



## MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

*'Adventurous risk takers; persistent focussed achievement'*

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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**

Welcome to our new students and parents, and welcome back to our existing families! We all enjoyed meeting so many of you on the first day of school during our **MI Whānau Day**.

Our Survival Camp is always a highlight. As well as being hugely enjoyable, it allows us to learn things like financial capability (or Money Mojo as we have renamed it this year!) and working cooperatively in a meaningful context and make use of our wonderful environment. Well done to all the students who excelled in our EOTC adventure and a massive thanks to those parents who helped us by coming along.

You can help us further by filling the 'Tell Us About Your Child!' information sheet and getting that back to us as soon as possible. Because you know and understand your child better than us, please take this opportunity to tell us all those little things that may make the journey easier for your child.

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

At Manurewa Intermediate we believe our job is to provide the best education possible for our students. Specialisation gives teachers who are passionate about and are an expert in a subject, an opportunity to focus on that area. Our inquiry learning system 'Broadening Horizons 2.0' has us really excited about the possibilities and opportunities our students will have to learn this year.

Our **MI Learner's Journey** starts this week as classes begin their first timetable module; Module Three: 'Respectful - MI Way'. Through this our students will explore what it means to be respectful and as such successful in life, but especially at Manurewa Intermediate. The focus for students will be on a respect for self, others and property; which will then in turn set them up to be a great scientist, mathematician, reader and writer at M.I!

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

In **Hauora**, students will be looking at the **Manurewa Intermediate Graduate Profile** and what our vision is for students to become by the time they finish their two year journey at M.I. All of these exciting activities will help your children to value learning and achievement. On the back of this letter is a copy of our Graduate Profile to provide further information.

In **Monday Magic**, all classes will be learning about our vision for **Service**. At Manurewa Intermediate, our students are given a lot. We want to start the year with a focus on students understanding that it is vital to give back and to learn that being a citizen is about contributing to wider society and not expecting anything in return.

This year we are introducing **Life Skills**. This is an extension of Hauora and came about as a response to the ongoing need for our students to be armed with fundamental socio-emotional, physical and domestic life skills. These skills have been identified as key components that contribute to our 'definition of achievement'. Feedback every year from our teachers suggests that the specific teaching of the Graduate Profile needs longer in order to set our students up for a successful MI Learners Journey. Therefore, **Life Skills**, during Module Three it is an extension of **Hauora - Manurewa Intermediate Graduate Profile**.

In **Friday Frenzy** 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.

### **Keys to Success**

Our 'Stepping Up Programme' is our own behaviour management system that suits our environment. It is based on the belief that all students have the right to learn and all teachers have a right to teach! A big part of this programme are our Keys to Success: **Look after ourselves, look after each other, and look after our property and environment**.

### **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: **Right place, right time, right gear!**

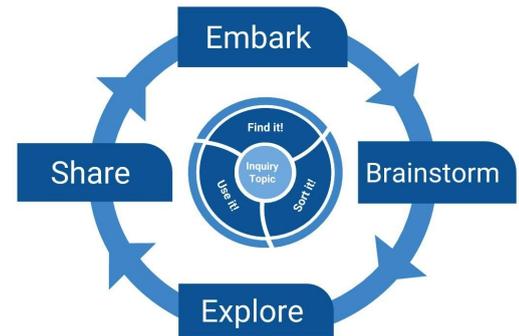
### **Learning Opportunities**

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. And as always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning please contact your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely

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## Broadening Horizons 2.0



## Term One Values

**Manaakitanga, Respect, Engagement and Teamwork, Communication.**