



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

## Message from our Tumuaki

MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2021

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa.

Well, what a privilege and a blessing to be celebrating the end of our first foundation year as Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. I am humbled and proud to see a learning community that has grown this year and embodies the compassionate spirit of Mother Aubert. Almost 12 months ago, we opened our school with 80 learners. We will finish the year with 113 learners and will continue to grow in 2022. I believe Meri Hōhepa would be proud to see the legacy of her mission reimaged as a flourishing Catholic Primary School in Papamoa. It has been a memorable year of many successes, celebrations and even some challenges. Some key highlights have been:

- Seeing the Catholic Charism of Suzanne Aubert come alive through events such as feast days and liturgical celebrations
- The whanaungatanga of building relationships and sharing in celebrations with our school parents and whānau at different occasions throughout the year.
- Seeing the Principles for Living and Learning (the 7Cs) enacted through the words and actions of our tamariki on a daily basis
- Learning adventures projects that have developed the creativity and curiosity of our learners
- The Aubert sports teams that have performed so well in our local competitions and the courage of our students in school sporting events such as cross country and our recent athletics.
- Our senior learners winning the Sebastian Cup for special character at the Catholic School's Sports and Cultural Tournament in Rotorua
- A playground inquiry project and design that our learners created and have seen come to life in the last couple of weeks.
- The innovative, flexible and beautifully inviting learning environment that we get to call our home each day.

## 2021 Year 6 Graduation



This week we farewelled our Year 6 learners who graduated from Suzanne Aubert. This is a special and memorable moment in history as they finish their time at our school and embark on a new journey at their respective schools next year. They will be feeling a mix of emotions at the moment including sadness for leaving our school, nervousness about starting a new school and excited about making new friends and reconnecting with old ones in 2022. On behalf of the staff and school community, I would like to thank our Year 6 Graduates for the way you have led with compassion, courage and collaboration as our senior kaiarahi. We will miss you all. May God bless you as you begin another chapter and adventure in your new schools next year.

## Thank You to our Learning Community

It has been a year of making history. A year that would not have been possible without the vision, mahi, support and generosity of all the following people. We would like to thank:

- Ron Scott and the Establishment Board of Trustees for your leadership and governance in getting our school established.
- Rodney Phillips and our Elected Board of Trustees for your collaboration, vision and commitment as our current Board.
- Our staff team for your dedication, innovation, flexibility and collaboration throughout our first year journey.
- Parents and whānau for your unconditional support, generosity and partnership throughout the year in the learning of your tamariki.
- And of course our learners for the way you have committed to learning in our school, demonstrated the 7C's and embraced the Charism of Suzanne Aubert.

As we close the academic year, I would like to leave you with our school whakatauki as originally prayed by our patron Suzanne Aubert:

Whakamoemititia te Ariki mo nga manaakitanga  
Thanks be to God, for all He has done and is doing for us.

On behalf of the Suzanne Aubert team, we wish you all a blessed Christmas, joyful new year and safe holiday with whānau and friends. We look forward to returning to our learning community next year and reconnecting with you all again in what is going to be an exciting and memorable 2022 at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

Ngā mihi nui  
Anthony Mills  
Principal - Tumuaki



## Final Celebration Hui and Graduation 2021

In the last week of term, we held our Final 2021 Celebration Hui. The Year 6 Graduates were blessed by Father Richard and gifted a personalised certificate and beautiful Rosary beads donated by the Sisters of Compassion to continue their prayer journey. Our Year 5 Kaiarahi were also blessed as they take on their new leadership roles as Year 6 Kaiarahi next year.

An important part of our celebration was the Suzanne Aubert Vision Awards. These awards were given to the learners at each Year level who have consistently enacted the spirit of Suzanne Aubert through demonstrating our school vision to engage, inspire and empower through Christ. Selection of these awards was made collaboratively with the teaching staff and leadership team using specific criteria and evidence. Congratulations to the following learners over the page who are the recipients of the inaugural Vision Awards for 2021.



## CHRIST-LIKE AWARD FOR FAITH LEADERSHIP

For the learners that demonstrate special Catholic Character through faith leadership (L to R): Arden Bassett, Benji Egan, Elizabeth Clarke, Sierra Conroy, Ava, Max Brookbanks, Sienna Mills.



## ENGAGE AWARD FOR LEARNING ATTITUDE AND PROGRESS

For the learners that demonstrate progress, agency, growth mindset and a positive attitude towards learning (L to R): Isla Burttton, Claudia Vergara, Emilia Roberts, Caleb Won, Lokki Perrott, Rainer Jager, Bella Francis



## INSPIRE AWARD FOR LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

For the learners that demonstrate excellence and achievement in their learning (L to R): Zoey Braithwaite, Beau Guthhardt, Max Phillips, Katie Dunne, Amelia Chooi, Lucy Dunne, Piper Lee



## EMPOWER AWARD FOR SERVICE

For the learners that demonstrate compassion and servant leadership in the spirit of Suzanne Aubert (L to R): Benji Meech, Harper Conroy, Penny Nicholaas, Sophie Silbery, Charlotte Clarke, Saige Silbery, Ella Blackburn.



## Message from our Board Chair

Kia ora learners, family and whānau,

It has been a real honour to have been elected to the Foundation Board for Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. To sit in the role of Presiding Member has been an added privilege. I am very thankful to our Establishment Board for doing such a great job in setting the initial vision and strategy, underpinning our future direction. As the Foundation Board, we've inherited a strong platform, and look to further develop, while moving into the school's second year of operation.

As we complete this foundation year, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of my personal highlights.

- I'm inspired by the level of collaboration demonstrated by my fellow Board members to help improve our governance, planning, policies and board procedures.
- The completion of our school's first Catholic Character review was also of note, thanks to those who participated in the review process.
- I'd also like to acknowledge Anthony, completing his first year as a principal, ka pai. Anthony has done a great job leading our kura, our kaiako and providing regular communication to our community throughout an eventful first year.
- All our school staff have stepped up and remain adaptable after a year with some challenging circumstances. As a parent it's great to have an engaging welcome at the gate, building a trusted connection to our school at the start of the day. It's nice to know my children have options to participate in sporting, creative and educational activities, with modern resources and methods.

Keep a look out next year for more Board updates to come in the Aubert Oracle. As we move into a new school year we'll be further introducing ourselves and keeping you informed.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Looking forward to next year.

Nāku iti nei, nā  
Rodney Phillips  
Presiding Member,  
Suzanne Aubert Catholic School Board



### Farewell Jessica Rood and Suzy Arnold

It is with sadness that we farewell two staff members this Christmas. Miss Jessica Rood has resigned from her position as kaiako in the Harakeke learning hub. Miss Rood and her partner are relocating to the Waikato in the new year. Miss Rood is planning to continue in education and will be looking to relieve in local Waikato schools. Our learners and staff will miss Jess and her nurturing, supportive and encouraging presence in the learning environment.



Mrs Suzy Arnold has resigned from her position as learning assistant in the Kawakawa learning hub. Suzy is leaving to pursue study towards a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Teaching next year. Suzy will continue to be a parent in our school in 2022 with her daughter Lucy in Year 1. We look forward to continuing to see Suzy in our learning community next year. While we are saddened to see Jessica and Suzy leave our team at Suzanne Aubert, we thank them both for their contribution in our foundation year and wish them all the very best in their new adventures and exciting plans for the future.

# Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



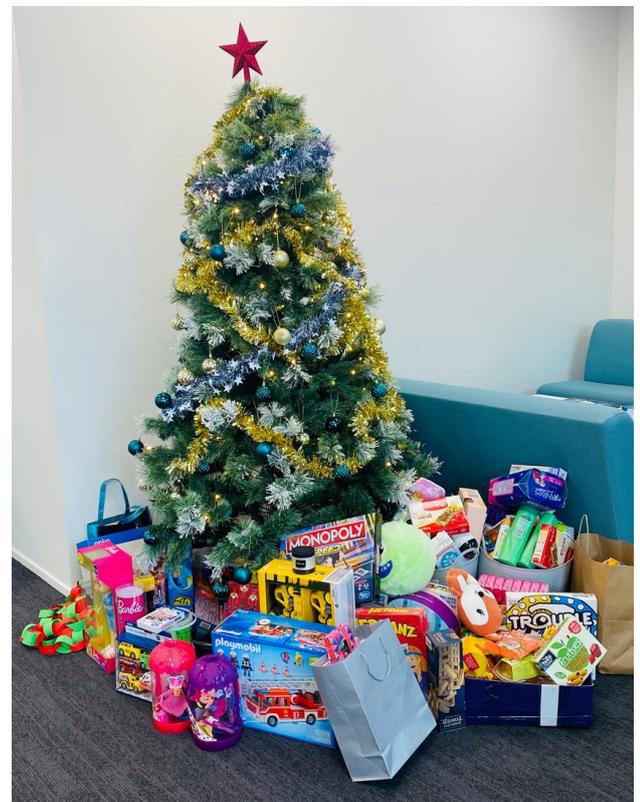
This week in Advent is my favorite. Joy, such a simple, small, three letter word but with such a profound meaning. Joy is something different from happiness. Joy is a feeling that cannot be contained and is infectious to all around. True joy comes from the heart being so full of love, peace and faith that it bursts forth to the world. This time is truly joyous as we prepare our hearts for Jesus coming at Christmas. As the year winds down it is the moments of Joy I keep close and reflect upon:

- Hearing the laughter and joy during cross country
- Seeing the smiles as we walk to the playground.
- Hearing the delighted shrieks as our vinegar volcano exploded tall and washed away the dinosaurs
- Seeing the learners supporting one another during Athletics day.

These moments from the year fill my heart and help me share this joy with others. May your holidays be filled with joy and your heart ready for Christmas.

## Giving Back Christmas Tree

Thank you so much for the generous spirit that you, our community showed for our Christmas service project by giving toys, books, games and food. The St Vincent de Paul society collected our offerings on Wednesday with grateful hearts. Every donation will make all the difference for a local family in need this Christmas.



## Caught With Compassion

Thank you to Sophie Silbery who Mrs Waddel caught being compassionate by noticing someone alone and inviting them to join in to their friendship group during play time. Great servant leadership Sophie.

I would also like to acknowledge our growing group of learners stepping up to care for our environment. Ian, Cameron, Jackson and Caleb have lead the charge here using their own time at morning tea and lunchtime to help around the admin area with jobs or cleaning up our playground. Thank you so much boys.



## Explore at Home: Prayer and Witness Challenge

In this week's prayer and witness challenge we explore the Advent week of Joy and the meaning behind having time to get ourselves ready for the joyful season of Christmas.

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p>Jesus, you will come again and once again to give us your very life. May your life's gifts inspire us to make our lives a gift to you over and over again. Amen</p> 	<p><u><a href="#">Pentatonix- Joy to the world</a></u> A classic Christmas Carol to listen to in the run up to Christmas day. Feel the joy of the moment that is Christmas</p> 	<p><u><a href="#">The true meaning of Advent.</a></u> A video for the adults that helps explain why we have Advent and where all the other traditions of Christmas fit into the season.</p> 	<p>Share what is bringing you Joy this season. A moment with family, walking on the beach. Reflect on what is making your heart sing.</p> <p>Share a photo with your Teacher or Miss Clayton.</p> 



## Parents, Teachers and Friends Association Information Evening

Are you interested in being part of the inaugural Suzanne Aubert Catholic School PTFA? A unique opportunity exists to be a part of the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association for our school in 2022. The PTFA is an association whose role is to strengthen links between home, school and the community. While a school PTFA is often best known for its fundraising work, they also promote active association and social connections between whānau, the school, Board of Trustees, Parish and the wider business community. They have a key role in supporting the special Catholic Character of the school. For those who are interested, there will be an information evening on:

**Tuesday 9th February 2022 from 5pm in the school staffroom.**

This will be a great opportunity to connect. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend! Refreshments will also be available.

## Year 6 End of Year Celebration

On Friday 10th December, our Year 6 learners celebrated the end of the year with a special Graduation trip. They went rock climbing at Rocktopia, had a picnic at the park and walked around Mauao. It was a great way to finish the year together and share in friendships and memories. Thanks to Ms Waddel and Mr Newlands for your organisation and to our many parent volunteers for supervision and transport. We appreciate your awesome support!



## Our Playground is Open!

We are very excited to announce that our school playground is now finally open! After many months of Covid-related delays, the wait is over and our learners can play and explore the play space that they designed in Term 1. Our tamariki have enjoyed watching the progress of the build in recent weeks and were excited to have their first play on the last day on Friday before heading off for the holidays. Thank you to Holden, Reuben and Maree from Playground Creations who have delivered an awesome play space for our learners amidst a challenging year. The playground will be officially blessed and opened at our Powhiri and Welcome Hui on Wednesday 2nd February at 9:30am.



## Athletics Update

Following our hugely successful inaugural Suzanne Aubert Athletics Day, our place getters in each event were awarded certificates last week. Each place-getter also received points which contributed to the selection of our Champion Athletes. This was awarded to the girl and boy in each year level who accumulated the most points across all the events. Congratulations to our 2021 Athletics Champions:

### Year 0

Zoey Braithwaite and Jack Chapman

### Year 1

Lauren Hutchinson and Beau Guthardt

### Year 2

Tui-May Blackburn and Atli Perrott

### Year 3

Indy Chapman and Ethan Stewart

### Year 4

Charlotte Clarke and Corin Jackson

### Year 5

Saige Silbery and William Magill

### Year 6

Sienna Mills / Sophie Finch and Kalani Taepa

Congratulations to all our event winners and well done to all students who gave Athletics their all and made it such a successful day.

## Whanaungatanga Day

On Tuesday 1st February 2022 we will be hosting Whanaungatanga Day at school. This is a day where students and their whānau are invited to spend time reconnecting with the team at Suzanne Aubert. You and your child will have an opportunity to meet with your child's Whānau teacher and discuss goals, interests, and aspirations for your child for 2022. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please go to the [School Interview](#) website, select 'Make a Booking' and enter the code gK5e4 to select a time. The playground will be open and the coffee cart will be on site for your caffeine needs!

## The Aubert Kid Awards

Congratulations to the final recipients of the 2021 Aubert Kids Awards. This week's winners were Francesca Horne, Lucy Dunne, Grace Mikkelsen, Paddy Witton-Harvey, Arden Basset, Charlie Denyer and Isla Burtton. Our winners, along with the Aubert Kids from the end of Term 4 all got to enjoy morning tea in the staffroom with the staff.



## Weetbix Tryathlon

The Weetbix Kids Tryathlon is scheduled for Sunday 20th February 2022 in Mount Maunganui. This is a great opportunity for our learners to be physically active, develop new skills and work together as a team. It is a wonderful experience for our tamariki and always a fun day out for the whole family. We have set up a Suzanne Aubert School Group so if your child is keen to sign up for the tryathlon, please attach them to our school group when registering online. This gives them extra chances to win cool prizes! To find out more about the event and enter your child / children, please click [here](#).





## All Saints by the Sea

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

Documented Masses:

6 pm St Patricks, Te Puke

8 pm St Thomas More, Mt Maunganui

Undocumented Mass:

10 pm St Thomas More.

#### Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

Undocumented Mass:

8.30 am St Thomas More.

Documented Masses:

10am St Thomas More.

#### Holy Family (Sunday 26th December)

Undocumented Mass:

8.30 am St Thomas More.

Documented Masses:

10 am St Thomas More.

5 pm St Thomas More.

## School Policies & Procedures

Policies and procedures are important foundation documents to guide governance, management and operations of a school. At Suzanne Aubert, we use SchoolDocs as a portal to host these policies and procedures. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. They can be accessed via School Docs:

- 1) Click on the link to School Docs [here](#)
- 2) Search for Suzanne Aubert
- 3) Enter the username: suzanneaubert
- 4) Enter the password: empower
- 5) Use the left hand menu or search bar to locate the policies of interest

### Policy Review

We currently have the following policies under review for the remainder of term 4:

- Harassment - Board and Staff
- Maori Educational Success
- Religious Education (Catholic schools)

## Music Lessons in 2022

MusiqHub will be back next year offering music lessons in Guitar, Ukulele and Keyboard. If your child is interested in learning one of these instruments at School in 2022, please refer to the [MusiqHub](#) website for more information. These lessons are held on school site during school operational hours.

The poster features a dark blue header with the text 'Guitar Ukulele Keyboards Singing' in white. Below this, the text 'Lessons available' is centered. A paragraph follows: 'If you are interested to have your child learn any of the above at school next year, we'd love to hear from you.' Below that, it says 'Please go to the website below for more information, and to fill in an enquiry form.' and 'We'll be in touch asap!'. The website 'www.musiqhub-bop.co.nz/info' is listed. At the bottom, there are three images: a microphone, a person playing a guitar, and a keyboard. The MusiqHub logo is in the bottom right corner. Contact information 'www.musiqhub-bop.co.nz E: info@musiqhub-bop.co.nz' is at the bottom left.

## Covid - Mandatory Vaccinations

Thank you to all parents / caregivers who have sent us a record of their Covid vaccination status. As previously mentioned, our school is required to record the vaccination status of everyone who works on our site in a confidential register. This includes parent volunteers, coaches and team managers. If you are a school volunteer or intend to be in the future and haven't yet sent in the record of your vaccination status, please send through to Maria at [office@suzanneaubert.school.nz](mailto:office@suzanneaubert.school.nz). All information received will be confidential. If you have any queries or concerns about our vaccination register, please contact our leadership team. I would encourage anyone who needs support to understand these requirements to contact your local GP or Healthline. If you would like to know more about the Covid19 vaccination and how it works, please click [here](#).



# A Snapshot of Life at Suzanne Aubert



## Term Dates 2022

Our term dates for 2022 are as follows:

**Term 1:**

Tuesday 1st February - Thursday 14th April

**Term 2:**

Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

**Term 3:**

Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

**Term 4:**

Monday 17th October - Friday 16th December

## Public Holidays 2022

Monday 7th February: Waitangi Day (observed)

Friday 15th April: Good Friday

Monday 17th April: Easter Monday (during school holidays)

Monday 25th April: Anzac Day (during school holidays)

Monday 6th June: Queen's Birthday

Friday 24th June: Matariki

Monday 24th October: Labour Day

## Term 1 Key Dates

**Whanaungatanga Day:** Tuesday 1st February

**First day of learning:** Wednesday 2nd February

**Waitangi Day (observed):** Monday 7th February

**Suzanne Aubert PTFA Information Evening:**

Tuesday 9th February, 5pm

**Good Friday and start of the School Holidays:**

Friday 15th April

## 2022 School Stationery Orders

Our school stationery lists for 2022 are now live on the [Office Max website](https://www.officemax.co.nz/my-school). You can choose to order now for delivery in the New Year so there is one less thing to think about before school goes back. Please see the Office Max advertisement at the end of this Oracle.



OfficeMax MySchool Got five minutes? Your child's back to school class list is ready to go at [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) **SHOP NOW**



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## Kids Surf Camp

School Holidays

**SUMMER HOLIDAY SURF CAMP**

Mon - Fri + 9am - 1pm + All SUMMER!

Join us for an epic adventure this summer and come learn to surf!!!! Book for the day or for the week. Spaces are limited and fun is guaranteed!

Week 1: Dec 20th - 24th / Week 2: Dec 27th - 31st

Week 3: Jan 3rd - 7th / Week 4: Jan 10th - 14th

Week 5: Jan 18th - 21st / Week 6: Jan 24th - 28th

All equipment provided!

Qualified & experienced instructors / 4 to 6 students per instructor  
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Or call 027 279 9687



## Papamoa Rhythmic

Gymnastic Holiday programme

16th Dec 2021

A day full of Christmas crafting from recyclable materials. Group games and activities.  
Dance routine and performances.

17th Dec 2021

Christmas skits and role play to create a show filled with props designed by the children to perform a full show at the end of the day.

11th Jan 2022

Designing costumes and runway outfits out of op shopped materials and items to put on a fashion show and walk the runway. This day will be filled with so much joy and creativity.

13th Jan 2022

Crafting our own boats out of foraged materials and items to have boat races and learn about the mechanics of floating and what works best to create a boat that doesn't sink.



Contact Emma:  
027 499 9635 or  
[Pbr.gymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:Pbr.gymnastics@gmail.com)  
Classes run 8.30 am - 2.30 pm  
\$35 P/D

get  
back to school  
ready!



## Order your stationery online before Christmas, and get a relaxed start to the holidays!

It'll only take five minutes... we've already done the hard work for you. Your child's class list is loaded and ready to go. Just jump on to [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz).

Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm – and we'll get your delivery underway.

## Get it now or choose when we deliver.

Whether you want your order delivered before Christmas, or you'd rather receive it in the New Year – the OfficeMax team will make it happen.

## Pay now or in easy instalments.

You can pay by internet banking, credit cards or debit cards. For those who would rather not part with too much cash before Christmas, we've partnered with LayBuy\*, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments – and still get your order right away.

\* See [myschool.co.nz/laybuy](http://myschool.co.nz/laybuy) for terms and conditions. Please note: School donations and charges will be charged when you place your order. You cannot use Laybuy\* to pay for school donations and charges.

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