

29th April 2024

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

This term's values are: Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Management, Independence, Challenge and Competition. These values are all vital to ensuring that our learners at Manurewa Intermediate (MI) can manage themselves and take responsibility for their own learning. Both **Module Four (MI Expression)** and **Module Five (Optimistic)** this term are packed with opportunities for students to demonstrate these values.

Module 5



MI Learner's Journey

Module Four (MI Expression) is all about your child gaining an understanding about how to express their ideas, identity and culture through the medium of visual art. Make sure that you come and check out your child's completed work in the school gym from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. I am sure you will be impressed with the standard on offer!

Module Five (Optimistic) will happen when the school goes back on to the regular timetable. Being optimistic in challenging situations is a key skill within our Graduate Profile. We also have other exciting events such as Class Marae Noho that begin on Monday 6th May and continue throughout the term. Please support your child when preparing for their stay as this event is crucial for continuing to build positive relationships and class culture.

You will have also had time to digest your child's report after receiving it during **Student Involved Conferences (SICs)** in the last week of Term One. Please help us to do all we can for your child by reminding them of the goals and action plans set out in the report. Students at Manurewa Intermediate regularly make accelerated progress when they stick to their goals, which are created by the teachers and themselves. Please reach out to your child's form teacher if you have questions about how to best support your child's learning out of school. Productive partnerships between home and school are one of the key factors in ensuring students make the most of their potential and time at MI.

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

In **Hauora**, students will be following the **Keeping Ourselves Safe** unit. Students of intermediate age have more independence and freedom than they may be used to and learning how to keep themselves safe in new or unfamiliar situations is paramount. Again, keeping communication lines between home and school open is also an important part of looking after our tamariki.

In **Monday Magic, Communication Literacy** will be the focus. This is where students are given insight into how they can better understand important data about our society through the analysis of engaging infographics. Respectful debate will also be a feature of this unit. What does your child think of environmental issues? Or what about other societal issues like wealth distribution? Why do some people have so much and some have so little? Ask them and find out!

During **Life Skills** lessons, all classes will be completing a unit called **Taha Hinegaro**. This unit is all about students analysing the behavior of different Atua Māori and their motivations for behaving the way that they do in Māori mythology. By understanding the emotions that drive the decisions of each atua, students will be better able to reflect on their own behaviour and discuss it in greater depth.

Lastly, **Friday Frenzy** is all about **Foundation Basics**. During Foundation Basics we are going to be looking at vocabulary. Recent testing revealed that our students have some very advanced vocabulary knowledge and we want to push this further. However, in other cases there were some everyday words that weren't familiar to our learners. We are hoping that this unit will address some of these gaps as well as pushing our students' vocabulary knowledge ahead.

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a SMART Target: each class will develop different goals to help them achieve the target. For Term Two the SMART Target is: **'Don't let failures define you - let them teach you.'**

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 occasions where they are given the opportunity to experience things that may not have happened in their school life before. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's Form Teacher.

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