

6th October 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!

This term's values are: **Tolerance, Trust, Creativity, Innovation, and Fun**. 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.

Speaking of inquiry, we are kicking off the term with **Module 8: S.U.S.T – Stand Up, Stand Tall**. This module is all about recognising and acknowledging the achievements of others, learning to show respect, and standing up for what is right. It encourages students to support their peers, celebrate successes, and develop a strong sense of fairness and integrity. It's a powerful way to begin the term by building character and strengthening our community values. Term Four now moves onto our second for the term, **Module 9: MI Experience**. This is all about celebrating whānau spirit through our Whānau Fun Day – a special day packed with friendly competition, outdoor activities, and fun for all four whānau. It's a time to connect, laugh, and make memories outside the classroom. To take part, students must have maintained at least 80% attendance, so it's a great incentive to be present and involved every day. Our final module for the term, **Module 10: MI Achievement**, is all about recognising and celebrating the incredible growth and success of our students throughout the year. This module leads into our end-of-year Prize Giving, where we honour those who have shown commitment, progress, and excellence across all areas of school life. It's a special time to reflect on everything we've achieved together and to finish the year on a high note.

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

In **Hauora**, our focus is on Myself and My Peers. This is all about building positive relationships, understanding how our actions affect others, and learning how to work well as part of a team. Students explore ways to strengthen their self-awareness and develop empathy, while also learning how to handle challenges that may come up in friendships and group settings.

In **Monday Magic**, our focus is on New Zealand History. Students explore key moments, people, and movements that have shaped Aotearoa, deepening their understanding of our nation's past. Through engaging stories, discussions, and activities, they develop a stronger sense of identity, place, and the importance of remembering and learning from history.

During **Life Skills** lessons, our focus is on MI Skills. These sessions help students build the practical knowledge and habits they need to succeed at school and beyond. From time management and communication to teamwork and problem solving, students are supported to grow their confidence and independence.

In **Friday Frenzy**, our theme is Global Discoveries. Students explore fascinating inventions, cultures, and milestones from around the world that have shaped our global society. It's all about opening minds, sparking curiosity, and making connections across countries and time periods.

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a SMART Target. Each class will develop different goals to help them achieve the target. For Term Four the target is: **Elevate, Innovate, Appreciate!** 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 unable to attend 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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