



3rd February 2025

Hello, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mälö e lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kia Orana and warmest greetings to you all, Room 75 whānau!

I'm Miss Gafo'i and I will be your Form Teacher this year. I've been teaching at Manurewa Intermediate for the past three years, and am moving into my fourth year of teaching. I'm excited for all that this year will bring. I'm of Samoan and Fijian descent, with ancestral roots from the small island nation of Wallis and Futuna. I love music and enjoy playing the guitar and ukulele. Just like many of our students and their families, I was born and raised in Manurewa, spent most of my life here and have chosen to give back to the community that shaped who I am today.

My goal for this year is to create an environment where students feel comfortable expressing themselves, asking questions and exploring new ideas. Room 75 will be a space where students can enjoy learning while developing the discipline to apply important values. These include **faaloalo** (respect), **alofa** (love for others and their education), **mitamita** (pride) and other values we'll nurture in our students.

2025 will be a year of challenges, pushing students to grow, overcome obstacles and work hard. It will also be filled with opportunities and I encourage students to make the most of everything available at Manurewa Intermediate. In Week Two, we have our MI Night Market, where we will sell food and drinks to raise money for food, supplies and preparations for Module 2 - MI Survival Camp on Motutapu Island. Your support or contributions to the Night Market will ensure Room 75's Camp is a success. We'll also need parent volunteers for both the Night Market and the Camp, so if you're available, please let myself or your child know. Keep an eye out for important updates.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year with my wonderful students. Please feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email if there's anything you'd like to discuss. I can't wait to meet you all throughout the year.

Ngā  
Miss Gafo'i



## ROOM 75 CLASS LETTER

**Module 1**  
MI School Life

**Module 2**  
MI Survival

**Module 3**  
Respectful - MI Way

Hauora: Graduate Profile  
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics  
Life Skills: Service  
Friday Frenzy: Languages

### Subject Teachers

Mr McCoy	Humanities
Miss Palmer	Math
Miss Gafo'i	Science
Mr Byrne Hansen	Physical Education
Mrs Rowney	Cooking
Mr Simmonds	Music

**Term One Values:** Manaakitanga | Respect | Communication | Engagement & Teamwork

### Term 1 Important Dates

Whānau,  
for important Term One dates please refer to the 2025 MI Whānau Calendar you received, and it is also in your child's MI Planner on page 6. If there are any special events unique to our class, I will let you know.

### FEBRUARY

Wed 5th: Mini Athletics  
Thur 6th: Waitangi Day  
Fri 7th: Staff only Day  
Tues 11th: Swimming Sports  
Wed 12th: MI Night Markets  
Mon 17th-Wed 19th: Rimu Camp

### MARCH

Mon 17th: All day Uniform Check

### APRIL

Tues 8th: Student Involved Conference

#### ATTENDANCE

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school every day. If your child is not coming to school make sure you contact me in the morning, preferably before 8:30 am. I will be contacting you if your child is away without a valid reason. Your child cannot progress if they miss school and instead will be playing catch up with their academics.

#### LATES

School starts at 8:30 am but we encourage students to be here by 8:20 am. Students who are late and do not have a valid reason twice in a week will be placed on Community Service during break time. If your child is running late, please come into the school with them or write a note to explain their lateness.

#### UNIFORM

Your child needs to be in 100% correct school uniform, this includes their whānau band. Refer to the MI Planner for more information. If there are any problems and your child does not have the correct uniform, please provide them with a letter they can give to Mr. Peilua to receive a uniform pass.

Contact me: [laurag@manurewaint.school.nz](mailto:laurag@manurewaint.school.nz) or 0211311521