



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE 2021

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It has been another exciting and eventful couple of weeks at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. It was a special privilege to celebrate the Baptism of six of our learners as they were welcomed into our Church whānau this week. Our tamariki have also conducted further sand dune monitoring and planting as part of an ongoing environmental science project with Discovery Through Nature. We've had a visit from our local National MP Todd Muller and our Year 4-6 choir are busy preparing for the Tauranga Primary Schools' Music Festival. Our learners are enjoying exploring all the extra play options at break times including Lil Wheels Days, Boulevard playground and Whānau Factory. It has been heartening to see our senior learners demonstrating one of our 7 Principles 'compassion' as they have been busy organising, preparing and cooking meals for people in need in the community as part of their 'passion project'. Of course, the week has wrapped up today in our school cross country competition with our learners displaying true courage and determination. As we officially reach the mid point of Term 2, please check out some of the wonderful recent highlights of learning in our kura.



Haere Mai to the Church

It was a wonderful blessing and privilege to have six of our learners Baptised this week and welcomed into the Church Whānau. Baptism is one of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church - a rebirth into the Body of Christ. Congratulations to Sophia and Georgia Finch, Kaius and Kahn Hepi, Blake McKeown-Connell and Jack Phillips as they have taken this significant step in their faith journey.

Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



Lunchtime Playground Visits

While we wait for our own school playground to be built, our tamariki have been enjoying fun and collaborative play at The Boulevard Playground across the road from school. Our Year 0 - 3 learners will continue to enjoy supervised play at the playground on a Monday lunchtime and Year 4 - 6 will have their turn every Wednesday lunchtime. This will continue until our own school playground has been constructed.



Compassion in Action!

Our Harakeke learners spent a busy Friday afternoon preparing meals for families in need in our community. The students were very excited about the opportunity and the smells wafting out into the hub were delicious. This food technology is part of an ongoing passion project for our senior learners this term. A big thank you to Mrs Waddel for organising and supervising the cooking!

Enrolling your Child

For those families who have a second or subsequent child due to start at Suzanne Aubert in the future, please note we operate a 'Cohort Entry' system for our New Entrants. These learners will start school on one of two entry points: either the first day of term or the first day of week 6 in the term. They won't specifically start school on their 5th birthday.

Todd Muller Visit

We were very privileged to have National BOP MP Todd Muller visit our kura last week. He originally visited our school at the 'Turning of the Sod' a year ago, so was very excited to see the changes. He spoke about attending school at St Joseph's Te Puna as a young boy, his mahi in the Beehive and his favourite food apple pie and ice cream! It was really special for him to see our tamariki in action in our beautiful learning environment. Thanks for taking the time to visit Todd!



Dune Planting and Monitoring

Written by Joel Chiplin (Year 5)

Today we went to the beach! When we got there we got greeted and after we walked in the sand dunes and got instructions Chris told us that we needed a buddy. I paired up with Kaius. Kaius dug the first hole and I put the fertiliser in, then the plant was put in. We did that until morning tea. While we were eating Chris told us about sand dunes, animals and bugs. After eating we got back to planting except this time I dug the hole. At the end we had a photo and Chris told us that we had planted 244 plants altogether.



Sports Update - Basketball

The Suzanne Aubert Breakers had a tough game against Pahoia Destroyers on Friday night. The whole team gave it their all and never gave up. In the words of one of our mums they are "the little team with a whole lot of heart!"



The Suzanne Aubert Lakers played Arataki and had an awesome game, despite a couple of injuries and no subs. Thankfully Akaalsimar is joining the team from this week and Jack Phillips, Max's brother, can't wait to get in to it when he starts school on Tuesday.

Netball

Unfortunately due to Saturday's torrential rain, all netball was called off which meant our three netball teams missed out on a game last weekend. Good luck to all our sports teams playing this coming weekend!

Whānau Factory

Every Monday and Friday lunchtime, our learners have the opportunity to participate in our Whānau Factory. This is where they can engage in collaborative play, social learning and creative exploration inside the hub. Choices include games, puzzles, lego, art and music. The first session was very popular and it was awesome to see our tamariki connect with each other and make new friendships.



Queen's Birthday

A reminder that Monday 7th June is Queen's Birthday and is a Public Holiday. School will be closed. Enjoy a three day weekend with whānau and friends!



School Cross Country

We were absolutely blessed with a stunning Winter's Day for our very first school cross country on Friday 4th June. Our learners put in an incredible effort and demonstrated courage, collaboration and positive sportsmanship. We were very proud to see our tamariki show such determination and perseverance. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped with marshalling and other responsibilities - we couldn't have done it without you!



Placings

Year 1 Girls

1. Lauren Hutchinson
2. Zoey Braithwaite
3. Claudia Vergara

Year 1 Boys

1. Brax Matulino
2. Kahn Hepi
3. George Ferguson

Year 2 Girls

1. Tui-May Blackburn
2. Penny Nicolaas
3. Millie McDonagh

Year 2 Boys

1. Atli Perrott
2. Ian Doroftei
3. Marcus Chow

Year 3 Girls

1. Geneva Mills
2. Greer Jackson
3. Katie Dunne

Year 3 Boys

1. Ethan Stewart
2. Kaius Hepi
3. Mikey Francis

Year 4 Girls

1. Charlotte Clarke
2. Amelia Chooi
3. Georgia Finch

Year 4 Boys

1. Corin Jackson
2. Carter Taepa
3. Dante Jager

Year 5 Girls

1. Lucy Dunne
2. Isabella Young
3. Saige Silbery

Year 5 Boys

1. Rainer Jager
2. Felipe Norman
3. Max Brookbanks

Year 6 Girls

1. Sienna Mills
2. Ella Blackburn
3. Francesca Horne

Year 6 Boys

1. Kalani Taepa
2. Matai McNicholl
3. Blake Connell

Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

It has been a truly amazing week for us here at Suzanne Aubert. We were truly blessed to be a part of the Baptism celebration for six of our learners this week. Baptism is a celebration of welcome and a Sacrament of Initiation. We are proud to welcome Jack, Blake, Sophia, Georgia, Khan and Kaius to our Catholic family.

Baptism reminds us of the story of Jesus' Baptism by his cousin John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This is a wonderful Gospel account that has one of the clearest pictures of the Holy Trinity. When Jesus is Baptised the Holy Spirit rests on him as a Dove and God speaks from the heavens "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This moment is so clearly important that we continue the tradition today for every new member of our Faith and call the Holy Spirit to strengthen and live in our hearts. Thank you again to the children who were Baptised, their parents and Godparents who shared this moment with us and allowed us to strengthen and remember our own faith and Baptism.

As part of family prayer this week perhaps reflect on photo's of Baptism in the family and share the moment of celebration together with one another. Use this prayer to pray for someone who has recently been Baptised.

Upcoming Events:

School and Parish Mass: June 19th is Suzanne Aubert's Birthday and will be our Community and School Mass. Mass will be held in the Harakeke hub and begin at 5.15pm. We will have hospitality afterwards to celebrate as a community.

Sisters of Compassion Visit: From the 20th of June we are privileged to have Sister Rachel and Sister Ema coming from the Home of Compassion to spend time with our learners sharing their story and history and leading us in guided meditation. Thank you for your support in offering a meal for the sisters. We look forward to learning so much from them in their visit.



Baptism Prayer

Lord, thank you for the precious gift of Baptism, that we can publicly declare our love and passion for you. Lord, we ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on this faithful servant. We pray that you would work deeply within their heart and soul to renew and refresh them each day. Come to guide our footsteps, give us hope and a vision for the future. Today, the past is gone. They stand free and whole, loved and forgiven within the kingdom of God. Father, cover and protect them now, encircle them with your promises and fill their hearts with joy. May this day be one they cherish and remember forever! Amen.

Service - 'The Blanket Drive'

Thank you so much for all of the donated blankets and response to our blanket drive for winter. It is fantastic to see our community demonstrating compassion towards others. The spirit of Suzanne Aubert is strong in our Tamariki.



All Saints by the Sea

All Saints by the Sea Parish Weekly Mass Times

Please feel welcome to come along to our weekly Mass to celebrate with the Parish. Masses are held every:

Sunday at 9:30am and 5pm

St Thomas More Church

17 Gloucester Rd - Mount Maunganui

Saturday at 5:15pm

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.



Confirmation Bibles

On Sunday 23rd May, six of our learners celebrated their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St Thomas More Church. Today at Celebration Hui our candidates received their very own New Testament Bibles as a gift from Father Stuart and the All Saints by the Sea Parish. Congratulations team! (William Magill absent)

Thanks Dads!

A huge thank you to Cameron Clarke and Salve Basile for assembling our brand new basketball hoops in the hot sun this afternoon. Thankfully Domenico was there to make sure it was done right! We are very blessed to have such generous parent volunteers.



Key Dates for Term 2

- Monday 7th June: Queens Birthday
- Wednesday 9th June: BOT Elections close
- Saturday 19th June: School and Parish Mass - Suzanne Aubert's Birthday
- Thursday 8th July: Last Day of Term 2
- Friday 9th July: Teacher Only Day

A Reminder to Have Your Say!

Board of Trustees

Voting Closes 9th June

An urgent reminder to cast your votes for our new Board of Trustees by returning your voting papers back to the school office by **Wednesday 9th June**. This is the last day that we can accept votes. Our new Board will take office on Wednesday 16th June.

Do you have any of these that you don't need?

We are currently looking for large loose parts that can be used to construct outdoor apparatus for 'Adventures in Learning' across the school. 'Adventures' is our learning through play approach. If you have:

- Barrels
- Cable reels
- PVC piping
- Tyres
- Plywood sheets
- Timber lengths etc

We would love to have them! If you can help please contact Maria office@suzanneaubert.school.nz

Have your say

Planting at Te Ara O Wairākei Reserve

Take the survey at
www.tauranga.govt.nz/wairakeiplan

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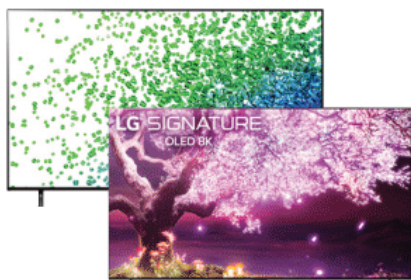
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