

Manurewa Intermediate School

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& Happy Holidays!



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*Our school newsletter - communicating with our school
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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

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>10</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Friday 15 December</i>
2024			
2024 TERM 1	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	Wednesday 7th February
	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	Wednesday 6th March
	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	Wednesday 10th April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

He Mihi mahana kia koutou – A warm greeting to you all!

This morning we had our school Prize Giving, which was a wonderful event. There is more about this under “Affirmations” section of this newsletter but I would like to comment here, as I did at the ceremony, about our ongoing appreciation for the support that you continue to provide your young people and our school.

At yesterday's SIC teachers gave our current Year 7 students the “Whānau Day” invitation to all whānau for Wednesday 7th February 2024 and we also enclosed for Year 7 students a number of other reminders and bits and bobs for 2024 including our MI Night Market flyer, so lock in 4 pm-6:30 pm on Tuesday 13th February 2024.

We have our traditional start of Year Survival Camp for all students in Week 3 and 4 of Term 1 (Monday 19th February – Friday 1st March) at Home Bay on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf so, as always, we need lots of parents/whānau to assist – keep these dates in mind if you can come once the specific dates for your child are advised in Week One next term! The camp is over a two week period with classes going for three days each.



2024 TERM DATES

	DATES	Holidays/Others
TERM 1	Wednesday 7 th February – Friday 12 th April	<p><u>Monday 29 January</u> – Auckland Anniversary Holiday</p> <p><u>Tuesday 6 February</u> – Waitangi Day</p> <p><u>Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April</u> – Week 8: Good Friday Week 9: Easter Monday/ Easter Tuesday</p>
TERM 2	Monday 29 th April – Friday 5 th July	<p><u>Monday 3 June</u> – Week 6: King’s Birthday Holiday</p> <p><u>Tuesday 4 June</u> – Week 6: Staff Only Day</p> <p><u>Monday 28 June</u> – Week 9: Matariki Holiday</p>
TERM 3	Monday 22 nd July – Friday 27 th September	<p><u>Friday 23 August</u> – Week 5: Mid Term Break</p> <p><u>Monday 26 August</u> – Week 6: Staff Only Day</p>
TERM 4	Monday 14 th October – Friday 13 th December	<p><u>Friday 25 October</u> – Week 2: Staff Only Day</p> <p><u>Monday 28 October</u> – Week 3: Labour Day</p> <p><u>Monday 16 – Friday 20 December</u> – Office open</p>

2025:

Auckland Anniversary Day: Monday 27 January

Day 1, Term 1 all Students: Monday 3 February

Waitangi Day: Thursday 6 February

Staff Only Day – Friday 7 February

AFFIRMATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students are having birthdays over the next five weeks, up to the 28th February. 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.*

We would like to say Happy Birthday to...

December Birthdays

Joseph	Catelynn	Lucas	Nicole
Mikaere	Roydon	Nathan	Joziah
Aisea	Salesi	Cevrynce	Jasmine
Saffyn	Dexter	Shyniar-Lee	Nhykia
Antoinette	Faalua	Lalita	
Kane	Tasha	Latu	
Dennis	Paige	Waingawari	
Jayden	Rami	Kaui	
Lesieli	Jizelle	Theia	
Tyla	Nina	Atiria	
Maria	Winnie-Belle	Manny	
Rohan	Jacob	Angelina	
Samalia	Nathan	Ayesha	



January Birthdays

Josephine	Anthony	Caroline	Jaydis
Ruby	Gonish	Sione	Sonya
Sonny	Luisa	Ketia	A.J
Wiremu	Kaya	Sophie	Asha
Manahi	Maddie	Tyreese	Krishant
Jaelo	Lawzayn	Dion	Lorenzo
Tryphena	Adiva	Tangaroa	Czezar
Tryphosa	Luqus	Vjae	Tu-Teahipene
Tane	Samiuela	Boztyn	Peter
Junior	Mereana	Rebecca	Kingston
Tanvi	Joseph	Larissa	Emily
Te-Tahi	Trey-Harlem	Calyx	Ellezaye
Kordaye	Anthoney	Perese	Hame
Fisiihoi	Krysdeenah	Hamiora	Elijah
Sebastian	Faith	Zaphya	Lexis
Isaac	Peace	Jarad	Phoenix
Lily	Ohana	Moana	Jullian
Gcyphis	Shanequa	Dayton	Tavita
Luke	Nicholas	Charm	Sylvie



February Birthdays

P.J	Tia	Attojo	Ashneeta
Shania	Koreti	Hoani	Asha
August	Faith	Brandon	Rakai
Escarter	Deshak	Jayland-Nicholas	Xavier
Peter	Kaniva	Rosalinda	Jandre
Iziah	Therese	Kiriana	Jayden
Nevaeh	Tanvi	Christina	Nani
Slay	Sarasheena	Rishan	Almina
Elnathan	Styer	Calley	Femi
Freida	Skylah-Rose	Kilioni	Linda
Kaia-Jade	Mark	Waimarie	Sikeli
Krisabel	Lucia	Jett	Fatu
Deleon	Kenn	Lishaunda	Mataele
Toloa	Lockyer	Scarlett	Sione
Sabastian	Zahra	Gia	Raynesh
Damcy	Cairo	Leahcim	Maniah
Grahame			



2023 Prize Giving Awards

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 in what has been a very challenging year. It is always unfortunate that not all students can receive a prize as we know that every student at Manurewa Intermediate School deserves one for something they have achieved throughout the year. We congratulate all of those achievements but especially the ones listed below.

CLASS AWARDS			
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT for presence and engagement			
ROOM	NAME	ROOM	NAME
3	Rosa Sao	28	Nekeare Vila
4	Raahil Kumar	29	Simon Bureka
9	Hifo Holani	30	Breeze Tohe
11	Alijay Tekii-Taione	32	Celine Neho
12	Jayden Pupualii	33	Primrose Havea
13	Kordaye Oneroa-Murray	34	Astha Nair
14	Cornelius Sautia	62	Antoinette Hereora
15	Christian Nau	67	Manahi Te Iri Haturini
19	Talayna Sa'u-Tu'iha'angana	69	Sio Siasau
20	Kiani Leiataua	70	Angelina Panapa-Lote
22	Righteous Reti-Huch	71	Anaya-Lee Hohua
23	Jahnei Kaiwai-Peapea	73	Anthony Seumanu Tulutu
24	Tominiko Taufui	75	Herbert Pene
25	Clement Fua	77	Navara Ioane
26	Leeon Dhir	78	Karhn-Ly Mahara
27	Layth Azima	79	Faith Kawiti

SUBJECT AWARDS - YEAR 7			
MOU MAGIC + EFFORT for presence and engagement			
OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT			
YEAR	SPECIALIST AREA	NAME - MOU MAGIC	NAME - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
7	HUMANITIES	Room 23 - Lariena Tuigamala	Room 25 - Liana Leach
	MATH	Room 12 - Derick Hem	Room 25 - Nehal Madhura
	SCIENCE	Room 73 - Akosita Teulilo	Room 25 - Liana Leach
	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 15 - Peyson Mataroa	Room 67 - Lautasi Afiafi
	ART	Room 12 - Rani Chand	Room 79 - Zahara-Pearl Ryder
	MUSIC	Room 73 - Tamati-Wayne Baniani-Kahuroa	Room 62 - Chrisander Moemai Iosia
	PERFORMING ARTS	Room 78 - Nathan Sin	Room 15 - Peyson Mataroa
	COOKING	Room 62 - Jordan Raman	Room 69 - Le'Ana McGregor
	LANGUAGES	Room 67 - Anshu Pulami	Room 28 - Viliami Funaki
	X-PLO TECH	Room 70 - Jullian Pask	Room 30 - Japman Singh
	DIGI COMP	Room 20 - Emily Lewis	Room 25 - Nehal Madhura
SUSTAINABLE ENT	Room 78 - Nee Kelly Taufu	Room 75 - Jahnavi Reddy	

SUBJECT AWARDS - YEAR 8

MOU MAGIC + EFFORT for presence and engagement OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

YEAR	SPECIALIST AREA	NAME - MOU MAGIC	NAME - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
8	HUMANITIES	Room 29 - Jaxen Suarez	Room 25 - Tanvi Lal
	MATH	Room 75 - Vision Tukariri	Room 25 - Zane Barry
	SCIENCE	Room 24 - Waityden Tuiolosega	Room 25 - Saane Toli
	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Room 19 - Stevee Feite	Room 14 - Aisea Patu
	ART	Room 12 - Magdalene Taremon	Room 3 - Ava Koh-Limatau
	MUSIC	Room 62 - Joseph Gifford	Room 69 - Jeremiah Aukusitino Tuaimalo
	PERFORMING ARTS	Room 19 - Zeal Willbond-Rikihana	Room 67 - Tryphosa Pasika
	COOKING	Room 34 - Astha Nair	Room 24 - Tanvi Ram
	LANGUAGES	Room 24 - Cameron Valivaka	Room 30 - Breeze Tohe
	X-PLO TECH	Room 62 - Antoinette Hereora	Room 15 - Tyla Dutton
	DIGI COMP	Room 69 - Mireya Lim	Room 14 - Chante Samuelu
SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE	Room 70 - Melelupe Teulilo	Room 4 - Jaylyn Pene	

CULTURAL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Kapa Haka Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 24 - Waityden Tuiolosega
Samoan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 70 - Xavier Figota
Tongan Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 24 - Fiula Maile
Tauturu Cook Island Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 3 - Jared Upoko
Indian Lata Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 67 - Ashreya Chand
Niuean Cup for Achievement, Commitment and Effort	Room 67 - Arhiana Samupo-Lahega
MI Dancer of the Year Award	Room 62 - Maykara Tusa
MI Musician of the Year Award	Room 33 - Khiem Tran

CURRENT SCHOOL SENATE AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Room 29 - Richard Sapolu	Room 71 - Anaya-lee Hohua
Room 67 - Tamaiius Sautia	Room 14 - Izrael Finau
Room 69 - Sio Siasau	Room 33 - Khiem Tran
Room 12 - Laima Penehuro-Alepati	Room 79 - Tyreese Tupo
Room 25 - Saane Toli	Room 67 - Arhiana Samupo-Lahega

SCHOOL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Manurewa Intermediate Mathex Champions	Room 25 - Kauri Takerej, Owais Sahib, Zane Barry, Gonish Sharma
Manurewa Intermediate Spelling Bee Champion	Room 62 - Alex Singh Bela
Manurewa Intermediate Speech Trophy Winner	Room 22 - Lachlan Mathieson
Contribution and Effort to Sport Award	GIRL: Room 29 - Tryphena Pasika
	BOY: Room 22 - Raiden Ashby Pauu
Rogers Whanau Cup - Passion for all things Maori	Room 15 - Sadaraka Pomare-Matua
Education for Sustainability Award	Room 04 - Wanika Chetty
Rawiri Whanau Taonga	Room 29 - Richard Sapolu
Hedley Whanau Trophy	Room 78 - Karhn-Ly Mahara
The School Vision Cup	Room 15 - Sadaraka Pomare-Matua

MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

Achievement, Commitment and Effort

Te Ana Simmonds Most Resilient Student Taonga	Room 62 - Flame Coleman
“Kay Kingi Service to School”	Room 24 - Larenzel Raui
“Citizenship”	Room 67 - Tamaiius Sautia
“Performance”	Room 33 - Khiem Tran
“Sportswoman” and Sportsman”	GIRL: Room 23 - Jahnei Kaiwai-Peapea
	BOY: Room 22 - Houston Jessop
Counties Sports Zone Trophy	2023 Manurewa Intermediate
Doidge ‘Just Did It’ trophy	Jaden Godinet
“Dux - Academic Excellence”	Room 25 - Zane Barry
“Fowler All-Round Achievement”	Room 33 - Khiem Tran
Whānau Cup Winner	Kauri



Congratulations



MI Brothers Rugby Club Update

It's always awesome to get updates from Old Boys of the Rugby Club and hear about their endeavors along their journey. Bensen and Payton, ex-Manurewa Intermediate 2021, are working hard in their Roosters NRL camp over in Australia. Keep up the great work, gentlemen!

REPORTS

MI Triathlon

The Weetbix Triathlon is a kiwi tradition, which Manurewa Intermediate took 14 students to. The students swam 150m, cycled 8km, and ran 1.5km to complete the course. It was really pleasing to see the effort and teamwork the students put in, encouraging each other along the way. I really enjoyed taking our students and look forward to growing our team next year, so get involved!



The team consisted of: Kayla (15), Raiden (22), Sadaraka (15), Tryphena (29), Nivayha (62), Stevee (19), Ama (26), Jayden (12), Latu (23), Peyson (15), Hilita (14), Righteous (22), Houston (22), Jett (22).

Zone Day Athletics 2023

On a blistering hot day at Massey Park, the very best of MI Athletics competed against the very best that Counties Manukau had to offer. Each and every one of them worked very hard indeed, displaying sportsmanship, a hard-nosed competitive attitude and a strong desire to win. Well done to everyone who represented MI on the day!

100m: Jahnei 2nd 🏅, Izabella 2nd 🏅, Peyson 4th, Czezar 1st 🏆
Chris 4th.

200m: Peyson 4th, Izabella 3rd 🏅, Jahnei 2nd 🏅, Czezar 1st 🏆
Chris 2nd 🏅, Chase 5th.

Discus: Evol 1st 🏆, D'Taynian 1st 🏆, Tryphena 2nd 🏅.

Shot Putt: D'taynian 1st 🏆, Manu 4th.

Long Jump: Peyson 3rd 🏅, Jasmine 5th. Chris 1st 🏆.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PERFORMANCE SHOW

On the evening of November 15th, our school came alive with the beats, rhythms, and cultural richness of our annual Cultural Enrichment Show. The stage was graced by an array of incredible performances from Te Manu Ka Rewa (Kapa Haka), Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Kiribati, Choir, Indian/Desi, Hip-Hop, Niuean, as well as the outstanding talents of our Gifted and Talented band, Melting Moments, the MI Wind Orchestra and our award-winning hip-hop group 7-2-8!



The diversity of talent on display drew our wonderful community to witness the spectacle, with the hall reaching its capacity! From the powerful actions and energy of Te Manu Ka Rewa to the graceful and fluid moves of our Samoan and Tongan groups, and the lively and captivating performance by the Cook Island and Tongan groups, the night was a display of cultural brilliance!

As the performances unfolded, it became evident that each group had poured their hearts into their acts, reflecting the hard work and dedication invested throughout 2023. The evening culminated with the mighty M.I. Haka, a powerful collaboration uniting Te Manu Ka Rewa, the Samoan, and Tongan groups in a stirring and impactful finale!

These cultural shows stand as a testament to the immense pride our students take in our school and heritage. Congratulations to all the performers who not only entertained, but also celebrated, the rich cultural diversity that makes our community so special. Here's to the continued celebration of diversity and talent at Manurewa Intermediate!





TZU CHI SCHOLARSHIPS



On Saturday 25th November, 20 exceptional students were honoured with a \$500 scholarship each from the Tzu Chi Foundation. These awards were granted to students who demonstrated a consistent high focus in their work throughout the year, excelling in areas such as academics, sports, the arts, or displaying outstanding school character with the focus of preparing them for high school in 2024.

The Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation is a non-profit organisation, founded in Hualien, Taiwan, in 1966 by Dharma Master Cheng Yen. Its mission is rooted in compassion and charity, aiming to make positive contributions to local communities. The foundation's presence in New Zealand dates back to 1991, with Taiwanese immigrants actively engaging in community service in Auckland and Hamilton.

The award ceremony took place at the Tzu Chi Buddhist Temple in East Tamaki, providing a fitting backdrop for the recognition of these outstanding students. Looking awesome in their uniforms, the students exuded pride and professionalism as they walked with dignity to receive their scholarships. The event was a moment of celebration, acknowledgment, and affirmation for the achievements of these 20 remarkable M.I. students.



SPORT AWARDS



On Wednesday 6th December we hosted our annual Manurewa Intermediate Sports Awards. We extended invitations to 42 teams and 193 athletes, along with their whānau, to join us in celebrating and recognizing not only our elite athletes but all students who represented one of our Zone Sports Teams.

A huge thank you to all our whānau who turned up and showed support for our athletes. We also extend our gratitude to all our coaches for their hard work throughout the year and their support on the night. Your dedication contributes immensely to the success of our sports teams!



Auckland Champion of Champs - Athletics

What a day at Mount Smart Stadium for the grand finale of 2023 – the Athletics Championship Day! Thursday, 30 November, was all about passion, dedication, and pushing limits. Our phenomenal athletes showcased their grit, leaving it all on the track and field! Hats off to our incredible coaches for shaping these awesome athletes! Your guidance has truly made a difference. Also to Mr Byrne-Hansen for his time and organisation making today happen!

The final scores for MI:

Jahnei: 4th in 100m heats 5th in 200m heats

Peyson: 7th in long jump

Evol: 7th in discus

Cezar: 3rd in 100m 4th in 200m by just 0.10 seconds!

Chris: 2nd in long jump 5th in 200m

D'Taynian: 3rd in discus

Tryphena: 4th in discus

Let's celebrate these achievements and look forward to an even more spectacular 2024!



The 2023 School Senate

This year has been another whirlwind for the Senators, and boy, did they conquer a lot and have heaps to celebrate! Right out of the gate, Mr. Devereux led them through some serious training, not just on their roles but also some top-notch leadership skills and goal-setting. They were definitely ready to rock!

Then there was Leadership Camp – the ultimate highlight of 2023 for many Senators. Three days at Camp Morley in Clarks Beach, diving deep into leadership activities. Mr. Devereux had them on a separate leadership track, where they shared about what we love and don't love so much about being leaders. It was mind-blowing to see them all realise that, hey, they're the leaders of the school and our councils. Time to step up!

Another standout moment for our Senators was marching in the Manurewa ANZAC parade. A notable event in which the Senators played a prominent role, which was organised by the RSA. Marching alongside veterans, they effectively represented our school and community, contributing to the acknowledgment of a pivotal day in Aotearoa's history.

Throughout the year, MI had its fair share of VIPs dropping by. And guess who got to be the official tour guides? That's right – the Senators! We dubbed it the "Senators World Famous Tiki Tours," and they became pros at showing off our school. The best PR is our kids, and these tours showcased the Senators as exceptional ambassadors, garnering positive feedback for their awesome people skills.



Speaking of skills, all of the Senators had our moment in the spotlight at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Despite varying levels of natural confidence in public speaking, each Senator eloquently articulated their contributions to their respective councils and as Senators, showcasing substantial growth in confidence.

Another major responsibility for the Senators was managing Year 6 Open Day. Serving as tour guides for a group of eager Year Six students, they navigated through various rotations and even demonstrated impressive initiative while assisting with the service of sausages for 550 visitors. One of the best group of student leaders I think we've ever had! The positive feedback received from visiting teachers and Deputy Principals summed up the Senators' exceptional leadership skills.



As the year rolled on, we watched each Senator step up all over the school. We're bursting with pride for everything they've achieved and how they've made MI even better. High school awaits them, and we're crossing our fingers they'll swing by for a visit. Go Senators!

WHĀNAU REPORTS

KAURI TROOP



KAURI TROOP



RM 04

Room 4 - you have come so far this year! Always a welcoming class, you continually step up and show your unity as a class when the going gets tough. It has been a pleasure having you as part of Kauri this year! To the Year 8's - I wish you all the best for the future! Year 7's just keep being you!

Room 14, you have stepped up as the year has progressed with your attendance and attitude to school! Your class is full of character and great personalities - I look forward to seeing you continue your great work whether that be at MI or embarking on your high school journey.

RM 14

RM 23

Room 23 - the value to bring to our whānau is at times underappreciated, with your amazing attendance, confidence and support around the school! The running of REC and lunchtime sport was awesome; you guys have put in the hard work and have shown your true potential!

Room 26 - it has been an absolute pleasure having you in Kauri this year! You have come out of your shell as the year has progressed and I was proud to see you step out of your comfort zone during your UN Show performance and assembly. Good luck to all of you on your new adventures next year.

RM 26

KAURI TROOP



KAURI TROOPS
WHATEVER IT TAKES

KAURI TROOP



RM 29

Room 29 - what an amazing year you've had by an amazing class! You have been super consistent all year and a real passion for all things Kauri. Your environment is extra welcoming and I'm going to miss all your smiling faces. Year 8's - good luck for your future and keep pushing for excellence!

Room 67 - you have come so far this year, becoming one of the most reliable classes in Kauri. As individuals, you have stepped up and shown the huge potential you all have. Keep up the good work and continue to be the best versions of yourself. Year 8's - don't be shy and come visit us.

RM 67

RM 73

Room 73 - you have impressed me with your can do positive attitude this year and the culture you guys bring to the table. You have shown creativity and innovation with your UN Show and Assembly, which was awesome! Please keep up the amazing work you have been doing as you move into 2024!

Room 77 - I love coming into your classroom; you are all so welcoming and give off an awesome energy! You have been an amazing class to have as part of Kauri and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Year 8's - good luck for your future and be sure to come back and visit us!

RM 77



KOWHAI WHAT - YELLOWS UP!!

“UNITED WE STAND!”

2023 HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR KOWHAI WHANAU, FULL OF A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES WHERE STUDENTS CAN LIVE AND BREATHE OUR VISION AND VALUES EVERY DAY - *ADVENTUROUS RISK TAKERS; PERSISTENT FOCUSSED ACHIEVEMENT.*

HERE IS A LOOK BACK AT SOME OF THE AWESOME THINGS WE HAVE DONE OVER THE YEAR...

STEAM FAIR: The STEAM Fair in Term 2 was a resounding success for Kowhai classes, leaving no room for disappointment. The diverse range of learning activities showcased the impressive enthusiasm and creativity of the students. Personally, the experience was rewarding as it revealed the commitment of our teachers who stepped beyond their specialties. The fair became a hub of student engagement, creating a vibrant and energetic atmosphere throughout the classrooms over the two weeks of STEAM. Witnessing the classroom culture and relationships flourish post-holiday break was particularly heartening. Students not only embraced diverse STEAM subjects but also demonstrated their passion and curiosity, turning the fair into a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of both teachers and students within Kowhai.



UNITED NATIONS SHOW: The UN show in Term 3, part of the MI Cultural Focus Outbreak, was an unforgettable two-week journey into global exploration. From delving into countries like Cuba and Egypt to turning our gym into a lively international marketplace, the event radiated cultural richness. As Kowhai Whānau Leader, seeing all eight classes passionately present their chosen countries, was a source of immense pride. The dedication and creativity poured into crafting high-quality presentations not only resulted in an impressive show but also offered a valuable learning experience. The UN show truly reflected the collaborative efforts, creativity and teamwork within Kowhai whānau, showcasing the seamless integration of cultural exploration and learning into an engaging and celebratory event that makes our educational endeavours incredibly rewarding.

SPELLING BEE AND MATHEX: The Spelling Bee and School Mathex Competition were standout moments for Kowhai, showcasing our students' achievements and the spirit of accomplishment in our school community. The Spelling Bee, starting with class competitions and reaching the school-wide event, provided a platform for students to showcase their spelling skills, resulting in a well-deserved win for Alex from Room 62. The competition not only highlighted individual abilities but also fostered a sense of healthy competition and support among our whānau. During Week 6 of Term 3, the School Mathex Competition was a thrilling experience that ended in victory for Kowhai, thanks to the exceptional mathematical skills of Gonish, Zane, Kauri, and Nehal from Room 25. These successes not only celebrate the students' talents but also reflect the dedicated and achievement-oriented culture within Kowhai.



MAKING THE MOST OF THE EXPERIENCES WE ARE OFFERED AT SCHOOL: At M.I, we're incredibly fortunate to have a multitude of fantastic opportunities, and Kowhai Whānau has enthusiastically embraced them with pride and determination throughout the year. Our motto, "United We Stand," truly reflects the essence of our whānau. We've grown into more than just a team; we've become a closely-knit whānau, supporting each other in every venture. Together, we've enjoyed various experiences, creating a collection of shared memories and achievements to celebrate. We express gratitude for the outstanding efforts and successes of our tamariki, as their hard work has genuinely made our whānau proud!

WE ARE ONE PRIDE!



2023



Rimu Whānau has consistently approached each day with pride, passion, and energy! Students take pride in being part of the 'Wolf Pack,' actively participating in school activities, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere during school singing, and showcasing their classroom achievements through our in-class competition. The students in Rimu maintain a positive attitude throughout the year, upholding a strong sense of school spirit, even in situations where we may not come first. This positive energy is also reflected in the Rimu staff! Rimu Whānau is a community living under the banner of 'One Whānau, One Dream, One Team!'. The idea that with unity of purpose comes strength and the ability to survive any trial or tribulation. Below are some words from our Rimu kids...

Dear Matua Kalen

You are a wonderful and independent teacher, who has always shown our school values and the Keys to Success. Thank you for pushing us out of comfort zones and helping us to exceed in our learning as well as the many other activities we achieved as a class. You have helped me build up the courage to perform at the UN Show, to attend Cultural Night and to not overthink Athletics Day. We appreciate giving your all to the Year 8s for their last year and showing us Year 7s the way to be a role model next year. Have a great break, well see you in 2024.

Peyton Wilcox, Room 11



Dear Mr Rogers

You are kind and joyful; you help us with our work even when you are flat out. You were always there for us during tough times. We are so grateful to have you as a teacher. Thank you, Mr, for all that you've done for us.

Prestige Kenny, Room 13

Dear Mr Cope

I am writing to you today to extend my gratitude to you for all that you've done for Room 15 this year. I just wanted to say that you have been an amazing teacher. You have never given up on us, you have pushed us and me to strive for what we believe in. You have supported and strengthened us in many ways, even when you're sick, tired or grumpy. You always put on an act and give us your best. I am grateful for having such a great role model and I hope you continue being great for the years to come.

From my class, my whānau and myself, thank you.

Sadaraka Pomare-Matua, Room 15



Dear Mr SJ

Thank you for helping me make it through being a Year 7. You always looked after me, like when you made sure there were no flashing lights for the UN Show, so there was no chance I had a seizure. You make sure everyone in our class feels safe. I sometimes feel down in class but you always help me to be happy.

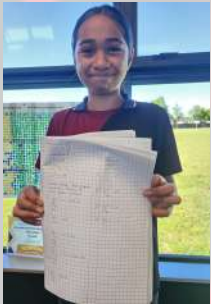
Thanks for a wonderful year, you are a great teacher!

Emily Aroha Maora Lewis, Room 20



Dear Ms Ella

You are a really good teacher and even though we went through our ups and downs you have really helped me become better in my learning. You taught us a lot of things that we as Year 8s need to know for high school. Even when you had to be serious with us, you only did it to make us better and stronger in our education, especially Reading, Writing and Grammar. Having you as a teacher was really fun, you were always really energetic and would always make sure our lessons weren't boring. I want to thank you Ms Ella for making this year great and hope you have an amazing year next year!



Dear Miss Gafo'i



Samuel Solo, Room 32



We thank you very much and will miss and cherish every moment we've had with you! To us, you're like our second mother. We love how you give us the wake up calls we need and how you carry our class in every school event that happens. To be honest, I think the Year 8s are going to cry when we say our final goodbyes! Thank you, for the best two years we've ever had. We love you and will forever miss you!!!

Anaya-Lee Hohua & Memory Pange, Room 71

Dear Mrs White

You are a very kind, supportive and outgoing teacher not just for Room 78 but for all of the Digi-Comp classes. Even though you can be a bit strict at times, you are still very funny and sweet. You are one of the best teachers at Manurewa Intermediate and any student to be in your class is very lucky to have you as their teacher! Mrs White, you are special and unique - you are one of a kind.



Hazel Cook, Room 78



Dear Miss Hardwidge

Thank you for being an awesome teacher for the past two years. Thank you for always being there for me when I needed you and for helping me achieve my goals. I am grateful for all of your hard work and effort that you give to Room 79 and the rest of the school. I just want to thank you for always trying your best and helping me be better than I was yesterday.

Wiremu Wynyard, Room 79

It has been a privilege leading Rimu Whānau, the staff, and the kids who make up our Aiga for the last two terms! Here's to making amazing memories during 2023 and strongly looking ahead to all that 2024 may bring!

Mr. Dan Filippini
Rimu Whānau Leader



TAWA

Wow! What a year it has been! Here are some Tawa highlights for the year.

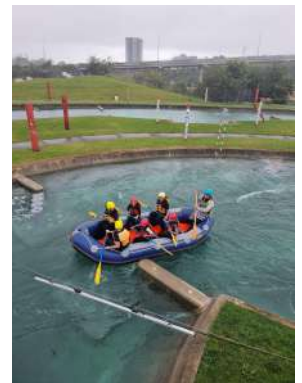
TAWA SCHOOL SINGING

Mr. G and Mr. M rock the house when it comes to our Tawa School Singing! They make School Singing way more awesome, and it's like a party when they lead our whānau. School Singing is legit one of the highlights of the entire year for Tawa, and it's all thanks to these amazing guys! 🎤🎵



WERO WHITEWATER PARK

This event was one of the best things ever this year! Hanging out with our classes was cool, but guess what? We also got to be risk-takers and take on some epic challenges. It was super exciting and fun! 🌟😎



UN SHOW

We had a blast diving into the fascinating details of different countries! It wasn't just fun; we put in loads of effort over two whole weeks to create a performance that I'm pretty sure will stick with us forever. 🌍🎉



TAWA CHALLENGES

We spiced up our team vibes by throwing down some epic Tawa challenges! Picture this: class versus class showdowns and even teachers throwing down against each other. It wasn't just fun to jump into the action, but watching the battles go down was like a whole other level of awesome. 🚀🏆



TERM ONE WINNERS!

Getting the win in the Term One whānau comp was the coolest thing ever for Tawa Whānau this year! Even though we haven't been on fire on a consistent basis, we're holding onto that victory. It's our special win that no other whānau can mess with! 🏆✨



THANK YOU!

I just gotta give a massive shout-out to our incredible Tawa staff for doing their thing and making school fun! You guys are the real MVPs. Even if we don't always say it, we're super grateful for each one of you. Wishing all of you an absolutely super cool and Merry Christmas! 🎄✨





2023 Kauri Graduation

How the year has flown by! Wednesday, 14th December, marked the farewell to our Year 8 class of 2023. These fantastic students have had an awesome two-year journey here at Manurewa Intermediate and have come such a long way since stepping through our gates as Year 7's at the beginning of 2022. Seeing them all dressed to impress was an emotional experience. The classrooms looked great, so a massive thank you to all the teachers for putting in the effort to make our Year 8's farewell special.

To our Year 8's, take what you have learned here at MI and continue to flourish and grow in high school. We know your teachers and all staff here at MI will want to hear about all the things you accomplish at school and beyond.



KAURI TROOP



2023 Kauri Graduation



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KOWHAI YEAR 8 GRADUATION

Year 8 Graduation... How did we get to this point already? What an amazing group of kids we have! They must be feeling a mixture of emotions—excited and nervous about the new adventure ahead of them, and sad about saying goodbye to M.I. The friends they've made and the teachers who have had an amazing impact on their lives, in at least some small way. I have loved having the opportunity to work with and get to know these wonderful Year 8s; they have so much to offer and so much potential. I wish them all the best, and I hope they go forth and make a difference in this world. It's been an absolute pleasure being their Whānau Leader this year - I will miss them.

"Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen."

By Conan O'Brien

"The best thing about being in Kowhai this year has been the energy and awesome environment. Mr Solomona is the type of man that would do anything and everything for the kids in his class."

- Rangi, Room 3



"My best loving memory was cherishing the 12 months with my "day ones" and my favourite teacher, Miss Hape. She is a loving, loyal teacher who encourages us all the time."

- Rozariah Room 12

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!



“The best thing about Kowhai is everyone bonding with each other. Mr Edwards makes me want to learn more and is really caring towards all of us and puts a smile on our faces every day.”
- Valu Room 19

“The best thing about Kowhai is all the people we get to be around and the great energy they have. Matua Danny is definitely a good example of this.”
- Clement Room 25



“The best thing about Kowhai is the awesome vibes and winning school singing. In Mrs Sharan’s class we learn a lot. She is a good teacher and explains things to us very clearly.”
- Brianna Room 27

“The best part about being in Kowhai is being a Whānau Leader and bringing the energy for everyone to help achieve success. Mrs Debris is a very hard working teacher.”

- Dallas Room 34



“The best thing about being in Kowhai is being with my friends and bringing the good vibes! Matua Mokoia gives off great vibes and we have just clicked this year.”

- Breah Room 62

“The best thing about Kowhai is all the inspirational teachers and all the motivation they give us. Mr Baird has pushed us to our limits this year.”

- Elyama Room 75



2023 Rimu Graduation

Every year, graduation is a rollercoaster of emotions and Rimu had lots to cheer about, especially as we bid our Year Eights a proper farewell. Our whānau really went all out, and the students showed some seriously amazing growth despite our traditional fourth place at the end of each week. So as is tradition, we decided to throw a full-on evening bash with a school dance, cool goody bags, and, of course, certificates. Massive shoutout and well done to our Year Eights as they gear up for high school – take those Keys to Success, our values, and all the good stuff you learned here at Manurewa Intermediate! Best of luck! Arohanui!



Room 11



Room 13



Room 15



Room 20



Room 32



Room 77



Room 78



Room 79





TAWA YEAR 8 GRADUATION

Our Year 8 Graduation was like the ultimate send-off party at Manurewa Intermediate. The teachers and students were getting all emotional, and even I felt a bit teary-eyed. The vibe was a mix of happy, sad, and super excited for what's next. Saying bye to our Year 8 crew was a big deal, and the in-class ceremonies were like a big shout-out to everything they've done – being adventurous risk-takers, and just being awesome!



Room 9

Room 9 looked stunning in their elegant and sophisticated outfits as they celebrated their Year 8 Graduation in style. The festivities included a spread of delicious sweets and goodies, followed by a shared meal of McDonald's with friends. The night continued with the students dancing their hearts out, marking a celebration of success and significant achievements. Best wishes to all for your future endeavours, and may you strive to be the best you can be.

Room 22

Room 22 really enjoyed their Year 8 Graduation formal, spending time with friends and family. There were lots of photos taken with their whānau and friends. From Mr Byrne-Hansen, I am super proud of each and everyone of them. They have worked so hard during the year and deserved a special evening.



Room 24

Stepping into a world of elegance, joy, and boundless excitement we celebrated the remarkable journey of our Year 8 graduates. Honouring their achievements, embracing the elegance of their accomplishments, reveling in the joy of shared memories. It has been a privilege and I am proud of all the effort and commitment they have put into their time at M.I. CONGRATULATIONS Year 8's!

Room 28

Last night, we had the pleasure of celebrating our wonderful graduates as they officially closed this chapter of their lives. It was a special occasion to acknowledge their years at Manurewa Intermediate and all the remarkable accomplishments they've achieved during their time here. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them for reaching this significant milestone! Now, it's time for them to embark on new adventures, create more memories, and embrace exciting experiences - YA'LL DID THAT!





Room 30

We had an amazing time with family and friends, our night was filled with laughter, sharing fond memories and lots of food! We started off graduation 'Room 30 style' with a karakia in unison followed by a shared meal. We then ended our evening with certificates and speeches where a few students bravely shared their feelings of gratitude about their final year at MI. Afterwards, Room 30 rushed over to the photo booth for a quick photo op before dancing the night away with their fellow Year 8s. It's safe to say Room 30 had a great time! Our year 8s will be greatly missed and we wish them nothing but the best as they embark on their high school journeys! Malo aupito class of 2023!

Room 33

Room 33's Year 8 graduates celebrated in style, donning elegant attire! We indulged in a spread of delicious kai and awarded prizes to recognise their achievements and efforts throughout the year. Following this, our talented graduates showcased their dance moves with enthusiasm and energy in the Hall. To our Year 8s, I hope you had an awesome night, and I wish you the very best in your high school adventures next year!



Room 69

Room 69 marked their graduation with style and excitement. Dressed to impress, they enjoyed having dinner together and taking selfies in the photo booth. The festivities continued as they headed to the dance floor, where the students celebrated their year. Room 69, I hope you enjoyed a great night of making memories and wish you all the best going forward.

Room 70

What a night! It was an absolute blessing to have had all my Year 8s and their whānau attend and acknowledge not only our students' achievements but also our parents for their support throughout the year. This event was definitely one to remember and I hope you all enjoyed making your last few memories here in Room 70! I wish you all nothing but the best for next year!



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

KAURI WHANAU FUN DAY

On a super awesome Monday, December 11th, the Kauri Whānau set off on a mega adventure to the Papatoetoe Pools. Why? Well, we wanted to have the best Whānau Fun day ever to celebrate how amazing our year was!

Guess how we got there? We hopped on a train! We got there around 10:00 am—right on time for the fun to begin.

Even though the weather tried to play a little trick on us with rain, we didn't let it spoil our day. The sun popped out every now and then, giving us some super cool moments. We hung out with our friends and the awesome Kauri teachers, enjoying the day like champions.

Lunchtime was like a food party! Pizzas and snacks galore! And guess what? There were even some tasty leftovers for dinner—yum! Sharing food with everyone made us feel like the one big happy Whānau we are!

We laughed, ate, and had a blast, making this Whanau Fun day a super-duper way to finish the year and say a special goodbye to our friends leaving for new adventures. What a day to remember!



KOWHAI WHĀNAU FUN DAY

On Monday, December 11th, 2023, Kowhai Whānau came together to celebrate our Whānau at Totara Park pools. It was a fantastic chance for us to relax and share some quality time, simply having fun! Our Kowhai classes enjoyed delicious pizza for lunch and spent the day engaging in games and splashing around in the pool. It turned out to be an amazing day for all of us, and we appreciate the opportunity to celebrate our achievements together. Fun, laughter, and the creation of lasting memories - yet another fantastic addition to our memory banks!

Our tamariki absolutely love witnessing their teachers embracing fun and a relaxed atmosphere with them. It's been a jam-packed year, and even though we missed out on camp, having a day like this is fantastic. It allows us to strengthen the bonds and connections that have been forged throughout the year. The joy of seeing teachers join in the fun means a lot to our students, and this day becomes a special opportunity to solidify the positive relationships built in the midst of a busy year.



Whānau Fun Day

ONE WHĀNAU, ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM!

The weather was against us from the start but we wouldn't be deterred as we geared up for our final whānau celebration for the year, the Rimu Whānau Fun Day.

Students eagerly lined up under the light drizzle, ready for the short walk to the Manurewa High School pools. Even though it was drizzling, there was a lot of excitement in the air. Some students were already playing with inflated pool balls and floaties, getting into the spirit of the day. We made our way down the winding roads, across Jellicoe Park, and through a few back alleys to finally reach our destination. The space was a bit tight, but everyone was super excited, and guess what? The sun started to peek through the clouds, adding to the fun!

After a quick setup, students dove into the pools, kicking off a nonstop, action-packed, fun-filled adventure. The excitement only took short breaks for sunbathing, volleyball, and more swimming. We paused for some delicious pizzas, and after one last refreshing swim, we headed back to school, wrapping up a fantastic day of poolside enjoyment.

The students' behavior was fantastic, and everyone had a great time—an almost perfect way to end our time as Rimu Whānau. A big shout-out to the teachers for their organization, and especially to our parent helpers who took time out of their day to help look after our kids.



TAWA

WHĀNAU FUN DAY

Wednesday 13th December 2023

SPLISH! SPLOSH! SLASH!

The day kicked off with an exciting journey as more than 200 enthusiastic Tawa kids packed the train at Homai station, bubbling with excitement for a day filled with fun, laughter, and celebration.

The train ride itself became a memorable experience as the students, and whānau members shared laughter and anticipation during the short but lively trip to Papakura station.

Upon arrival, the energy levels soared as Tawa Whānau made their way to the Papakura Pools. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for a day of aquatic adventures. Kids of all ages dove into the outdoor and indoor pools, creating a kaleidoscope of splashes and laughter.

No celebration is complete without a delicious feast, and Tawa Whānau did not disappoint! The aroma of freshly baked pizza wafted through the air as everyone gathered to savour a scrumptious lunch. The smiles and laughter continued as kids and adults alike enjoyed a hearty meal together, reinforcing the sense of togetherness and community that defines our whānau.

Tawa Whānau Fun Day served as a perfect opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and celebrate the collective achievements, growth, and bond that we've cultivated as a whānau. Whether it was through the shared joy of swimming, the thrill of the train journey, or the taste of pizza, every moment was a testament to the strength and unity of Tawa Whānau.

As we wrap up another year, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the Tawa Whānau Fun Day. Your enthusiasm, support, and participation made this day truly special. Here's to many more moments of joy, laughter, and celebration in the coming year!

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

THANKS SO MUCH!

1. **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 is appreciated and indeed wanted. We look forward to seeing you again for another successful year in 2024.
2. **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.
3. **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 2024.
4. **To All 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!

THANK YOU!

FAREWELL!

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 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 an Adventurous Risk Taker 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 the time and aroha they have put in to the students over the varying amount of time they have been here. Farewell and good luck to:

- **Ms Douglas** – our boomerang part time teacher over many years who has always been strong and focussed, and heads to Waiheke Island to live and work.
- **Mr Rogers and Ms Iakopo** – who have both been with us for three terms and one year, respectively both heading overseas - Mr Rogers back to Britain and Ms Iakopo to Australia.



FINALLY!

2024 looks set to be another exciting and action packed year for our students. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe holiday period, a successful and exciting New Year and we look forward to Wednesday 7th February 2024 with eager anticipation. This is our first day of 2024 and we are having this as a “Whānau Day” and encourage as many parents/whānau as possible to join with us for the entire day and to participate in activities and be in class with your child! Come along and enjoy!

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PRINCIPAL



DONATE YOUR UNIFORMS

If you have no more children or other whanau 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 22nd December. Thank you in advance for your generosity, which will be given to students in need throughout 2024.