

12th May 2025

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

Today is our first day back on the timetable! We trust you heard a lot about your child's STEAM Fair project and are interested in what the next eight weeks of learning has in store!

This term's values are: Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Management + Independence, Challenge + Competition. We believe that these values are critical for helping our students develop the attributes that they need to succeed both at Manurewa Intermediate and in the years to come.

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.

Module 5: Curious



Speaking of inquiry, we kicked off the term with **Module 4: MI Expression**. During this module students get involved in all things related to STEAM Learning. In case you didn't know, STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. It is an acronym that summarises a broader educational trend that emphasises integrating concepts to make learning 'real' and accessible for students. This week our **Exhibition of Learning** is on display, all day, everyday, until 4:15 pm. So come along and see all the wonderful learning that took place during the first two weeks of this term.

Term Two now moves onto our second and final module for the term, **Module Five: Curious**. This module is all about embracing curiosity and using it to drive learning. Students will be encouraged to ask questions, explore new ideas, and think deeply about the world around them. By fostering a sense of wonder, they will gain the confidence to experiment, share their thinking, and take ownership of their learning journey.

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

In **Hauora**, we are doing Sexuality Road. Students will focus on understanding identity and relationships, exploring topics related to self-awareness, respect, and personal values. This programme encourages students to think about who they are, how they relate to others, and how to navigate social and emotional aspects of growing up. If you do not want your child to participate in this programme, please make contact with your child's Form Teacher.

In **Monday Magic**, Communication Literacy will focus on the fundamentals of interpersonal communication. Students will explore how to express themselves clearly, listen actively, and engage in meaningful conversations. Through practical activities, they will build confidence in communicating their ideas, understanding others, and developing strong social skills.

During **Life Skills** lessons, the Taha Hinegaro unit will use Māori gods as guiding figures to help students understand and process their emotions. Through storytelling and discussion, students will explore how these figures can serve as models for different aspects of emotional well-being. For example, Māui's boldness can help those who are outspoken learn to balance confidence with empathy. This programme encourages self-awareness, resilience, and emotional intelligence.

Lastly, **Friday Frenzy** is all about Foundation Basics and will focus on essential skills that support everyday learning. Students will refine their understanding of fundamental concepts like telling time, using punctuation correctly, and developing basic computer literacy skills. From hyperlinking to font formatting, this programme ensures students have the practical knowledge needed to navigate both digital and written communication with confidence.

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a SMART Target: each class will develop different goals to help them achieve the target. For Term Two the target is: **Own your learning: Ask, explore, discover!** We hope you can see the obvious connections between the topics and learning described above!

Learning Opportunities

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing school and a fantastic place for your child to be. There are many opportunities on offer here at MI and your child needs to be at school to make the most of them. **Students who have attendance below 80% will be excluded from events like Whānau Fun Day at the end of the year.** Please support your child and help them make the most of their time at Manurewa Intermediate.

Yours sincerely

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