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Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e leilei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Ni hao, Chào bạn

Welcome to our new students and parents! Also welcome back to our existing students and families: isn't it great to be back into the timetable!

This term's values are: **Manaakitanga, Respect, Communication, Engagement and Teamwork**. These values are all vital to ensuring that our learners at Manurewa Intermediate (MI) have a well rounded outlook on life and know how to relate to others. **Survival Camp** was a great test of how well our students can demonstrate these values when under a bit of pressure in an unfamiliar environment!

Module 3



Camp was all about your child's Form Teacher creating a wonderful learning culture within their Form Class. We hope that you as a parent can continue to support the development of this learning culture by staying engaged with what your child is learning at school. We have just completed a range of testing at school in preparation for our **Student Involved Conferences (SICs)** on Tuesday 8th April. Ask your child if they know where they are in their learning. Do they know what level they are achieving at and what they need to do to get better? Asking simple questions like this is a great way of keeping your child focussed on their learning journey.

MI Learner's Journey

At Manurewa Intermediate we believe in giving students ownership over their learning journey. Our inquiry learning cycle, '**Broadening Horizons 2.0**' is a good example of how teachers at MI aim to use student interest and curiosity as drivers for the learning experiences we provide.

We kicked off the year with **Module One: MI School Life**. This module was about introducing (or re-introducing for our returning students) our learners to all the hustle and bustle that is part of everyday life at MI. Preparation for Night Markets was a big feature of the first few days back. Next, we had **Module Two: MI Survival Camp**. The name says it all! Well, it partially covers the reality of camp. Students were definitely forced out of their comfort zone: but in a supervised, safe setting that encouraged the development of a great team culture in their Form Classes.

Term One now moves into our third and final module for the term, **Module Three: Respectful**. Students will be encouraged to support those who have made mistakes, listen when people are sharing their thinking, and manage themselves so everyone can learn. During Week Nine of this term, MI will also host Dr. Jordan Nguyen. Dr. Nguyen will be running a Module Motivator focussed on science and technology. This will be fantastic preparation for our own STEAM Fair at the very beginning of Term Two!

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

In **Hauora**, students will be focussing on understanding Manurewa Intermediate's Graduate Profile and how it can help them be the best version of themselves. Over the course of two years a student will look at all eight aspects of the Graduate Profile during the different modules that are taught.

In **Monday Magic**, students will be covering **Foundation Basics**. In Foundation Basics students will cover the foundational knowledge that they need to move ahead. For some students, the lessons will serve as a revision of some things that may have become fuzzy over summer. For others, Foundation Basics will give them insights into the core-knowledge they need to know as an intermediate student.

During **Life Skills** lessons, all classes will be learning about our vision for **Service**. At MI, our students are given a lot. We want them to start the year with an understanding that it is vital to contribute. Form classes will undertake an investigation to develop a service that makes a meaningful difference. They will track the effectiveness of their initiative to see if the service they develop has long term benefits.

Lastly, **Friday Frenzy** is all about Languages! The focus will be on how to speak and listen to Te Reo Māori in different contexts. The School Haka is a massive part of this, as is the different Tikanga they will be taught in Form Time classes at the beginning of the year.

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a **SMART Target**: each class will develop different goals to help them achieve the target. For Term One the target is: **Right Place, Right Time, Right Gear!** We hope you can see the obvious connection with events like Survival Camp and the busy school life at MI!

Learning Opportunities

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing school and a fantastic place for your child to be. It is quite likely for Year 7 students and new Year 8 students that there will be many things they are given the opportunity to experience that may not have happened in their school life before. We hope all students make the choice to be as involved as they can be and get the best for themselves during their time at MI.

Yours sincerely

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