



MANAAKITANGA - RESPECT - COMMUNICATION - ENGAGEMENT + TEAMWORK

ROOM 20

TERM ONE NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 4th February

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kam na mauri, Namaste, and a warm welcome to our brand new team in Room 20!

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas, New Year, and summer break. As we begin the start of the 2026 school year here at Manurewa Intermediate, I am incredibly excited to meet everyone and to begin our new adventure together in such a fantastic environment.

My name is **Mr Dwain**. I originally joined the teaching team here at MI in August 2025, and I am thrilled to be starting a full year with Room 20. I am originally from South Africa, but I have absolutely loved getting to know New Zealand over the last few months. I am really enjoying learning about the diverse culture here and, most importantly, getting to know our amazing tamariki. When I am not in the classroom, I am a husband and a proud father to my two kids.

My ambition this year is to build a class culture that every child at MI would be proud to be a part of. I am keen to bring you, the parents and whānau, along on that journey with us. I strongly believe in creating a sense of **"team"** within the classroom. Over the coming days, the students and I will work together to develop our class identity and mantra, ensuring that every child feels valued, included, and motivated to learn.

To keep communication easy and open, I will text home regularly and also call when needed. Texts will be the main channel for important information and updates throughout the year. Please feel free to drop me a text or a message if you have any questions, or if there is anything you feel I should know to help support your child. I am always happy to have a quick chat!

I'm really looking forward to a brilliant year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

D Samuels
Mr. Dwain
Room 20 Teacher



Welcome Rimu whānau
'Setting the Standard' is our Rimu whānau mantra for 2026. We set high expectations in how we look after ourselves and each other. As one unit, we will support one another and challenge ourselves to be adventurous, focussed, and persistent in our pursuit of achievement.

Mrs Rangi Ropati
Rimu Whānau Leader

Module 1: MI School Life
Module 2: MI Survival
Module 3: Risk Taker

Subject Teachers

Humanities	Mrs Forbes
Math	Mr Dwain
Science	Miss Brunjes
PE	Mr Byrne-Hansen
Digi - Comp	Mrs White
Sustainable Design	Miss Henare

Form Time Subjects:

Hauora: Graduate Profile

Monday Magic:

Foundation Basics

Life Skills: Civics

Friday Frenzy: Languages

IMPORTANT DATES

Whānau - for other important Term One dates please refer to the 2026 MI Whānau Calendar you received, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 6. If there are any special events unique to our class, I will let you know.

Email: dwains@manurewaint.school.nz

Phone: 09 266 8268, extn 3020 or 0204 953 042

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 8:30am. 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 Mr Peilua to receive a uniform pass.