



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

'Adventurous risk takers; persistent focussed achievement'

26th April 2023

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

Welcome back to what promises to be another incredible term of learning and opportunities! Today students have already begun to work towards the goals that were set at our last Student Involved Conferences. We need to keep these in the front of our minds as a learning community throughout the term. Let's also keep putting those MI Graduate Profile ideas at the forefront - Respectful, S.U.S.T, Curious, Adventurous, Optimistic, Risk Taker, Communicator, Compassionate.

MI Expression: Our breakout module this term is Module Four - MI Expression: STEAM Fair. This is a two week module where students explore aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math which culminates with our Exhibition of Learning in Week 3. Make sure you come and see your child's work on display in the gym during Week 3 Monday to Thursday 9am - 4.30pm.

MI Learner's Journey: After a successful Module Three, we continue on our MI Learners journey with Module Five, 'Curious'. Through this inquiry topic students will be focussing on a love of learning, with a thirst for knowledge and curiosity about life - to have ambition. They will have a continual desire to strive to be the best they can be with a strong and responsible work ethic and attitude.

Hauora, Monday Magic, Life Skills and Friday Frenzy : Once again, our form class programmes will focus on essential health and life skills that all young adolescents need. In **Hauora**, students will be learning about our changing bodies. In addition to learning about the changes in our body at puberty, we will learn about relationships, communication, decision making, reproduction, and support systems available in our community. If you do not wish your child to take part in our puberty programme please alert Tanya Brook, Associate Principal: Learning and Teaching via the contact details at the bottom of this letter.

In **Monday Magic**, all classes will be enhancing their **Communication Literacy**. The art of conversing and adjusting the way we listen and speak in different contexts is an extremely valuable life skill. In 'Com-Lit' students will be developing these skills in a number of fun and collaborative ways. Most importantly they will be learning how to verbalise their learning. This is a vital skill in an age where eloquence is highly valued in the workplace.

In **Life Skills**, this term the students will be focussing on **Taha Hinengaro** (Emotional regulation). This has been a growing area of need for our students. A programme connecting students with an entity (atua) that is known for embodying certain emotions and feelings will enable them to associate and then regulate some of their feelings and the way they express them.

During **Friday Frenzy** we will be focussing on **Foundation Basics** - a bit of extra time focussing on the basic literacy and math skills students may have gaps in and need some extra practice with. For example - times tables, email/letter writing, spelling and grammar rules, timetable reading etc.

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a SMART Target. Each class will develop several indicators to assist students to achieve the target. This term's SMART Target is: "Curiosity is the beginning of knowledge". It fits in beautifully with the module focus of 'Curious'.

Learning Opportunities

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing place for your children. Talk to your child every night about what they are doing at school and what they are learning. Keep track of deadlines by checking their MI Planner and asking them for notices and newsletters. Ask them about how they are using their devices in Humanities and Mathematics and, for this term, what they have chosen for 'Options' on Thursday afternoons. Make sure you check out our website and Facebook page! And as always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, in the first instance, please contact your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Module 5

Curious



Term Two Values

**Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Management and Independence,
Challenge and Competition.**