



3rd February 2025

Fakaalofa atu, Parents, Whānau, and Students. Welcome to Manurewa Intermediate! I am honoured and excited to have your child in Room 67 this year as part of Rimu Whānau. We have an amazing year ahead, and I look forward to working with you to support your child's growth and success.

My name is Di Tanaki and I will be your child's Form Teacher. I am a proud Niuean and grew up here in South Auckland. My background has always been centered around working with youth, but my greatest passion is Performing Arts, particularly Hip Hop dance. I've been lucky enough to have travelled the world sharing my talents, but my heart belongs to our local community, which I love giving back to.

This is my ninth year teaching at Manurewa Intermediate and my seventh year in Performing Arts education. I have high expectations for all my students, both in and outside the classroom. In Room 67, we focus on building strong attendance habits with the goal of 100% attendance every day, in the correct uniform. I also encourage your child to get involved in wider school activities, like Period 6 opportunities, which provide incredible experiences to set them up for future success. You can find more information about these activities in your child's MI Planner.



MI Night Markets is next Wednesday 12th February from 4pm to 6:30pm. This is the first step in preparing for MI Survival Camp. We will discuss as a class what each of us will be contributing to sell at our stall. Your support is vital and appreciated, to help us raise money to pay for our three day Camp. Let's get it!



This year is going to be exciting and full of opportunities. While it may be different and challenging at times, those moments will help us grow together. My advice to all Room 67 students is to have fun, be yourself and get involved in everything MI has to offer.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Room 67 students, remember, "Don't talk about it, be about it." Let's work hard, show up and let's make the most of 2025!

Di Tanaki



ROOM 67 CLASS

Module 1 LETTER
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	
Miss Ella	Humanities
Mr Davidson	Math
Miss Gafo'i	Science
Mr Byrne-Hansen	Physical Education
Mr Tanaki	Performing Arts
Miss Hardwidge	Art

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.