

4th March 2024

***Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e leilei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Ni hao, Chào bạn***

Welcome to our new students and parents! Also welcome back to our existing students and families: isn't it great to be back into the timetable!

This term's values are: Manaakitanga, Respect, Communication, Engagement and Teamwork. These values are all vital to ensuring that our learners at Manurewa Intermediate (MI) have a well rounded outlook on life and know how to relate to others. **Survival Camp** was a great test of how well our students can demonstrate these values when under a bit of pressure in an unfamiliar environment!

Camp was all about your child's Form Teacher creating a wonderful learning culture within their Form Class. One thing that you can do to continue to support the creation of a positive learning culture is fill out the **'Tell Us About Your Kid'** letters that has home with this letter. Please get this back to us as soon as possible, and by 21st March at the latest as the information in this is useful at Student Involved Conferences on Tuesday 9th May. More details will come out in a few weeks about these interviews.

## Module 3



### **MI Learner's Journey**

At Manurewa Intermediate we believe in giving students ownership over their learning journey. Our inquiry learning cycle, 'Broadening Horizons 2.0' is a good example of how teachers at MI aim to use student interest and curiosity as drivers for the learning experiences we provide.

We kicked off the year with **Module One: MI School Life**. This module was about introducing (or re-introducing for our returning students) our learners to all the hustle and bustle that is part of everyday life at MI. Preparation for Night Markets was a big feature of the first few days back. Next, we had **Module Two: MI Survival Camp**. The name says it all! Well, it partially covers the reality of camp. Students were definitely forced out of their comfort zone: but in a supervised, safe setting that encouraged the development of a great team culture in their form classes.

Term One now moves into our third and final module for the term, **Module Three: Risk Taker**. This module is all about taking the newly acquired bravery from Survival Camp and applying it to the classroom. Students will be encouraged to back themselves to make mistakes, share their thinking and take control of their learning journey.

### **Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy**

In **Hauora**, students will be focussing on understanding Manurewa Intermediate's Graduate Profile and how it can help them be the best version of themselves. Over the course of two years a student will look at all eight aspects of the Graduate Profile during the different modules that are taught. On the back of this letter is a copy of the Graduate Profile to provide further information.

In **Monday Magic**, foundation basics will be the focus. This is where students are given insight into how they can brush up their basic punctuation and grammar skills that may have become a bit sloppy over summer. However, it is not always about revision: Form Teachers will also give learners who are ready the chance to craft complex sentences and pieces of writing that push student ability forward.

During **Life Skills** lessons, all classes will be learning about our vision for **Service**. At MI, our students are given a lot. We want them to start the year with an understanding that it is vital to contribute. We also want them to develop the mentality that being a good citizen is measured not by what you have, but by what you give back.

Lastly, **Friday Frenzy** is all about Languages! The focus will be on how to speak and listen to Te Reo Māori in different contexts. The School Haka is a massive part of this, as is the different Tikanga they will be taught in Form Time classes at the beginning of the year.

### **SMART Target**

Each term the students explore a SMART Target: each class will develop different goals to help them achieve the target. For Term One the target is: **Right Place, Right Time, Right Gear!** We hope you can see the obvious connection with Survival Camp!

### **Learning Opportunities**

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing school and a fantastic place for your child to be. We encourage you to talk to them about what they are doing at school. It is quite likely that there will be many things that they are given the opportunity to experience that may not have happened in their school life before. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's Form Teacher, or myself, or for that matter any other leadership person..

Yours sincerely,

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