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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 ensure that our learners at Manurewa Intermediate (MI) have a well rounded outlook on life and know how to relate to others. Our Zombie themed **Module Two** 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



The first three weeks of school was all about your child's Form Teacher creating a wonderful learning culture within their Form Class. One thing that you can do to continue to support the creation of a positive learning culture is fill out the **'Tell Us About Your Kid'** form that has gone home with this letter. Please get this back to us by 9th March as the information in this is useful at Student Involved Conferences on Tuesday 31st March. More details will come out in a few weeks about these interviews.

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 launched **Module Two: Zombie Apocalypse 2026**. Students were challenged beyond their comfort zones in a safe, supervised environment, building teamwork, resilience, and strong form-class culture through survival-style activities.

Term One now moves into our third and final module for the term, **Module Three: Risk Taker**. This module is all about students being encouraged to back themselves to make mistakes, share their thinking and take control of their learning journey.

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 your child's planner, there is an explicit breakdown of what the Graduate Profile is and what it means for their learning.

In **Monday Magic**, foundation skills will be the focus, with students exploring how punctuation, grammar, and vocabulary will affect how effectively AI responds to prompts. Learners will see how sloppy punctuation can lead to unclear or inaccurate AI outputs, while precise grammar and strong vocabulary will help them use this exciting technology more powerfully. Alongside this, students will be challenged to craft increasingly complex sentences and pieces of writing that push their abilities forward.

During **Life Skills** lessons, all classes will be learning about our vision for Service. At MI, our students are given a lot, and we want them to start the year with an understanding that it is vital to contribute. We also want them to develop the mentality that being a good citizen is measured not by what you have, but by what you give back. These lessons will also explicitly teach the new Civic component of the refreshed curriculum, helping students understand their role, rights and responsibilities within their community and society.

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!**

Learning Opportunities

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing school and a fantastic place for your child to be. We encourage you to talk to them about what they are doing at school. It is quite likely that there will be many things that they are given the opportunity to experience that may not have happened in their school life before. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's Form Teacher, or myself, or for that matter any other leadership person.

Yours sincerely

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