



Monday 3 February 2020

Kia Ora Room 34 whanau and welcome to what is sure to be an amazing year at Manurewa Intermediate School. For those of you who are new to our school this year I am sure you will find it as exciting as we all did when we first arrived. For those of you who have returned I will be relying on you to guide our newbies and show them the MI way.

Firstly a little about me. My name is Rita Brooking and I have been teaching at MI for nearly 15 years. I have two children. My daughter Dawn is 18 and my son Mako, who starts at MI today. We live in Otahuhu now but I still consider this community my 'hood'. As a family we enjoy camping and beach life which always involves gathering kaimoana and fried bread.

I will put in 100% effort to support all of my students in achieving their goals and making positive choices. But this is best done with a strong connection between home and school. If we keep communication lines open and honest we have the greatest chance of achieving better outcomes. I consider myself 'firm but fair' and expect the best from my students 'all the time, everytime, all of them, everywhere'.

If you didn't attend school with your child today you will be hearing from me real soon. On Wednesday of this week we will be having our annual MI Night Market in the school carpark. This is fully organised and run by our class. Every cent of profit will be used to fund our food during Survival Camp in Week 3. We will need everyone to pitch in and make this event a smashing success. The more we make the better we all eat at camp. You will be hearing about how you can support today. Thinking about camp... are you an Adventurous Risk Taker who is willing to accompany our class? If so please contact me so we can have a chat. In order for camp to be safe and successful we will need at least three adult helpers.



Attendance: This is vital and we are proud at MI to know that we have the best attendance rates in New Zealand. I follow up daily so if you see my number please answer because I am concerned about your child. I will personally reward any student that has better attendance than me by the end of this year.

Lateness: School starts at 8:30am each morning but it is important that students are at school and organised for each day well ahead of the bell. However, if a student is late they need to see Miss Elly Mafi with a note or with the parent in the hall. If an adult can accompany them they will not need to attend community service during lunch.

Uniform: This is a must for everyone. However, if you require a pass please send your child with a note to Mr Bartlett before the 8:30am bell in his office near the library. Please name every piece of uniform.

Healthy Eating: Please help our students make better food choices as they develop better habits. We have an ongoing competition related to this and homemade is usually better for us all.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR - TERM 1 2020

Week 1:

Mon 3 Feb: MODULE 1: "MI School Life"

Day 1! MI Whanau Day (Powhiri and Whanau Day all day)
Newsletter 1 out today

Tues 4 Feb: Year 7 Sports Enrichment Trials (11.05-2.05)

Wed 5 Feb: MI Night Markets (5-8pm)

Thu 6 Feb: Waitangi Day (No School)

Fri 7 Feb: Staff Only Day (No School)

Week 2:

Wed 12 Feb: MI Swimming Sports - Papatoetoe Pools (all day)

Fri 15 Feb: Mini Athletics (11.25am-1.25pm)

Week 3:

Mon 17 Feb: MODULE 2: "MI Survival"

Wed 19 Feb - Fri 21 Feb: Rimu and Kauri Survival Camp

Week 4

Mon 24 Feb: MODULE 3: "MI Way"

Timetable starts!

Tue 25 Feb: Zone Boys Softball

Wed 26 Feb: Newsletter 2 out today

Week 5

Tue 3 Mar: Zone Girls Softball

Thu 5 Mar: "Tell Us About Your Kid" due today

Fri 6 Mar: Mid Term Break (No School)
Zone Swimming

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Mon 9 Mar: Mid Term Break (No School)

Tue 10 Mar- Thu 12 Mar: Leadership Councils Camp at Camp Morley

Tue 10 Mar: Zone NZTFI Tag

Week 8:

Wed 25 Mar: Newsletter 3 out today

Fri 27 Mar: Room 34 Assembly

Week 9:

Wed 3 Apr: Class and Individual Photos

Fri 5 Apr: Girls Rugby 7s vs Holy Cross (12pm)

Week 10

Tue 7 Apr: Zone Boys Football

Thu 9 Apr: Student Involved Conferences (8am-8pm)
Term 1 Ends

Fri 10 Apr: Good Friday

Teachers and subjects that your child will

Humanities	Ms De Ausen
Math	Mrs Winterbach
Science	Ms Brooking
Physical Education	Mr Shephard
Performing Arts	Mr Tanaki
Sustainable Enterprise	Miss Mc B

I look forward to meeting or catching up with you all within the next few weeks. Save my number and don't hesitate to contact me.

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