

Manurewa Intermediate School



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***Our school newsletter - communicating with our school
community, mid term and end of term.***

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THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER OF:

NAME: _____

ROOM: _____

Greetings, Kia ora, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo Ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Salam, Mauri ora!

TERM FOUR VALUES

Tolerance

TRUST

CREATIVITY + INNOVATION

Fun

MANUREWA MONTHLY

Our Newsletter, "Manurewa Monthly" is published every month, coming home each term, approximately in Week 5 and 10. Listed below are the publication dates with the current issue highlighted. Our intention with this newsletter is to ensure the communication between home and school is frequent, effective and relevant by keeping you fully informed about all that is going on in our school, and also, to share with you some student work.

Our newsletters are a very in depth summary of the past month, and take much time to put together. We do this because we want you to know what is going on, and whilst I realise perhaps, a very small minority of you read the newsletter it is still important we do this for that small minority because you deserve to know and we want this formal outlet for students to showcase their learning.

PUBLICATION DATES

TERM	WEEK	ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE
<i>TERM 4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Friday 13 December</i>

2025

TERM	WEEK	ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE
<i>TERM 1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Monday 3 February</i>
<i>TERM 1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Wednesday 5 March</i>
<i>TERM 1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Wednesday 9 April</i>

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tēnā koutou, e ngā whānau, ngā mātua, me ngā tauira – ngā mihi mahana o te wā ki a koutou katoa!

As we draw near to the end of this year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible mahi that has taken place across MI and to acknowledge the support you provide to your tamariki and our school. This morning's Prize Giving was a truly special event, filled with mana and celebration, and a beautiful way to recognise the achievements and growth of our tauira. Thank you for being a part of this journey – your aroha and tautoko make all the difference!

Looking ahead to next year, our staff have already begun preparing for an exciting Term One in 2025. Yesterday during Student Involved Conferences, our Year 7 students received their invitations to "Whānau Day" on Monday 3rd February 2025 – our first day for the 2025 school year! This will be a great opportunity to connect, share kōrero, and set the tone for the year ahead. We also included details about our much-loved MI Night Market, happening on Wednesday 12th February from 4:00pm to 6:30pm, so mark it in your calendars now as it's going to be an evening to remember! Your puku will not regret it!

A highlight of Term One next year will be our annual Survival Camp at Home Bay, Motutapu Island, in the stunning Hauraki Gulf. Which may well be the last time we go – *now that we have our own 'MI Papakāinga' which I know you will hear more about next year.* Survival Camp takes place in Week 3 and 4 (Monday 17th February to Friday 28th February), with each whānau spending three days each on the island. This camp is a cornerstone of the MI experience, giving our tauira the chance to bond, build resilience, and connect with our taiao. As always, we'll be relying on the support of our whānau to make this happen. If you can lend a hand, keep these dates in mind – we'd love to have you join us.

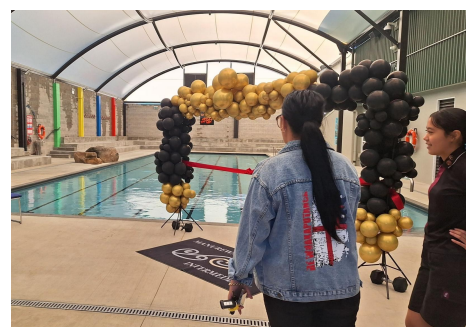
Other than that, I want to mihi to every one of you for the role you play in making our kura such a special place. The whakataukī comes to mind: "Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi" – with your contribution and ours, our people will thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2025 for another year of growth, learning, and whanaungatanga.

Tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia tīna! Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!



Sidd Apiata
Associate Principal
Kowhai Whānau Leader



2025 TERM DATES

	DATES	Holidays/Others
TERM 1	Monday 3 rd February – Friday 11 th April	<p><u>Monday 27-January</u> – Auckland Anniversary Holiday</p> <p><u>Thursday 6 February</u> – Waitangi Day (no school for children)</p> <p><u>Friday 7 February</u> – Week 1: Staff Only Day (no school for children)</p> <p><u>EASTER</u> – in holidays <u>ANZAC DAY</u> – in holidays</p>
TERM 2	Monday 28 th April – Friday 27 th June	<p><u>Monday 2 June</u> – Week 6: King’s Birthday Holiday</p> <p><u>Monday 20 June</u> – Week 8: Matariki Holiday</p>
TERM 3	Monday 14 th July – Friday 19 th September	<p><u>Friday 15 August</u> – Week 5: Mid Term Break</p> <p><u>Monday 18 August</u> – Week 6: Staff Only Day</p>
TERM 4	Monday 6 th October – Friday 12 th December	<p><u>Friday 24 October</u> – Week 3: Staff Only Day</p> <p><u>Monday 27 October</u> – Week 4: Labour Day</p> <p><u>Monday 15 – Friday 19 December</u> – Office open</p>

2026:

Auckland Anniversary Day: Monday 26 January

Day 1, Term 1 all Students: Monday 2 February

Waitangi Day: Friday 6 February

AFFIRMATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students are having their birthday over the next five weeks, up to the next newsletter on Wednesday 5th March 2025.

We wish you an early Happy Birthday and trust you have a wonderful day!

NB: There may be times when we inadvertently 'miss' a birthday – please let us know if we do, so we can acknowledge it in the next newsletter. It is important that we do this so please do not feel bad telling us.

November Birthdays HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Abigail	Mark	Shivansh
Journey	Kimora-Lee	Clover
Legion	Kaija-Nyx	Etonia
Farhan	Alexis	Brooklyn
Alice-Rose	Taniela	Ellenlina
Kairyn	Hone	Rhema
Israel	Yaashvi	Tokilupe
Lance	Rommel	Jandrei
Morusan	Paige	Vanisha
Isryel	Lexus	Arnav
	Micah	Anh





December Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Sione	Cevrynce	Benedick	Amelia
Lachlan	Shyniar-Lee	Lopeti	Ridhi
Atiria	Lalita	Avan	Winnie-Belle
Rani	Latu	Josiah	Jacob
Avish	Enoke	Kirimangu	Nicole
Tilnavuso	Waingawari	Sasha-Rose	Joziah
Olivia	Kauai	Vai	Davis
David	Erica	Solomona	Shania
Lato	Theia	Evellyn-May	Arire
Nofoaga	Maziah	Derron	Lilly
Llanell	Kean	Crystal	Grayson
Jordan	Xavier	Trevahn	Layton
Naitingkeil	Oceania	Junior	Neilam
Harlynn	Leaia	Aki	Jaidyn
Mansi	Nephi	Vanilla-May	Khaqan
Rami	Moe	Ahurei	Neilavni
Nina	Tongatu	Alopa	Lucas
Nathan	Aubree-Jene	Ibraheem	Joseph
Rohan	Wyatt	Mahana	Shreya
Monnier-Clarke			



January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Sukhman	Nytrous	Soso'o	Taylor
Kyla	Atonina	Lehqwunhz-Jhade	Ciarah
Aisea	Farxiya	Khaleel	Raymond
JP	Ekaparinika	Jayden	Exodus
Arana	Levi	Seti	William
Michelle	Tahana-Marie	Semisi	Francois
Teliana	Jacinta-Segia	Emelio	Shanaya
Glasgow	Paihera	Maania	Darius
Jahziah	Avery	Manaia	Jahayliah
Hedaznee	Eric	Liam	Zaidul
Tiulipe	Theos	Fuka	Zeporah
Uzziel	Jerry	Miracle	Samara-Lee
Sione	Robert		

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lissa	Yannie	Seira	Afizah
Noah	Andre	Wade	Crystal
Connar	Mele	Iopu	Ashley
Reeha	Regan	TJ	Patience
Jessie	Sloan	Lee-Brian	Aqil
Zynaias	Kiani	Nikailah	Ricky
Perez	Kyra	Arisha	Hazel
Keysha	Meliame	Enilose	Roimata
Princeton			

March Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

SJ	Conrad	Tukino	Vijay
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2024 PRIZE GIVING AWARDS - CONGRATS!

As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, this morning we had our school Prize Giving ceremony and it was an incredibly special time to be able to celebrate the achievement of many of our students. It is always unfortunate that not all students can receive a prize as we know that every student at Manurewa Intermediate deserves one for something they have achieved. We congratulate all of those achievements but especially the ones in the following lists.

CLASS AWARDS			
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT for presence and engagement			
ROOM	NAME	ROOM	NAME
3	Tanvi Ram	28	Shania Stoutley
4	Saige-Liaze Toomer-Sam	29	Peddine Likisone
9	Sally Lamusitele	30	Savannah Teroi
11	Symphony Brown	32	Matthew Lala
12	Khori-Lee Makiteiaa	33	Jessie Ilavalu
13	Mohammed Abyaz	34	Esseh Pauli
14	Ranav Lal	62	Lucia Meredith
15	Tylah Matautia	67	Braeleigh Tutaki
19	Peyton Wilcox	69	Peyson Mataroa
20	Joseph Toloa	70	Faamalie Ale
22	Romeo Mauatu	71	Shayaan Din
23	Louie Blair	73	Akosita Teulilo
24	Lusia Finau	75	Jayden Rawiri Hansen
25	Nofoaga Milo	77	Coral Taukei
26	Aura Kingi	78	Danzel Prasad
27	Lariena Tuigamala	79	Zahara-Pearl Ryder

YEAR 7 SUBJECT AWARDS		
MOU Magic + Effort for presence and engagement / Overall Academic Achievement		
SUBJECT AREA	MOU MAGIC	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
HUMANITIES	Room 11 - Jessiah Jones	Room 29 - Mattea Casey
MATH	Room 25 - San Phuitu	Room 29 - Shivansh Sharan
SCIENCE	Room 70 - Kezia Peilua	Room 29 - Rishi Kumar
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 22 - Legacy Reti-Hutch	Room 23 - Eljaye Leaupepe-Tauriki
ART	Room 03 - Rosie Tran	Room 04 - Aliazer Wade
MUSIC	Room 29 - Samuel Tuhua-Walker	Room 70 - Lopeti Pome'e
PERFORMING ARTS	Room 78 - Ahurei Heremia-Tito	Room 70 - Seti Pomale Time
COOKING	Room 70 - Kezia Peilua	Room 34 - Patience Ene
TE AO MAORI	Room 24 - Mia-Andrea Tipene	Room 67 - Harlyn Kaihau
X-PLO TECH	Room 25 - Meliame Papuni	Room 11 - Tatiana Foliaki
DIGI COMP	Room 69 - Krystal Taua	Room 32 - Cedric Laguna
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN	Room 11 - Daniel Bull	Room 29 - Mattea Casey

YEAR 8 SUBJECT AWARDS		
MOU Magic + Effort for presence and engagement / Overall Academic Achievement		
SUBJECT AREA	MOU MAGIC	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
HUMANITIES	Room 23 - Kaitlyn-Leah Tuigamala	Room 29 - Liana Leach
MATH	Room 67 - Antonio Amanuel	Room 29 - Nehal Madhura
SCIENCE	Room 23 - Fane Moala	Room 29 - Liana Leach
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 23 - Carmen Lavea	Room 29 - Marcus Paniani
ART	Room 32 - Theia Terry	Room 23 - Fane Moala
MUSIC	Room 73 - Tamati-Wayne Baniani Kahuroa	Room 62 - Jordan Raman
PERFORMING ARTS	Room 14 - Mya Koia	Room 67 - Halo Kelaher-Skipper
COOKING	Room 62 - Jordan Raman	Room 33 - Charlotte Millett
TE AO MAORI	Room 34 - Payton-Lee Pask	Room 24 - Kau'i Paratene
X-PLO TECH	Room 27 - Laekyn Tuhiwai	Room 15 - Nethaniel Mataaafa
DIGI COMP	Room 30 - Sione Makanesi	Room 27 - Te Akapitara Daniela
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN	Room 33 - Jinelle Manttan-Baniani	Room 29 - Sylvie MacDonald

CULTURAL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Kapa Haka Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 28 - Shania Stoutley
Samoan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 34 - Eliezra Milosia
Tongan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 27 - Lutelo Filiiai
Tauturu Cook Island Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 22 - Kura Strickland
Indian Lata Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 70 - Dhristi Prasad
Niuean Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 67 - Jaedalei Anae
MI Dancer of the Year Award	Room 67 - Persayis Williams
MI Musician of the Year Award	Room 62 - Chrisander Moemai Iosia

SCHOOL SENATE AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Room 71 - Shavin Kumar	Room 73 - Akosita Teulilo
Room 29 - Peddine Likisone	Room 15 - Mack Vaialia
Room 69 - Peyson Mataroa	Room 73 - Johliah Talagi
Room 73 - Tamati-Wayne Baniani Kahuroa	Room 22 - Evana Samisoni
Room 33 - Charlotte Millet	Room 70 - Faamalie Ale
Room 32 - Henry Raheke-Fariu	

SCHOOL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Manurewa Intermediate Mathex Champions	Room 29 - Nehal Madhura, Liana Leach, Marcus Paniani, Moses Youssef
Manurewa Intermediate Spelling Bee Champion	Room 70 - Solomon Solomona
Manurewa Intermediate Speech Trophy Winner	Room 29 - Peddine Likisone
Contribution and Effort to Sport Award - Female	Room 22 - Izabella Teinakore-Lemanu
Contribution and Effort to Sport Award - Male	Room 23 - Louie Blair
Rogers Whanau Cup - Passion for all things Maori	Room 4 - Waingawari Grace-Castles
Education for Sustainability Award	Room 26 - Vinisha Singh
Rawiri Whanau Taonga	Room 32 - Nathaniel Kirianu
Hedley Whanau Trophy	Room 33 - Irasa Lemoe
The School Vision Cup	Room 73 - Tamati-Wayne Baniani Kahuroa

MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

John Walker Cup	Room 23 - D'Taynian Posimani
Kay Kingi Service to School	Room 29 - Sylvie MacDonald
Citizenship	Room 29 - Peddine Likisone
Performance	Room 15 - Melleave Pasia
Sportswoman	Room 23 - Kimora-Lee Lisone
Sportsman	Room 22 - Romeo Mauatu
Counties Sports Zone Trophy	Manurewa Intermediate School
Doidge 'Just Did It' trophy	Charlene Tamaki
Dux - Academic Excellence	Room 29 - Shivansh Sharan
Fowler All-Round Achievement	Room 67 - Lautasi Afiafi
Whānau Cup Winners	Kauri Whānau

Congratulations to all our award winners!

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Manurewa Intermediate Touch

Zone Touch Tournament Success!

On Tuesday 12th November, Manurewa Intermediate sent three teams to Bruce Pulman Park for the Zone Touch Tournament. The boys' team, competing in a highly competitive grade, placed a very respectable third. Both the girls' and mixed teams won their respective divisions, earning the opportunity to compete at the Auckland Champs.

Our teams were expertly coached by the talented Mr. Misa and Mr. Godinet, whose deep knowledge of the game and skilful guidance were instrumental in our success. The players displayed exceptional camaraderie and teamwork throughout the day. It was a joy to watch our students play such an entertaining brand of touch rugby.

Auckland Champs of Champs!

At the Auckland Champs, our teams once again showcased their determination and talent:

- **Girls' Team:** Secured an impressive 3rd place after narrowly missing out on the final.
- **Mixed Team:** Crowned champions! They played a thrilling final against Mt. Roskill Intermediate and emerged victorious as the whole of Auckland Champions

We are incredibly proud of all our players for their dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to our coaches, Mr. Misa and Mr. Godinet, as well as Jaden, Steve, and the boys who assisted with training. What a fantastic effort by everyone involved!



SPORT AWARDS

On Thursday 6th December, we proudly hosted our annual Manurewa Intermediate Sports Awards. An evening dedicated to celebrating the incredible achievements of our talented athletes. With over 80 students representing 44 different sporting codes, along with their proud whānau, the event was a resounding success. We started with our Elite Sports Camp Cheer performance followed by our guest speaker Anthony Gelling. The evening highlighted the dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship of our elite athletes, who were nominated by their coaches for their outstanding performances throughout the year. It was a true celebration of talent and community spirit, reflecting the pride we take in fostering excellence in sports at Manurewa Intermediate.

We finished our awards ceremony with our Coaching Legend Award which was awarded to Cian Byrne-Hansen for his contribution to numerous sporting codes and successful outcomes.

2024 was a success, we came away as Counties Manukau overall winners for the sixth year in a row. I wanted to take a moment to express a heartfelt thank you to all our whānau who attended and showed incredible support for our athletes—your presence truly made the evening special. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to our guest speaker Anthony, dedicated coaches for their hard work and commitment throughout the year, as well as their invaluable support on the night. Your contributions are what make events like this such a success!



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AUCKLAND CHAMPIONS



On 13th November 2024, at the Eventfinda Stadium in Wairau Valley, Manurewa Intermediate made history by successfully defending its Auckland Championship Volleyball title, winning back-to-back championships in a nail-biting, action-packed tournament.

From the very first game, our team dominated the pool rounds with impressive performances. Manurewa defeated Mt Roskill 45-14, followed by a commanding 35-17 win over Sir Edmund Hillary. The team rounded out the pool play with a solid 30-21 victory against Westminster, setting the stage for the semifinals.

In the semifinal match, the tension was high as Manurewa faced Point England. With just 40 seconds remaining, our team held their nerve and pulled off a thrilling 4-point victory, showing incredible composure under pressure.

The final match against Kedgley was the ultimate test of skill and determination. It was an edge-of-the-seat game, with both teams battling hard. Ultimately, Manurewa emerged victorious, winning by just 3 points in a dramatic finish. The team showcased exceptional teamwork, with powerful hits, well-executed serves, and flawless communication throughout the game. Their ability to adjust and stay focused under pressure was key to clinching the championship once again.

This back-to-back victory is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and spirit of the Manurewa Intermediate Girls Volleyball team. Congratulations to the players and all the staff who were involved this year for this incredible achievement. We are all extremely proud of our girls outstanding performance!





Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

On Wednesday of Week 6, an excited group of students walked or biked to Mountfort Park to participate in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon.

It is always great to see our students try something new and push themselves to complete a challenge they might not have otherwise attempted. This year, we had four individuals complete the tryathlon: Latu, Lochlan, Kura, and Legend. We also entered five teams, with each member sharing the three disciplines by doing either the swim or bike ride and then combining to complete the run together. The teams were Telesia/Evana, Noah/Darius, Alopa/Eljaye, Nisi/Fa'amalie, and Madisyn/Tatiana.

The swim is always our "work-on" phase; however, it has been a huge bonus having the students train in our very own school pool this year. This definitely helped them on the day, and all our swimmers were competitive in the swim phase.

The conditions on the day were wet, which made the cycling leg of the course a bit tricky. Despite this, our students did extremely well, showing great focus and determination to navigate the course safely. Highlights from this stage included EJ and Kura riding like the NZ track cycling team, seemingly completing their cycling leg faster than anyone else in the pack. Another memorable moment was Telesia complaining that she didn't perform better on the bike because I gave her a "dud bike" – which, for the record, is my mum's bike. (The chain just fell off!) Lochlan faced a similar issue with his bike, but luckily, it happened right where I was spectating, so I could help him get it back on, and off he went.

The run leg is arguably MI's strength. Our students do fitness so often that it doesn't faze them. This was clear when other participants were exhausted, and our students were still enjoying themselves. (See Kura to the right – he enjoyed it so much that when he finished, he came back and ran the last kilometre again with some of the others!)

It was another great day out for our MI team, who showed incredible commitment to their training and gave their best efforts in the tryathlon. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support, as well as those who lent bikes and helmets to the team. Your support is greatly appreciated!



MI Musical - The Planemaker



On 12th and 13th November we were able to perform our MI Musical. It was called 'The Planemaker', based on the first man to fly, Richard Pearse. We had been in rehearsals since the end of Term 1 preparing for this event. It was an acting and singing extravaganza. The students all performed amazingly well and pulled together to work as a team. They demonstrated the term values of fun, creativity and innovation. They trusted and supported each other.

The whole process was extremely exciting. It was worth it and I'm proud of the result
- Liana.

Attended by more than 300 people across two nights, this year's MI Musical was a great success! Whānau feedback was positive about the singing, acting, set, costumes and the positive message of the story.

We would like to thank all the staff who made this show possible. Our front of house staff who made everyone feel welcome. Our set and props makers who made our show look incredible. Our backstage crew who maneuvered and assembled sets, and of course the plane. Our tech support on the night: Lights by Mr Upoko and photos by Mrs White. Miss Fox and her crew for all her mahi backstage and Mr Talbot for his conducting in the front. Finally, Mr Devereux who could be called Co-Producer, Co-Director, Co-MD and Choreographer all at once! Thanks team for helping us put on a fabulous show.

I'm happy that I got to learn about how to face my fears of performing something new other than performing my own culture - Taialofa

It was so incredible I'm so proud of all of you and your effort towards the musical, it will be a memorable moment for all of us this year - Symphony



It was life changing and I would do it again, it was incredible, especially being the bad guy. If you are Year 7 this year please do the musical next year - Sylvie



I had so much fun with the show even if I was just a side player I still had the best time of my life. If this is on next year I'm in for it!!! - Heilynn

MI CULTURAL PERFORMANCE NIGHT

On the evening of November 27th, 2024, our school came alive with the beats, dances, and cultural richness of our annual Cultural Performance Night. We were hosted by our two wonderful MC's - Lariena from Room 27 and Chrisander from Room 62! The stage was graced by an array of incredible performances from Hip Hop, Cook Islands, Samoan, Indian, Niuean, Tongan, Choir, Fijian, Kapa Haka, and our award-winning hip-hop dance crew 728!

The diversity of talent on display drew our wonderful community to witness the hard work and dedication our staff and students have put in throughout the year - with the hall reaching its capacity! From the powerful dance moves and energy of Hip Hop, 728 and Indian group to the graceful and fluid moves of our Samoan, Cook Islands, and Niuean groups, the beautiful harmonies from our Choir and the captivating performances by the Tongan, Fijian and Kapa Haka roopu, the night was a great display of our cultural diversity here at MI!

As the performances unfolded, it became evident that each group had poured their hearts into their acts, reflecting the dedication invested throughout 2024. The evening culminated with our MI Haka, a powerful collaboration uniting us all with an impactful finale!

These cultural shows stand as a testament to the immense pride our students take in their school and cultural heritage. Congratulations to all the performers who not only entertained us but also celebrated the rich cultural diversity that makes our community so special.





CLASS OF 2024 YEAR 8 GRADUATION

On Friday 6th December, we gathered to celebrate and farewell our Year 8 students, marking the end of their journey at Manurewa Intermediate. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown! These amazing students have grown so much over the past two years, from stepping through our gates as wide-eyed Year 7s to becoming confident, talented, and thoughtful leaders of our school.

Graduation is always a rollercoaster of emotions. Excitement and pride filled the air as students dressed to impress and reflected on their many achievements, but there were also moments of sadness as they said goodbye to the teachers and friends who have been such an important part of their lives.

The ceremony was nothing short of spectacular. The hall was beautifully decorated, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening. Families and staff came together to celebrate not just academic success but also the resilience, creativity, and growth these young people have shown. Certificates, awards, and special acknowledgments were presented, each a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students.

To our Year 8 students: As you embark on your next adventure in high school, take with you the Keys to Success and the values you've embraced at MI. It has been an absolute privilege watching you flourish. While we are sad to see you go, we are excited to see what the future holds for each of you. Remember, this is not goodbye – it's "see you later." You'll always be part of the MI whānau, and we can't wait to hear about the amazing things you accomplish.

Congratulations, Year 8 Class of 2024!

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.

Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.



KOWHAI WHĀNAU FUN DAY



On Monday 9th December, Kowhai Whānau trained together to the Papakura Pools for a well-deserved day of fun and relaxation to celebrate the end of an action-packed year. Our tamariki couldn't contain their excitement as they made the most of the wave pool, hydro-slide, bombing area, and inflatable obstacle course. Swimming and snacks were definitely the highlights of the day!

The pools provided the perfect backdrop for a day of laughter, bonding and pure joy. Our tamariki enjoyed every moment, from daring dives off the bombing platform to racing through the inflatable obstacle course. With a delicious kete of snacks to refuel, the energy and smiles lasted all day long.

Days like this remind us how important it is to step back from our busy routines to celebrate the connections we've built with the students we spend our days with. Watching our teachers join in the fun – sliding down the hydro-slide, taking on the obstacle course, or simply sharing laughs in the pool – made it all that much more special! These shared moments create lasting memories and deepen the relationships that make Kowhai Whānau so strong.

As we reflect on the year, it's clear how vital these opportunities are to whakawhanaunga. Today wasn't just about swimming and snacks; it was about celebrating our achievements, fostering a sense of belonging, and having a whole lot of fun while we're at it!

What a wonderful way to wrap up the year, Kowhai Whānau!



KOWHAI WHĀNAU FUN DAY

Whānau Fun Day

Kauri



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE AT KINGS COLLEGE

The day began with an exciting train ride as close to 200 energetic Kauri kids boarded the train at Homai station, buzzing with anticipation for the adventures ahead. The short journey to Middlemore was filled with laughter and excitement, (including a joyful Christmas Carol sing along by one of the train conductors) setting the tone for the day. Upon arrival, the group enjoyed a scenic walk through the grounds of Kings College, where the festivities were waiting to unfold. The overcast weather provided the perfect backdrop for an array of outdoor activities.



The big outdoor pool became a hub of fun and energy as kids splashed, swam, and soaked up the warm weather. Volleyball games on the grassy areas and ball games on the court kept the students entertained. Some students were fortunate to do a school tour which included a trip into the X-PLO Tech Room, Art space and newly opened Music, Dance and Performing Arts space.

No celebration is complete without delicious food, and Kauri Whānau delivered! A mouthwatering sausage sizzle, treats, delicious pizza and ice blocks were enjoyed by all.

This special day was not only about fun and games but also about celebrating the incredible successes of Kauri Whānau throughout the year.

FOUR TERMS FOUR VICTORIES!

It was a time to recognise the collective energy and efforts of both staff and students, who have worked tirelessly to achieve so much together.



As we wrap up the year, we extend a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Kauri Whānau Fun Day a memorable event.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year ahead.

RIMU WHĀNAU FUN DAY

On Wednesday 11th December, Rimu Whānau embarked on their final adventure of 2024 - the eagerly anticipated Whānau Fun Day. This action-packed extravaganza was a fitting reward for students who had actively participated in school life and maintained over 80% attendance throughout the year.

The day highlighted an essential life lesson: to be part of something, you must contribute. Every student who joined the celebration had embodied our school values, contributed meaningfully, and participated enthusiastically throughout the year.

The students set off to Manurewa Netball Courts, where they were greeted by a vibrant array of activities: inflatable bouncy castles, boxing jousting, water fights, a barbecue, a chill zone, music, sports games, and an atmosphere of all-around fun and good vibes.

We chose to keep it local due to rising transport costs. We are incredibly grateful to the Manurewa Netball Courts for hosting us at their fantastic venue. One added benefit of this location was that we were not dependent on the weather - although we were lucky to have perfect conditions on the day.

The event was a resounding success, offering a joyous conclusion to a highly productive year for Rimu Whānau. While the school competition may not have been in our favour this year, we take immense pride in our strong attendance rates, with so many students exceeding the 80% mark. This is an achievement that all Rimu teachers celebrate.

Additionally, our classes excelled at the Night Markets earlier in the year, which provided the funds to host such an unforgettable day. This, combined with the consistent and meticulous organisation of our teachers - whether for camp, graduation, or this final celebration—ensured that our students had a wonderful experience.

Rimu Whānau has every reason to be proud as we wrap up 2024 on a high note!



TAWA WHANAU FUN DAY

who's gonna carry
the boats?

On a sunny and spectacular Wednesday, the Tawa Whānau embarked on an unforgettable adventure to celebrate an amazing year together. Our destination? The fabulous Papakura Pools—a perfect spot for our ultimate Whānau Funday!

The day started with excitement as we boarded a train for our journey. Right on schedule, we arrived at 10:00 am, ready to dive into the fun. The weather couldn't have been better, adding an extra sparkle to the already joyous atmosphere.

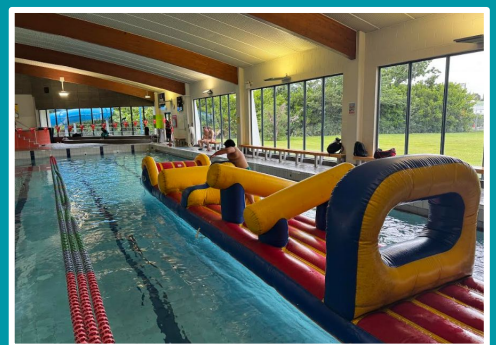
Surrounded by friends and supported by our fantastic Tawa teachers, we spent the day laughing, splashing, and creating memories.

Lunchtime Highlights:

The midday break turned into a delicious feast with pizzas and an array of snacks. The best part? There were even leftovers to enjoy later—bonus! Sharing a meal together truly made us feel like one big happy whānau.

As the day unfolded, we laughed, played, and reflected on the incredible year we've shared. It was also a special moment to bid farewell to friends moving on to exciting new adventures.

Tawa Whānau's Funday was more than just an outing; it was a heartfelt celebration of our bonds and achievements. What a fantastic way to wrap up the year!



“NEWS TO SHARE FROM AN OLD-BOY”

Houston, who was in Room 22 last year and was also the MI Brothers Rugby Club captain for 2023 - attended a Rugby League Camp at the back end of November in Ellerslie and Cornwall Park, where a number of clubs from the NRL were in attendance.

As of yesterday, he has a verbal contract with the head of the Melbourne Storm Academy where he will be playing Tier One Rugby League in Australia. Him and his whānau will be moving permanently to the Sunshine Coast and Caloundra in the new year, where the Storm's Academy Head Office is. He will be signing a contract on his 16th birthday. What a memorable moment to celebrate on a birthday! What sealed the deal from the Storm's perspective was his attitude, morals and character on and off the field, as they were very impressed.

A massive congratulations to Houston! We are extremely proud of him and what he has achieved this far. This is an amazing opportunity for him and his family moving forward.

Hard work always wins!

Houston



NGĀ MIHI KI A KOUTOU KATOA!

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, it's important to take a moment to reflect and acknowledge the collective efforts of everyone who contributes to the life of our school. Manurewa Intermediate is a special place, and that's because of the people – parents, caregivers, staff, board members, and our wider community – who give so much of themselves to ensure the best outcomes for our tamariki.

To all parents and caregivers – for taking an interest in your children and therefore in our school – for all the things you have been involved in to support your child throughout the year. In this day and age, everyone leads such busy lives, and we appreciate you giving up your precious time. We go out of our way to do what we believe is the right thing for your children, and your support, encouragement, suggestions, positive feedback, and involvement are appreciated and indeed wanted. We look forward to seeing you again for another successful year in 2025.

To the Board Members – for your time, encouragement, commitment, and in allowing the staff to get on and do the job without petty interference – many of us have seen this occur in other schools, and it stops staff from doing anything of use for their kids. We appreciate your continued support.

The general community – for those who have no direct ties to our school – the feedback and involvement from community members has been incredibly positive this year, and this is a vital link for any school and one we look forward to developing even more so in 2025.

To all our staff – whilst a school is only as good as the people who lead it, it also needs a staff who get involved in things, who create excitement and fun and learning for our kids, and who do a job, whatever that may be, to enable things to happen. We are very fortunate here at Manurewa Intermediate School to continue to have a group of committed, talented, interested, and enthusiastic staff who are providing a wealth of opportunities and experiences for our kids. Thanks for giving up your time freely, as well as displaying great energy and focus. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

It is truly a privilege to work alongside such a passionate, dedicated, and supportive school community. I look forward to making it all happen once again in 2025!

Ngā mihi

Iain Taylor
Principal

HEI KONĀ!

To our Year 8 students...

This can be such an exciting time for you as you move on to high school, but it is also a time for a few nerves and some sadness. Many of you have been together since primary school and are now heading off to different high schools. You have been great representatives of Manurewa Intermediate School. We hope you continue to make all the right choices and follow our Keys to Success into your high school lives, and that you behave and interact as you have done here, even if expectations aren't the same – so show your morals! Most of all, we hope you can continue to be Adventurous Risk Takers and try new things. Don't forget to let us know how it all goes, as you are all very special to the staff here.

To Staff Leaving...

This is also the time of year when we farewell staff, so we wish these leavers well and thank them for all the work they have done, and for the time and aroha they have put into the students over their varying amount of time here. Farewell and good luck to:

Miss Celeste, our amazing Librarian who has been with us for two years and has transformed our library into a hive of passionate readers and a space everyone loves to hang out in. Thank you for your energy, creativity, and for fostering a love of books. We will miss you!

Mrs Debris, an incredible member of our Humanities team, whose work ethic, dedication, and French heritage have left a lasting impact on us all. Mrs Debris, we are going to miss hearing your unique accent around our place and we thank you for sharing this with us all! Merci beaucoup, and best of luck for the future!

Miss Rina, is an amazing Learning Assistant and who quickly made an impact on those she worked with her at MI. Running our Breakfast Club, leading our Samoan Group, managing our Rewa Sisters teams over the years, producing a short film for Focus on Ability Film Festival, as well as working closely with our Second Language English Learners – she is going to be missed by many! Good luck on your next chapter Miss Rina, we will miss you!

Miss Hape, has been with us since late 2022 and has been both a Humanities teacher and Science teacher. We wish you all the best at your new school.

KA TAU KĒ!

2025 promises to be an exciting and action-packed year for our tamariki. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your whānau a Meri Kirihimete, a safe and restful holiday, and a New Year filled with aroha.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd February 2025** for the first day of kura. This will be a special "Whānau Day," and we warmly invite you to join us. It's a chance for whānau to participate in activities, connect with kaiako, and spend time in class with your tamariki as we start the year together.

Nau mai, haere mai. We can't wait to see you all there!

Associate Principal



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DONATING YOUR UNIFORMS FOR THOSE WHO NEED!

If you have no more children or other whānau or friends coming to MI in the next year or two and you are willing to donate any bits of school uniform, please do so! Just wash it and drop off next week – the office is open until Friday 20th December. Thank you in advance for your generosity, which will be given to students in need throughout 2025.