige Rapata	Room 3 - Peishyntz Te Haara
DIGI COMP	Room 27 - Sanvi Sen	Room 29 - Pratik Dass
SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE	Room 3 - Theos Hopa	Room 24 - Natahlia Flay
ESOL - KURA REO	Room 20 - Thanh (Chuc) Luong	

2025 PRIZE GIVING AWARDS - CONGRATS!

CULTURAL AWARDS ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT AND EFFORT

Kapa Haka Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 22 - Bernadine Fekau
Samoan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 24 - Margaret Bureta
Tongan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 26 - Katalina Kinikini
Tauturu Cook Island Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 32 - Michelle Hanipale
Fijian Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 14 - Seti Pomale Time
Choir Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 23 - Leaia Sharmua Taitasi
Hip Hop Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 78 - Ahurei Heremia-Tito
Indian Lata Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 70 - Afizah Dean
Niuean Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 67 - Maybel Fasitao
MI Dancer of the Year Award	Room 69 - Krystal Taua
MI Musician of the Year Award	Room 62 - Benjamin Tak

SCHOOL SENATE AWARDS ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT AND EFFORT

Room 78 - Ahurei Heremia-Tito	Room 67 - Nesalia Sautia
Room 14 - Kezia Peilua	Room 34 - Tai Lofolua
Room 33 - Boss Cutts	Room 23 - Harrison Phillips
Room 29 - Telesia Simo'o	Room 33 - Nora Duah
Room 26 - Katalina Kinikini	Room 73 - Lee-Brian Paratene

SCHOOL AWARDS ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT AND EFFORT

Manurewa Intermediate Mathex Champions	Room 23 - Yash Rana, Muhammad Faizul Anwar, Arisha Singh, Diyan Patel
Manurewa Intermediate Spelling Bee Champion	Room 5 - Jayden Uelese
Manurewa Intermediate Speech Trophy Winner	Room 24 - Araisa Pesamino
Manurewa Intermediate MI-SCI Winners	Tawa Whānau: Room 14 - Lavaniah Pesamino, Room 26 - Mark Hiku-Mahani, Room 29 - Rishi Kumar, Room 30 - Junior Masimalo
Contribution and Effort to Sport Award - Female	Room 33 - Keilah Tuipelehake
Contribution and Effort to Sport Award - Male	Room 34 - Tai Lafolua
Rogers Whānau Cup - Passion for all things Māori	Room 71 - Tyree Timu
Education for Sustainability Award	Room 75 - Jenelle Singh
Hedley Whānau Trophy	Room 28 - Klein Joseph
The School Vision Cup	Room 24 - Araisa Pesamino

MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT AND EFFORT

John Walker Cup	Room 23 - Eljaye Leaupepe-Tauariki
Te Ana Simmonds Te Aumangea Taonga	Room 13 - Cassino Ngamotu
Kay Kingi Service to School	Room 78 - Ahurei Heremia-Tito
Citizen Award	Room 14 - Kezia Peilua
Sportswoman Award	Room 34 - Legacy Reti-Huch
Sportsman Award	Room 33 - Kevin Ratahi
Doidge 'Just Did It' Trophy	Mr Matt Talbot
Dux - Academic Excellence	Room 29 - Shivansh Sharan
Fowler All-Round Achievement	Room 29 - Telesia Simo'o
Whānau Cup Winners	Rimu Whānau

Congratulations to all our award winners!

CLASS REPORTS

ROOM 19

What a year it has been for Room 19! I couldn't be more proud of how much our class has grown; not just in their learning, but in their confidence and courage.

One of our biggest highlights was the UN Show, where the students worked so hard to represent their country, France, with pride. From learning the cultural background to rehearsing their performance, everyone played a part: helping each other, encouraging one another, and putting in their best effort on stage. It was beautiful to see them shine and share their learning with the whole school community.

Finding Our Voices and Stepping Up Together

Our Class Assembly came next and, wow, what a moment! The students brainstormed ideas, created props, and brought their personalities to the stage. Many of them stepped out of their comfort zones, showing bravery and teamwork in ways that really stood out.

Through both experiences, we learned something important: it's okay to feel nervous. Growth happens when we take risks, trust our teammates, and give things a go, even when it feels a bit scary.

I'm so proud of Room 19 for the way they've supported each other, worked as a team, and celebrated every small victory along the way. You've all come so far and I can't wait to see where your confidence takes you next.

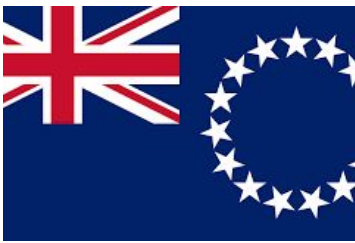


ROOM 11

"Genuine poetry can communicate before it is understood" - T. S. Eliot.

*Cooking all the food
Outdoor playing
Ocean waves
Knowing how to dance
Island food
Self respect to our culture
Lovely people
Amazing songs
Nature life
Dancing with energy*

Acrostic by Jesstelle



COOL KIDS

Couplet by Lorenzo

All the kids say they're so cool.
They do big bombs in the pool.

They wear all the good clothes.
They brought tickets to all the shows.

They play heaps of sports.
They own the whole basketball courts.

They are very smart.
They help old ladies push their carts.



Earth (Haiku) by Jayden

Everlasting peace
Where happiness has not cost
Life feels like a loop

Time circles again
A single thought that lingers
Souls can fly away

Life repeats its song
Where longevity awaits
The earth keeps turning

Echoes hold the sky
A symphony of life's buzz
Life's sweet melody

A moment in time
Stays forever in your heart
Life's true timeless gift

Cinquain By Aisea

Rugby league
Rough, fit
Tackling, passing,
Stepping
The toughest sport

Family
Friendly, kind
Sharing, caring, living
No one's left behind

Cinquain
By Eli Head

Carrots
Orange, bright
Growing, sprouting, picking
Rabbit
Are garden favourites

Cinquain
by Lulu



Kind loving birds
Isolated hidden birds
Worldwide famous
Important birds

Acrostic
By Nikayla



Clumsy Worker
Limerick by Cedric

A clumsy worker at the zoo,
He tried to climb a wall with glue.
The glue stuck in fast,
How long will he last?
An ape helped, now it is stuck too!

Seeds bursting forth
Pretty flowers
Receiving light from the sun
Inching their way to the sun
Nature's beautiful gifts
Growing from the ground

Acrostic By Isabelle



ROOM 11

Unicorn

Rainbows, Fluffy

Galloping, Glowing, Flying

Magical Ponies

Pegasus



Cinquain by Paige

Intelligent minds

Nurturing souls

Delightful customs

Impressive traditions

Accomplished hands

Needed everywhere

Acrostic by Kayanna

Nourish

All animals are free

Trees are tall and green

Unique

Recycle

Earth mother



Acrostic by Keira

New Years

"Bang" goes fireworks

Beautiful colours and lights

covering the sky

"Happy New Years" echoes

throughout the town

A Free Verse by Sariah

Lemon

Small, sour

Splashing, squirting, dripping

Lemon tree

Lemonade



Cinquain by Jessie

SUMMER

Summer leaves fall down,

As I watch them twist and turn,

Beautiful colours.

Haiku
by Harlym



School is a supporting place to be
Caring to the point where you have many
friends

Happy place where you can be yourself

Outstanding in providing cultural needs

Opportunities to join any sports

Learning how to take care of yourself and
others

Living your best life in school grounds

Interval is where you can meet up with friends

Focussing on learning

Endless fun and always kind to one another

Acrostic by Qtac

Rain in the day.

A beautiful rainbow!

Interesting colorful things.

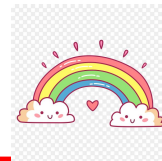
Nothing but colour and fun.

Blooming in the day.

Outside play.

Walking in a charm of wonderland.

Acrostic by Choren



Dancing feet

Awesome moves

No time for breaks

Complete canons

Excellent stillness

Acrostic by Ashiya



Loving and faithful until the end.

Obedying the rules set by a true friend.

Yielding to their every need.

Always standing by their side, in good
times and bad.

Longing to hold them when you're apart.

Trustworthy in every way.

Your support unwavering, with clear
fidelity.

Acrostic by Cid

The Sovereign God

Helped men to

Escape death



Caused by the sin

Redeemed by The Blood

Of the Lamb that was

Slain

Salvation by grace for many

Acrostic by Whaea Ella

Fantastic unit

Amazing life

Memorial times

Islanders

Lord is good

Youth and beauty

Acrostic by Eli



Oh, The Places They'll Go in *Heavenly 70!*

In the land of the classroom, where learning is key, stood **Room 70**, as happy as could be! A curious class, a spectacular crew, with big things to learn and great things to do!

Term 1: The Great Outdoor Dash!

When the calendar flipped to the first term's bright sun, the adventures of 70 had barely begun! They packed up their bags, they tied up their lace, for a wild, wacky trip to a wonderful place!

It was called a Survival Camp, tough and quite grand. A test of their courage right there on the land! With sticks and with knots and a giggle and cheer, they showed their **team bonding**, banishing fear! They worked side-by-side, every girl, every boy, and found in the challenge a marvelous joy!



Terms 2 & 3: An even busier Seventy!

Then came Whaea Nia, so cheerful and bright, a student-teacher shining her learning light! She helped them with numbers and stories and sound, the best kind of helper that ever was found!

In Term 2's sweet spring, with a flash and a gleam, came the spectacular, dazzling STEAM Fair dream! With rockets and circuits and gears that all spun, they showed off their projects to everyone! The science was silly, the tech was quite smart, each student a genius, a master of art!

In Term Three's big rush, with a flutter and zoom, they prepared for the stage to fill up the room! A wonderful show, quite unique and so fine, the glorious show of the United Nations line! They wore bright costumes, they sang and they spoke, the spirit of peace with each word that awoke!

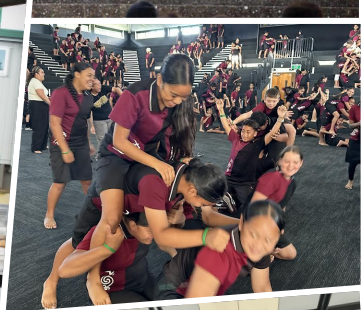
Heavenly 70!

Markets and Memories!

Twice in the year, when the evening was dim, the school yard transformed right out to the brim! It was time for the fun of the bustling Night Markets! With treasures and treats, and some happy firecrackers! They sold marvellous muffins and glittery things, the cheerful confusion that happiness brings!

Remember the laughter, the smiles and the shouts, when they stayed at the marae and stomped all about? They shared yummy kai and they learned sacred lore, having fun with their classmates, and wanting some

~~more~~! survival and science to singing and show, oh, the memories they made, and how quickly they grow! They were smart! They were silly! They were focussed and free! The best class of all, the proud Room 70! And now the year's done but the friendship remains. A spectacular year full of sunshine and rain! For all through the year, they were truly together, like birds of a feather, through all kinds of weather!





TJ



JUSTIN



AKI



AAMIRA



ELENOA



MATTHEW



YASMIN



ANDREAZ



HEA



AHUREI



CRUIZE



ISYSS



HAZEL



THANK YOU, MI!!

SLADE

I am grateful for all the stuff the school has provided for us.

JUSTIN

I'm grateful for the LAs and the teachers because they help us improve our learning.



AHUREI

One thing I am grateful for is the staff - because they spend a lot of their time on us.

ELENOA

I am grateful for all the fun events that happen here!



ISYSS

I am grateful for the events that MI has given us - a chance to have fun memories.

MASON

I am grateful for all the moments and memories I've made in my two years at MI.



PAIGE

I'm grateful for this school and the wonderful people this school gave to me.

GIZELLE

I am grateful for Mr. Taylor's "Speeches of Life".



RYAN

I'm grateful for the food, the pool and the time we got to go on camp.

HAZEL

I'm grateful for the opportunities I get everyday and the friends I have.



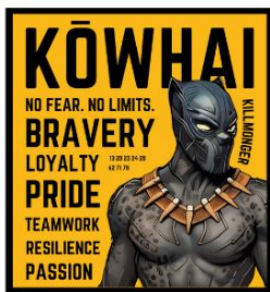
VIVAAN



KIRAT



MASON



SLADE



PAIGE



TAQUASHA



TUPOU



JERRY



OFA



SHAKHANI



CADENCE



ALISHA



TAYTIS

2025 SPELLING BEE

Our annual MI Spelling Bee, held on Thursday 6th November, was a huge success. Eight outstanding students represented their whānau, selected from over 950 learners after weeks of practise in Humanities. Classes were buzzing as students improved their spelling and learnt new words.

The competition began strongly, with everyone spelling confidently through the early rounds. As the words became more challenging, the atmosphere intensified, testing not only memory but true word understanding.

After some tough rounds, one speller stood out. Congratulations to Jayden from Room 5, our 2025 Spelling Bee Champion! His deep understanding of orthography helped him master even the trickiest words.

Well done to all who took part and showed that learning new words opens new worlds.

1ST

2ND



Solomon Room 23



Jayden Room 5

3RD



Mattea Room 29

AUCKLAND CHAMPIONS TOUCH TOURNAMENT



Results

What a fantastic day out for our Manurewa Intermediate Touch teams at this year's Auckland Champion of Champions tournament! The sun was shining, the atmosphere was electric, and both our Boys and Mixed teams showed incredible teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our Mixed Team had an outstanding run, finishing the day as Auckland Champions, defeating Kelston Intermediate 4–1 in the grand final! Their performance was consistent, creative, and full of energy, with strong communication and brilliant play combinations across every game. Our Boys Team fought hard through some tough pool rounds and showed great determination, coming back strong with a convincing 3–0 win in their third game and drawing against a competitive Helensville side in the semi-finals.

It was a hot and sunny day, perfect for touch. Every student represented MI with pride, respect, and enthusiasm. Massive thanks to our coaches, supporters, and whānau who came to cheer the teams on.

BOYS RESULTS

4	VS	6
MANUREWA INT		ST PETERS
0	VS	3
MANUREWA INT		DILWORTH
3	VS	0
MANUREWA INT		PAPATOETOE INT
SEMI-FINAL		
2	VS	2
MANUREWA INT		HELENSVILLE

MIXED RESULTS

2	VS	2
MANUREWA INT		KELSTON INT
8	VS	0
MANUREWA INT		WEST HARBOUR
2	VS	2
MANUREWA INT		MAHURANGI
SEMI-FINAL		
5	VS	2
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FINAL		
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S I L O 6

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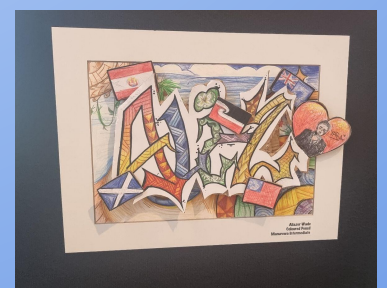
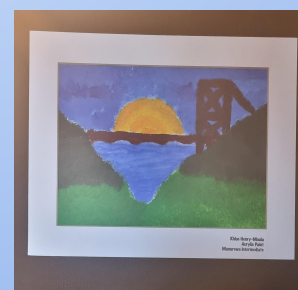
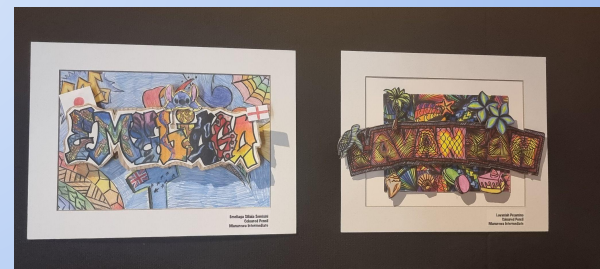
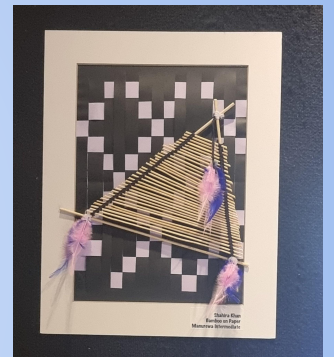
On Wednesday 5th November, our adventure began as Mrs Ropati pulled out of the School driveway with ten excited students and Whaea Shar in the van, all ready to visit the AMSAA Art Exhibition at Silo 6 in Wynyard Quarter. We have proudly entered this exhibition for the past 15 years, and it continues to be a highlight for our budding MI artists.

This year, we submitted 15 stunning pieces created by students from across our School. Our collection included *Manu Aute* designs on woven paper, beautiful landscape paintings, and colourful 3D name pop art that reflected our students' identities.

As we walked through the exhibition, we were able to admire the incredible artworks on display from students around Auckland. The space felt like a creative maze, with each room offering something new and inspiring to explore.

The day was full of inspiration, creativity, and pride. Our students represented MI with excellence, and we look forward to being part of this incredible exhibition again next year.

Check out the AMSAA Facebook page for more artwork.





Tiritiri Matangi



On Wednesday 5th November, 32 kids from Nature Club voyaged across the Waitematā Harbour to the magical island of Tiritiri Matangi. This island is world-renowned for its success as a conservation project and is used as a model for scientific research and endangered species rehabilitation.

85 MI students are funded to visit each year and Mr Watson is always looking for those top kids who participate in our Eco Programme to come along for the ride.

On this trip the weather was perfect. We saw the ghost of the forest - the kōkako and their cousin the tīeke, along with a myriad of other endangered animals.



Nature Club is an afterschool club (Period 6) which offers our kids the opportunity to be immersed in and taught by Nature. It is a good way to accelerate social skills and create happy childhood memories while complimenting students' education and developing lifelong skills and attitudes.





Puhinui Reserve



On Wednesday 12th November, 48 kids from Nature Club visited the Puhinui Reserve.

Over the past three years we have been kaitiaki for this reserve, undertaking beach cleanups, pest control, tree planting and biodiversity surveys. Due to our ongoing commitment we are able to observe how our actions are making a real difference here; watching our trees grow taller and the environment become cleaner and more populated with animals.

Our 2025 Eco Council have done an outstanding job as positive role models for us all, and their legacy will continue next year as our Year 7s step up to carry the torch.



Zone Athletics

On the 18th November, a group of MI students headed off to compete in the Counties Manukau Zone Athletics competition. These students were selected to compete following our Athletics Day here at school earlier in the term.

This was our last Zone Sports event for the year. The skies opened up in the afternoon and it was bucketing down!

With the cream of the crop descending upon Massey Park for track and field events, the competition was hot. Our boys and girls stepped up with fierce determination, concrete focus, and an attitude to compliment the talent and skills on show.

We are all really proud of the effort and guts that our athletes put in, especially in a sport that we are traditionally not known for, but have enormous potential in.

Year 7 Girls

100M Finals: Lauryn

200M Finals: Lauryn

Relay: 3rd

Shot Put: Lepapa (1st)

Year 7 Boys

100M Finals: Mohamud (1st), Roman, Emmanuel

200M Finals: Mohamud (1st), Roman, Emmanuel

400M Finals: Mohamud (1st)

1500M Finals: Mohamud (1st)

Long Jump: Emmanuel (2nd)

Discus: Emmanuel (1st)

Year 8 Girls

100M Finals: Matai, Nora, Telesia

Relay: 3rd

Long Jump: Ryna (2nd)

Shot Put: Sahara (1st)

Year 8 Boys

100M Finals: Renzo

200M Finals: Renzo

Relay: 1st



Weetbix Triathlon

On a hot Tuesday, the MI Triathlon team headed to Mountfort Park to compete in the annual Weetbix Triathlon. It was a fun day packed with lots of excitement as many of our competitors were repeats from last year.

A shout out to Eljaye (Room 23) and Telesia (Room 29) who absolutely smashed the course and finished in the Top 10. Shout out also to Madisyn (34) who stepped up at the last minute to do the whole thing!

All of our MI students did really well and represented our school with pride.

Thank you to all involved, especially to the Year 8s who sign out with this as their final "goodbye" to sport at MI. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your journey.

Year 7s, get in early as next year's event is already filling up fast.

Mr Rodriguez



ATHLETICS AUCKLAND CHAMPS

In Week 8, 11 of our athletes went to compete in the Auckland Champion of Champions Athletics competition.

They took on the best schools from across Auckland in an action-packed day of relays, shot put, long jump, and track events. Our students showed outstanding effort, pride, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

A massive shout out has to go to Mohamud, who placed 2nd in the 1500m across all of Auckland, and took out 1st place in the 400m! What an incredible achievement - we are so proud!



BLACK GRACE DANCE COMPANY



On Friday 21st November, a bunch of our students ventured off to the Civic Centre to watch a performance by the Black Grace Dance Company.

Black Grace is one of New Zealand's leading contemporary dance companies, founded by Neil Ieremia in 1995. He draws from his Samoan and New Zealand roots to create innovative dance works that reach across social, cultural and generational barriers.



The performance, "If Ever There Was a Time", was amazing and this was an awesome experience for all our students. Hopefully this has inspired some of our tamariki to pursue the performing arts at a high level in the near future.

SOUTH AUCKLAND ESPORTS TOURNAMENT 2025

On Wednesday, November 12th, Manurewa Intermediate hosted its fourth major ESports Tournament. If you don't know, this is where students compete in teams in real-time, against another team in a video game match.

We had nine visiting schools from the Auckland area, as well as from as far away as Wellington that came to test their abilities against us. Teams were allowed to be mixed gender and level and these weren't just lightweight teams - strong contenders came from schools like Sylvia Park and Tauaroa Area School along with Mt. Roskill Intermediate, Rowandale and more.

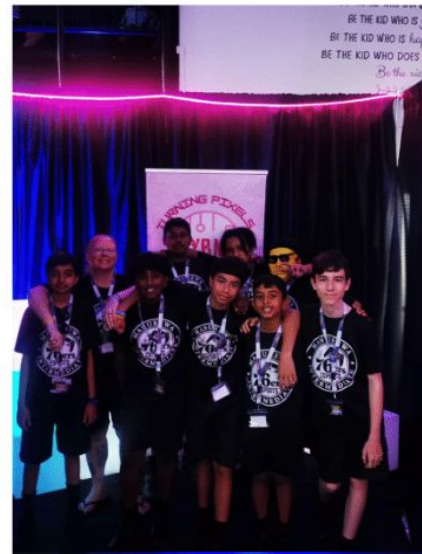
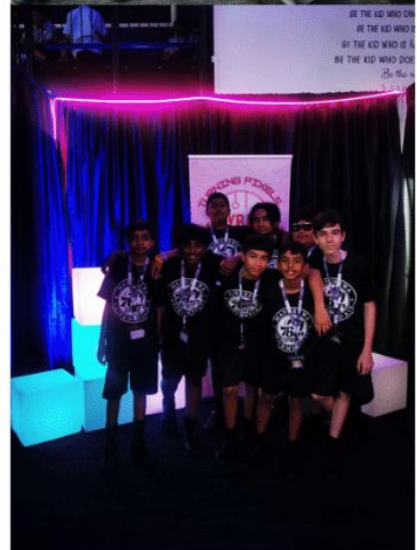
The day was electric, had lots of noise, crazy activity, students moving from battle to battle, shouts of happiness and groans of disappointment. While waiting for matches, students could win some spot prizes that were up for grabs with their entry tickets.

Overall, the ultimate winners of the tournament were Mt. Roskill Intermediate in first and in second place and third place we had Sylvia Park with their two teams which beat us in the quarterfinals. Our teams came in a solid fourth place which was still great against 12 other teams.

We'd like to thank everyone involved from staff to our sponsors. All the visiting students said how great our school is and want to come and hang out with us again in the future. Everyone agreed we must do this again next year, so let's get practising!

If you would like to join next year, keep an eye out in the first couple of weeks so you can join the league and get involved!

- Mrs. White and the ESports Team



NIGHT MARKETS

2025



What a fantastic afternoon we had at our famous Manurewa Intermediate Night Markets! The weather was perfect, and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as our school community came together to support. With 33 stalls, one from every class, there was an incredible variety of delicious food, drink and craft options on offer.

It was great to see so many families, ex-students and wider community members grab some tasty treats and enjoy the lively evening air on the field.

The energy and effort put in by our students, teachers, and whānau truly made this a memorable night for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening!



SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY RAISED?

The funds raised will directly support our much-anticipated end-of-year celebrations! All proceeds will go towards funding the Whānau Fun Days for all year levels and our special Year 8 Graduation ceremony.

Your incredible generosity and support mean that we can ensure these end-of-year events are the biggest and best they can be!

COLLECTIVELY OVER \$20000 WAS RAISED!

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE NIGHT

On Wednesday 19th November, our students got to perform with their Cultural Enrichment Groups on our first ever outdoor stage. This has been a dream for the last few years as we have outgrown the space in the hall and moving this event to the field was our next step.

After a full year of Wednesday Cultural Enrichment practices, Period 6 practices, Assembly and Erin Park Performances, it had all come down to this day. The stage was set, Mr Upoko was ready with the audio, and groups were preparing their costumes and any last minute changes. The air was thick with anticipation and nerves. Our students are lucky that our staff are qualified professionals and this was just another day at MI... Only this time with a field covered in whānau and heaps more watching the live feed at home! No pressure at all...

The event started with a bang as the Hip Hop group set the bar high with their synchronised dance sets that gave the audience a great insight into what to expect from this event. Each of our twelve groups stunned the crowd watching on the field. The vibe was great with everyone having space to move, a chance to cheer for their kids, and to top it off, our local food vendors who kept everyone's tummies full. Special thanks to our vendors who also supplied vouchers to give out on the night. The food was delicious and we look forward to having them back again for next year's event.

We celebrate diversity here at MI and as we continue to grow, we look forward to adding to what is already available for our kids. If anyone would like to join us by supporting a Cultural Group, please contact the office with your name and number.

We would like to say thank you to Emma Diack for taking some fantastic photos of our staff and students on the night - tēnā koe Emma! These photos can be found on our school website. Last but not least, a special thanks to all the staff who organise and teach these groups each week, Mr Taylor and the board for funding the stage set up, our kids for being Adventurous Risk Takers, and of course, all of our whānau and friends who came to support our kids.

Bring on 2026!





Tzu Chi Foundation

On Saturday 22nd November, 28 of our Year 8 students and their families met at The Tzu Chi Temple to celebrate their achievements and receive their well-deserved scholarships.

Student selections for these scholarships were made in Term Two, based on criteria related to athletic ability, academic achievement or for maintaining excellent personal conduct. Each student then wrote a letter to the selection committee explaining why they believed they deserved to be considered. The scholarships awarded will be used to help with new uniforms, devices, and transport as these students move on to High School next year.

Manurewa Intermediate has been involved with the Tzu Chi Foundation for over ten years now. We are very grateful for their generous support of our tamariki and look forward to a continued and successful relationship going forward.



MI STUDENTS VISIT MH & JC

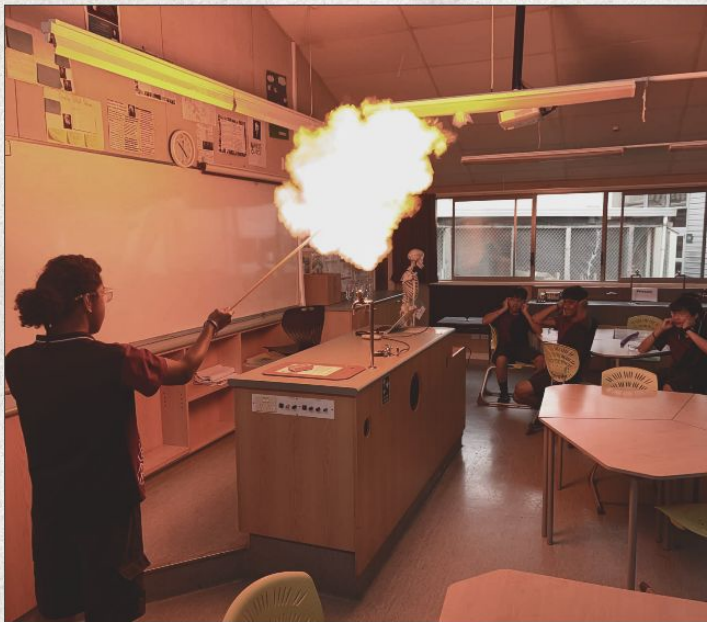
News just in! Manurewa Intermediate School students are officially ready for their next big step!

A total of 365 Year 8 students recently experienced their future high school environments to ensure a confident transition for 2026.

- MH Bound: 239 students visited Manurewa High School.
- JC Ready: 126 students explored James Cook High School.

This critical step provides our young people a firsthand look at the exciting opportunities ahead, making the jump to Secondary School in 2026 feel less daunting and more empowering.

Take a look below at some of the action shots from the day:



ACTIVITIES AT MH

- Music
- Dance and Drama
- English
- Languages
- Science
- PE
- Art
- Business
- Māra
- Maker Space

ACTIVITIES AT JC

- Science
- Social Sciences
- Dance
- PE
- English
- Hospitality
- Technology
- Languages
- Visual Art
- Services



SPORTS AWARDS 2025

On Wednesday 3rd December, Manurewa Intermediate proudly hosted our 2025 Sports Awards, an evening dedicated to celebrating the commitment, talent, and success of our student athletes. The night was made even more special with our guest speaker, Mils Muliaina, who inspired our students and whānau by sharing insights from his outstanding sporting journey and the importance of hard work, teamwork, and resilience.

With over 80 students representing 40+ sporting codes, the evening highlighted the dedication and sportsmanship of our athletes, all nominated by their coaches for exceptional performances throughout the year.

The evening concluded with our Coaching Legend Award, which was presented to Mr Daniel Rodriguez in recognition of his outstanding contribution to sport at Manurewa Intermediate throughout 2025. Mr Rodriguez has been instrumental across multiple codes, including football, hockey, Sports Camp, triathlon, and more. His passion and commitment continue to make a lasting impact on our sporting community.

We extend a huge thank you to our whānau for their ongoing support, to our dedicated coaches for their tireless mahi throughout the year, and to Mils Muliaina for generously sharing his time and wisdom. Together, you help foster the strong sporting culture we're so proud of at Manurewa Intermediate.



CLASS OF 2025 YEAR 8 GRADUATION

On Tuesday 9th December 2025, staff, students, and whānau gathered to celebrate and farewell our Year 8 students, marking the end of their journey at Manurewa Intermediate. It's incredible to think how quickly the past two years have gone by. These phenomenal students have grown in so many ways; arriving as nervous Year 7s, to becoming confident, capable, and compassionate leaders within our school.

Graduation is always an emotional milestone. The excitement and pride were unmistakable as students arrived looking sharp and reflecting on everything they've achieved. And of course, there were moments of sadness as they shared final memories with the teachers and friends who have shaped their time at MI.

The ceremony itself was awesome. The hall was transformed, creating the perfect atmosphere for a night to remember. Whānau and staff came together to honour not only academic accomplishments but also the resilience, creativity, and personal growth shown by each student. Certificates, awards, and special acknowledgements were presented, each one recognising hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

To our Year 8 students: As you step into your next adventure in High School, carry with you the Keys to Success and the values that have guided you during your time at MI. It has been a privilege to watch you grow, learn, and lead. While we will miss you, we are incredibly excited for what lies ahead. Remember, this is not goodbye - it's "see you later." You will always be part of the MI whānau, and we look forward to hearing all about the remarkable things you go on to achieve.

Congratulations, Year 8 Class of 2025!



NO FEAR. NO LIMITS.

KŌWHAI



WHĀNAU FUN DAY

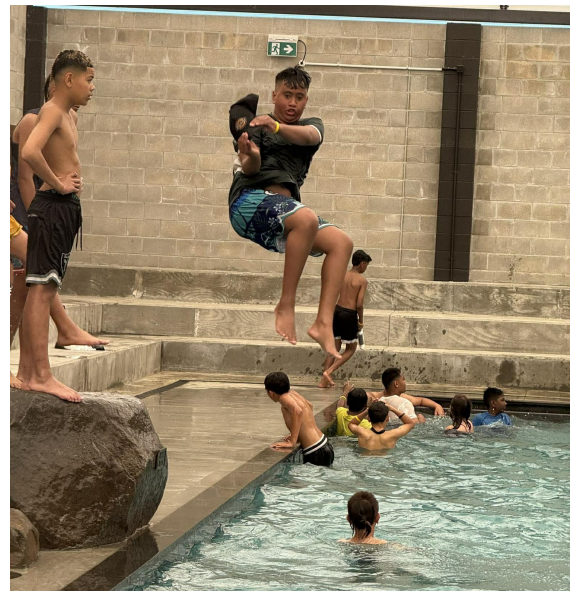
Our 2025 Kōwhai Whānau students have been awesome, bringing effort and energy all year long, so it was only fair that we celebrated that with an epic Whānau Fun Day!

We had the whole school to ourselves for Whānau Fun Day, making the most of the amazing facilities we have on site! We spent time in the pool, played sport on the field and GOAT, had plenty of competitive fun on the waterslides and inflatable courses, and had lots of yummy kai!

This was a great day to spend together, reflecting on and celebrating the year that has been. Our Kōwhai students are awesome and this was the perfect day to celebrate them!

Thank you to our teachers who made this day happen, and to our whānau who either came along with us on the day, or helped us get here through their contribution to our Night Market stalls back in Week 6.

Well done on an awesome year, Kōwhai!



Kauri Whānau Fun Day

On Wednesday 10th December, students from Kauri Whānau boarded buses heading to Onehunga Pools. After such a successful year, everyone was ready for a great day out to celebrate a long year of commitment and involvement.

Each class set up a space and then split off to either enjoy the Leisure Pool, Bombing Pool, or simply hang out and enjoy each others' company.

Thank you to the whānau who came to support us, our staff who made this day possible, the staff at the pools who kept us safe, and Ms Brooking who spent the day ensuring everyone was happy and well-fed.

We'd also like to thank our Whānau Leaders who helped come up with all of the ideas to make this day the best!



TAWA WHĀNAU FUN DAY



Tawa Whānau wrapped up the year in true *Blue Party* style with a fun-filled celebration at King's College, returning to a favourite venue, but creating a whole new set of memories for 2025.

The day began with a lively train ride from Homai Station, where nearly 200 excited Tawa students boarded, buzzing with anticipation. The carriage was full of chatter, laughter, and that signature Tawa energy.

After arriving at Middlemore, students wandered through the impressive King's College grounds before spreading out to enjoy all the activities on offer.

The pool was a major hub of excitement, students diving in, racing friends, or floating and relaxing. Volleyball matches, basketball games, and plenty of chilled hangout spots gave everyone something to enjoy.

In true Tawa tradition, the kai did not disappoint. From a hearty sausage sizzle to tasty pizza and treats. But more than the activities and food, this day was about celebrating what Tawa Whānau achieved across 2025.

A massive thank you to our Tawa teachers who organised and supervised the day, our incredible whānau who supported us along the way, and the King's College staff who welcomed us back so warmly.

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and an amazing New Year ahead.



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WHĀNAU FUN DAY

On Wednesday 10th December, Rimu Whānau set off on a mega adventure to the Papakura Pools. Why? Because we wanted to have the best Whānau Fun Day ever to celebrate how amazing our year has been!

Guess how we got there? We hopped on a train! We arrived around 10am, right on time for the fun to begin. The weather was great, with the sun popping out every now and then, giving us some perfect moments to enjoy the water and chill with friends.

We hung out with our mates and the awesome Rimu teachers, enjoying the day like champions.

Lunchtime was a total food party, pizzas and snacks galore! And guess what? There were even some tasty leftovers for dinner - yum! Sharing kai with everyone made us feel like one big, happy whānau.

We laughed, ate, splashed, and had an absolute blast, making this Whānau Fun Day the perfect way to finish the year and say a special goodbye to our friends heading off on new adventures.

DONATING YOUR UNIFORMS FOR THOSE IN NEED!

If you have no more children or other whānau or friends coming to MI in the next year or two and you are willing to donate any bits of school uniform, please do so! Just wash it and drop off next week - the office will be open until Friday 19th December. These uniform donations will be given to students in need throughout 2026. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
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2026



MI NIGHT MARKETS

PLEASE NOTE:

- NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE.
CASH ONLY.
- POSITIVE VIBES ONLY!

BRING THE
WHĀNAU DOWN
FOR A DELICIOUS
KAI AND HELP
OUR TAMARIKI
FUNDARISE!

SCHOOL FIELD | 4.00PM-6.30PM
ENTER THROUGH GATE 5 ON
RUSSELL ROAD