



# ROOM 29

Wednesday 4th February  
**MI TEACHER**

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana and Welcome!

It is a privilege to introduce myself as the Form Teacher for Room 29. My name is Miss Gafo'i, and as I embark on my fifth year of teaching at Manurewa Intermediate, I am more excited than ever for the journey ahead.

I am a proud daughter of the Pacific, of Samoan and Fijian descent, with strong Uvea ties reaching back to the beautiful islands of Wallis and Futuna. However, my heart belongs locally. I have lived in Manurewa my entire life. It feels only fitting that I dedicate my career to serving the very community that raised me and shaped me into the person I am today.

Outside of the classroom, music is my happy place. I play both the guitar and ukulele, and while I appreciate many styles, my absolute favourite genre is country music, with the legendary Ray Charles topping my list as my favourite artist. I hope to bring some of that musical joy into our classroom this year.

My teaching philosophy is guided by the proverb "Tautua nei mo se taeao manua – Serve today for a successful tomorrow."

My goal is to create a safe, vibrant space where our tamariki feel empowered to express themselves, inquire deeply, and ask the hard questions. Room 29 will be a place where fun and learning go hand-in-hand with high standards. We will focus on our term values as well as these essential values, such as faaaloalo (respect), alofa (love for others and learning), and mitamita (pride in oneself and our culture). This year will be one of challenge and growth.

It will be a year that will push our learners to conquer their fears and put in the work required to succeed. My only request is that every student takes full advantage of the incredible opportunities Manurewa Intermediate offers. Let's make this a year of leadership, service, and success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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Laura Gafo'i

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**Module 1:**  
MI School Life

**Module 2:**  
MI Survival

**Module 3:**  
Risk Taker - MI Way

**Subject Teachers:**

Humanities: Miss Gafo'i

Math: Miss Palmer

Science: Matua Kalen

PE: Mr CBH

Performing Arts: Mr Tanaki

X-PLO Tech: Mr Rodrigues

**Form Time Subjects:**

Hauora: Graduate Profile

**Monday Magic:** Foundation Basics

**Life Skills:** Civics

**Friday Frenzy:** Languages

**Important Dates:**

**6th February:** Waitangi Day

**17th February:** Swimming Sports

**9th February:** Mini Athletics

**11th February:** MI Night Markets

**Weeks 2-4:** MI Survival

**10th-12th March:** Leadership Camp

**13th March:** All week Uniform Check

**24th-26th March:** Whanau Leader Camp

**31st March:** Student Involved Conference

**2nd April:** Haka Comp

**2nd April:** Last day of term

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

## ATTENDANCE:

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school every day. If your child is not able to come to school, make sure to contact me in the morning, preferably before 8:25am. I will be contacting you if your child is away without a valid reason as they can not progress with their learning if they miss school. We want and need your child at school everyday!

## LATES:

School starts at 8:30 am but we encourage students to be here by 8:20 am. Students who are late twice in a week will be placed on lunch time Community Service. If your child is running late please come into the school with them or write a note to explain their lateness.

## UNIFORM:

Your child needs to be in 100% correct school uniform. This includes their whānau band. Refer to the MI Planner for more information. If there are any problems and your child does not have the correct uniform, please send them to school with a note. They can take this to Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.