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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

Today is our first day back on the timetable!

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.

Module 5: Optimistic

Our recent module – **MI Expression** – was a huge success, and we hope you had the chance to see your child's artwork on display in the gym. The different whānau themes were a real highlight and created a vibrant, engaging space. Please visit our Facebook page to see photos from the exhibition.



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 use student interest and curiosity as drivers for the learning experiences we provide. This model is used to drive learning in form time, helping teachers build strong connections with students, while also being complemented by structured teaching in our timetabled specialist subjects.

Speaking of learning, we are kicking off the term with **Module 5: Optimistic**. This module is all about helping students see themselves as the authors of their own lives. Students will learn how optimism supports learning by building confidence, perseverance, and a belief that effort leads to improvement. Through goal-setting, reflection, and writing their own stories, students will be encouraged to take positive risks, respond constructively to challenges, and see setbacks as part of growth rather than failure.

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

This unit supports students to recognise potential hazards and practise strategies for staying safe at school, at home, and in the wider community. Through discussion and real-life scenarios, students learn how to think ahead, seek help when needed, and take responsibility for their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

In **Monday Magic**, our focus is on Communication Literacy. Students will explore how language is used differently across a range of communication contexts, examining how word choice, tone, structure, and style shape meaning and influence audiences. Students will practise adapting their communication for different purposes and audiences, both orally and in writing. The focus is on building confidence, clarity, and effectiveness so students can express ideas respectfully and persuasively in a range of real-world situations.

During Life Skills lessons, our focus is on **Taha Hinengaro**. Students will explore Māori atua as models for reflecting on their own thoughts, emotions, and responses to challenges.

In **Friday Frenzy**, our theme is Foundation Basics, focussed on core skills such as basic math, handwriting, and spelling that all learners need to succeed.

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: **MI Choices, MI Story, MI Life**. 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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