

Monday 9 October, 2023

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

And just like that ... we're in Term Four. The last and arguably most important term of the year. Term Three was packed with learning and plenty of opportunities for students to extend their abilities. Term Four will be no different! The Module for the term will be S.U.S.T. and it is all about developing your child's inner beliefs and their unique world view. It is about connecting them to what matters most in both our community and the world around them.

For some students, it will be the last term of their primary school education and they will have high school looming ever nearer in their minds. We are still 'all systems go' and have a raft of learning experiences planned.

This term's values are: **Tolerance** which is a capability we ask our students to exercise every day and they will only learn from us and each other if **trust** is present. **Fun** is innate at Manurewa Intermediate and we know motivation and engagement are higher when it is paired with 'fun'. **Creativity** and **innovation** are fundamental capabilities all learners need to develop. We aim to provide as many opportunities for our students to be creators and innovators so they can own their learning and take it beyond our gates.

### **MI Learner's Journey**

'Adventurous' was a roaring success. We kicked the term off with arguably one of Manurewa's Intermediate's most ambitious events: The UN Show! Students and teachers were asked to push themselves out of their comfort zones and deliver a performance that celebrated the country they had chosen. We also had trips to Wero Whitewater Park. This is an impressive, local facility that taught our students important water safety skills and also encouraged them to be adventurous conquerors of the rapids!

This term we are investigating a whole range of topics under the umbrella of '**S.U.S.T.**'. In Humanities students will be looking at how language can be used to authentically convey the author's core message and world view. They will do this by analysing poetry while also creating and presenting their own. They will also be looking at how the use of language builds identity in the Social Sciences strand of Humanities. In Mathematics, students will be building their core number knowledge whilst working in the Algebra strand of the mathematics curriculum. In both X-PLO Tech and Sustainable Enterprise students will be engaging in hands-on learning experiences and solving problems by working through a design process.

### **Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy**

Once again, our form class programmes will focus on essential health and life skills that all young people need. In **Hauora**, students will be focussing on Myself and Peers. This is a particularly important unit for our Year 8 students who are making the all important transition to high school. The relationships your child has with their peers can have a massive impact on their education. Helping our students make good decisions within their friendship groups is critically important to make sure that any influences from their peers are positive and healthy ones.

In **Monday Magic**, all classes will be exploring Aotearoa's History. This is an important topic for all New Zealanders and exploring it will help all of our learners feel more connected to both their local areas and New Zealand itself. During **Life Skills** lessons, students will be learning basic skills for life such as job interview preparation or basic home repairs: all of those things people usually learn after school! Lastly, **Friday Frenzy** is all about Global Discoveries. This unit will carry on all the good work that was done during our UN Show performance weeks as it will expand our students' world view. It is very important that all our learners have some sense of the world outside of Manurewa, Auckland and New Zealand.

### **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: 'Stand up for what is right, even if it means standing alone'. A nod to our attitude around how we apply S.U.S.T each and every day in and outside of MI! We have urgent business to do and no time to waste!

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## Module 8



**Term Four Values**  
**Trust, Tolerance, Fun, Creativity and Innovation**