

October 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

*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 4. The last and arguably most important term of the year. It is more important than ever to remain consistent and routine based with your child during this time of year. We had another interrupted term last term with plenty of action and excitement and we appreciated your support with all that we achieved despite the disruption.

For some of your children, 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 opportunities planned.

This term's values are tolerance, trust, fun, creativity and innovation. **Tolerance** 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 believe motivation and engagement in learning are higher when it is paired with 'fun'. **Creativity** and **innovation** are cornerstones to higher and deeper learning. 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

'Communicator' was a roaring success and the students were really engaged in the excitement of developing and preparing speeches, delivering them to their classes, being active participants during the finals, learning about famous communicators and what it takes to be an effective communicator.

This term we are investigating a whole range of topics under the umbrella of '**Compassionate**'. This is a highly topical concept considering the COVID 19 outbreak we've been experiencing and the stresses and strains it places on people and families in all sorts of different ways. Some of the best ways of coping with what we have been going through are by giving back, putting our selves in others' shoes, and realising just how lucky we are. As we wind up a very unusual year this is a great way to finish strong.

### 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 developing *Positive Relationships* with whoever they come across in life. They will explore relationship skills when dealing with peer pressure, different types of relationships and understanding how communication affects them all.

In **Monday Magic**, all classes will be exploring *Careers* and investigating the world of work and the types of jobs that are out there as well as ones that may be possibilities for them in the future. This is a really inspiring unit of work that teachers will design around students interests and curiosity. We will look at subject choices in high school, the skills necessary for applying for and maintaining a job and using the relationship skills in Hauora to tie all this together.

During **Friday Frenzy** we will be focussing on *Financial Capability*. Again another example of how our curriculum looks to arm our students with the tools to be personally responsible and successful in all aspects of their lives. This is a really fun, easy topic to engage with at home as well. Ask your child about what they have learned about managing money and finances when they come home on Friday's.

### 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: 'Starting strong is great; finishing strong is epic!' A nod to our attitude around finishing the year all guns blazing, not taking our foot off the pedal and using every possible moment we have to do the best we can. We have urgent business to do and no time to waste!

Yours sincerely



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## Module 8



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