



# ROOM 14 CLASS LETTER

**Term One Values: Manaakitanga | Respect | Communication | Engagement & Teamwork**

**Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Bonjour and Hello!**

Welcome to 2024 at Manurewa Intermediate! My name is Dana Mousa, and I have the privilege of teaching your child in Room 14 this year. I am super excited to be back at school with new and familiar faces in the class. My family and I come from the Middle East and have lived in New Zealand since 2007. I am bilingual and speak my native tongue Assyrian, as well as English. I was raised in Manurewa and consider it my home. I have three older sisters and am the youngest in my family.

School is an imperative part of a growing child's life. School is the place where children are shaped into the people they will become later on in life. For this reason, it is important that they make the most of the opportunities given to them and give 100% effort in **everything** so that they know they gave it their best shot!

Our Kowhai whānau slogan for 2024 is "No excuses, just results". To me, this means that we need to take responsibility for ourselves and try our best - whether this is improving academically, socially, emotionally or in any other area of our lives. I will ensure I constantly model this slogan for Room 14 as I believe that it is important for them to see this in action everyday.

I am looking forward to building relationships with the different children of Room 14 and hope they leave my class a better version of themselves and have a whole lot of positive memories we can all look back on!

Naku noa na,

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**Module 1**  
MI School Life

**Module 2**  
MI Survival - Survival Camp

**Module 3: Risk-Taker**  
Risk Taker - MI Way

**Teachers for the year**  
Humanities: James McCoy  
Math: Dana Mousa  
Science: Chelsea Hape  
PE: Derrick Elazegui

**Module 3 Teachers**  
Art: Sharmayne Hardwidge  
Te Ao Māori: Charlene Tamaki

**Module 3 Form Time Subjects**  
Hauora: Graduate Profile  
Monday Magic: Foundation Basics  
Life Skills: Service  
Friday Frenzy: Languages

Whānau - for other important Term One dates please refer to the 2024 MI Whānau Calendar you received. 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.

## ATTENDANCE:

I expect 100% attendance! Your child must be at school everyday. If your child is not coming to school, make sure to contact me in the morning preferably, before 8:30 am. I will be contacting you if your child is away without a valid reason as they can not progress with their learning if they miss school. We want and need our students at school everyday!

## LATES:

If your child arrives at school after the 8:30am bell, they will be on Community Service at Lunchtime the following day. To avoid this from happening, please ensure your child is getting to bed at a decent hour each night so they wake up early and get to school on time.

## 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 note they can present to Mr. Peilua to receive a uniform pass.

**REMINDEERS**