



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

In our Suzanne Aubert learning community we believe in the importance of gratitude. We aim to promote a sense of thankfulness for the people, places and opportunities that are significant in our school:

Establishment Board

We would like to thank our Establishment Board of Trustees (EBot). This week we farewelled our Establishment Board as they completed their time governing our school. Our EBot were appointed early in 2020 and were tasked with the mission of getting our school ready to be operational. Our sincere thanks to Ron Scott (Chair), Clare Wilson (Deputy Chair), Father Stuart, John Coulam, Kurt Kennedy, Gen Fuller, Monique Edlinger (secretary) and Jay Kedian (Governance Facilitator) for their mahi, leadership and governance in our foundation journey. It is the commitment and expertise of this group that ensured our kura was set up for success.



FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 2021

Parents and Whānau

We would like to thank our incredibly generous parents and whānau. Recently we have been blessed to have so many parents volunteering to support our school in a variety of ways.



Coaches and Managers

A special mention goes to our parent coaches/managers Nic Young, Kim Blackburn, Taryn Clarke, Ruth Dunne, Catherine Braithwaite, Cat Roberts (netball), Dave Young and Rodney Phillips (basketball). Thank you for providing the opportunity for our learners to be active and represent our school in a range of sports.

Cross Country Marshalls

Another group we would like to acknowledge are all the parent volunteers who committed to being Marshalls at our recent school cross country. Thank you for ensuring safety, showing school spirit and encouraging our young people as they traversed their way through the course.

Parent Volunteers

Another special mention goes to Caitlin Watson and Ruth Dunne for volunteering to label and cover our school readers and journals over the last couple of weeks. This is a mammoth task and we really appreciate your time and effort. Thanks also to Cam Clarke and Salve Basile who recently assembled our new basketball hoops.



Support Staff

We are incredibly blessed to have such an awesome support staff team at Suzanne Aubert. Our gratitude goes to Maria Mooney (Office Administrator), Emmanuel Nair (Cleaner) and Linda Oxenham (Learning Assistant). We really appreciate your mahi, dedication and commitment in your roles to make our kura such a great place to be.

We are looking forward to seeing our families at our Term 2 Parish and School Mass this Saturday evening at 5:15pm in the Kawakawa Hub. It will be a special opportunity to celebrate the 186th Birthday of our school patron Meri Hōhepa. Wishing you all a blessed weekend! Ngā mihi nui.

Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Rā Whānau
Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa!



Congratulations Miss Clayton!

Congratulations to Miss Clayton who recently graduated from Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College with a Post Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture. We are all very proud of your mahi and commitment to your studies in Catholic educational leadership. What a great role model of lifelong learning for our tamariki, staff and community!

Haere Mai to our newly elected Board of Trustees Members

As a Catholic School, our integration agreement requires that our Board of Trustees is made up of four members elected by the parent community, three Proprietor's Representatives appointed by the Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese and one member elected by the staff. This week we welcomed our newly elected Board of Trustees into their governance roles in the strategic direction of our school. We held our first meeting and our members were inducted into the team. We are excited to introduce the following elected parent representatives. Please note that our Proprietors Representatives Liz Egan, Clare Wilson and Jay Kedian will be introduced in the next Oracle.

Hi, I am Rodney Phillips. I am married to Pip and father to Max and Jack who are both in the Kawakawa Junior hub. I am a Commercial Banker and have a background in finance. Papamoa is a very special place to me and Pip and I are so proud to be a foundation family at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.



Hi, I'm Jan Glenn. I'm very honoured to be part of the Board of Trustees. My husband Chris and our son Kingston (Year 1) love living in Papamoa and we're blessed to be part of the Suzanne Aubert community. I look forward to getting to know the wider school whānau, working collaboratively & continuing to make Suzanne Aubert Catholic School the best it can be, for all.



Kia ora Whānau, I am David Young. I feel privileged to be elected onto the Suzanne Aubert Board of Trustees and look forward to working with an inspired team. I live in Pāpāmoa with my wife Nic and two children Xavier and Isabella. Xavier attends Aquinas College and Isabella attends Suzanne Aubert. I look forward to supporting teachers, leaders, staff and whānau to inspire and enable our young people to strive for excellence and achieve their very best. Ngā manaakitanga o te wa. David



Kia ora e te whanau, I am Anna Francis. I have three children at Suzanne Aubert, Isabella, Mikey and Isaac. I am passionate about improving the educational and wider wellbeing outcomes of children and young people in our community and have spent many years working in this area both professionally and in a volunteer capacity across the education sector. I am so privileged to have been voted onto the board at Suzanne Aubert Catholic school. I look forward to serving our wonderful school community. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou



Tena koutou katoa, My name is Shelley McKay and I am blessed to be the Deputy Principal at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. I am excited to be elected as staff board member for the next board term. I have 25 years in a variety of teaching and leadership roles across all year levels in education. I have loved every role in my educational journey. I hope to add value to our new board by offering depth of educational experience and knowledge of leadership in Catholic education. I am looking forward to working alongside our new Board to move our school into this next exciting phase of our journey.



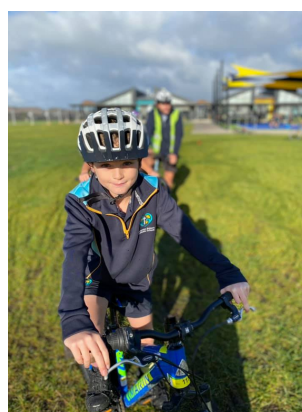
Aquinas Service Day

On Thursday we were blessed to have a number of Aquinas College students spending their annual service day at our school. We want to express thanks to all those students who were such an asset to have at school. We loved the way you supported our learners in the hubs and preparing resources. The best part of today has been watching you build relationships with our young people! Thank you Mr Kennedy and Mr Dalton for your time, energy and servant leadership in getting involved too!



Kids Can Ride Cycle Safety

This week our Year 5-6 Kopukairoa learners participated in the Kids Can Ride Bike Ready programme which is delivered by the Tauranga City Council. Our senior students explored bike safety, road rules and developed their physical riding skills. We know this was a great opportunity to grow their confidence to ride their bikes safely in the community. We would like to encourage all our learners to get on your bikes as much as you can!



Sand Dune Planting Trip

By Sophie, Saige, Charlotte and Lucy

Today I, along with some of the learners from Harakeke, are going to be sharing with you the experience of the finest dune planting trip ever. Our school has been taking part in caring for the beach and for the dunes for some time now. This would be our third trip to the dunes this year. Though this one, if I do say so myself, was the best out of the three. While we were there we found some interesting things like fossils, light bulbs and a massive stone. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the retelling as we did living it.

At school Ms Waddel and half of Mr Newlands class had to be assigned to their groups. We all had to go in other people's cars to get there. There were three Dads to help out with their cars. Thank you Luke Perrot, Salve Basile, Kessem Jackson, Mrs Mills and Mr Newlands for transporting us.

When we got to the beach we met a man called Chris and a lady called Janine. First Janine said a couple of words and then we went on to the sand. When we got on the sand we saw Chris. We talked for a little bit and we all saw planting equipment. There was fertiliser and it was like little seeds and they were yellow. There were plants which are pingau and spinifex.

Corin's dad said the big rock came from a fence. At the end we sat down in front of Janine and she said the find of the day was the light bulb with water in it. Ethan dug it out so carefully it didn't break. At the very end we gave either Chris or Janine a high five and we got pineapple lumps. We got into the dad's cars and went back to school.



Seismometer in Schools

We were privileged to be visited by Kasper and Jonathan from the Auckland University Physics Department this week. They worked with our STEM Kaiarahi student leaders to set up our very own school seismometer. This is a scientific tool used to measure earthquakes and seismic activity underground. This puts us on the New Zealand map as part of 'Ru' the Seismometer in Schools' programme. Our Kaiarahi Sophia, Piper, Ali, Matai and William will be monitoring this and keeping us updated as they make their scientific observations! If you would like to know more please click the link: [Ru - Seismometer in Schools](#).



Papamoa Cross Country Clusters

Congratulations to our Year 4-6 cross country team who represented our school at the Papamoa cluster event at Wairakei Reserve on 23rd June. It was a tough competition and our learners were competing against Golden Sands, Te Akau ki Papamoa and Papamoa Primary. Thanks to our parents Ruth, Taryn and Nikki for supervision and Mr Newlands for your organisation. It was a fun day for all!



Sports Update

The Suzanne Aubert Mystics, our Year 1-2 netball team, played a great game on Saturday despite having no subs. All the girls played a full game and were amazing! Well done to Penny who was player of the day and Zoey the most valuable player. Also a huge thank you to Sia for stepping in last minute to coach.



The Suzanne Aubert Magic Year 5-6 netball team, had a convincing 17-2 win against Greenpark Mystics on Saturday! The girls really gelled together as a team and showed what they have been focusing on with their passing and shooting. Bella was Player of the Day for her awesome shooting technique and Francesca got Most Valuable Player.



Haere Mai Jack!

We are very excited to welcome Jack Phillips to our Suzanne Aubert whānau!

Jack is the younger brother of Max and will be joining him in Miss McPherson's whānau. We have been told that Jack can't wait to put on a Suzanne Aubert singlet and join the SACS Breakers basketball team!



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. Please let Marias in the office know if you will be having a sibling start this year.

Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

Meri Hōhepa is Turning 186!

This weekend 19th of June we are celebrating Suzanne Aubert's Birthday as a community together. Meri Hohepa - Suzanne Aubert was an amazing woman who with drive, determination and compassion made a lasting imprint on New Zealand. She is a true role model of faith, learning and biculturalism for us today. Meri Hohepa devoted her life to helping others. Her work took her from France to New Zealand - Auckland, Hawke's Bay, the Whanganui River and finally to Wellington. Along the way, she founded Our Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, cared for children and the sick. She skilfully combined Māori rongoa (medicine) and Pākehā science, and wrote books in Māori, English and French.

Meri Hohepa's strong faith made this possible. She knew that in serving others she was doing God's work and that meant that no matter the obstacle or roadblock there was a solution or help when needed. This understanding of Divine Providence is very much with the Sisters today. One of Suzanne's quotes is "Do your share and God will do his, and everything will go well." and another "We are doing God's work. If he wishes us to continue He will find the way. When we are in need, help always comes from the most unexpected source."

In these times many people are burdened with worries. We can reflect on Suzanne Aubert's understanding of Divine Providence and wonder, How can doing your part and then trusting in God help people in the community and our lives?

Explore at Home:

The Gospel reading for Saturday 19 May 2021 is **Matthew 6:24-34**. "Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them!" What does it say to you about Divine Providence in our lives?



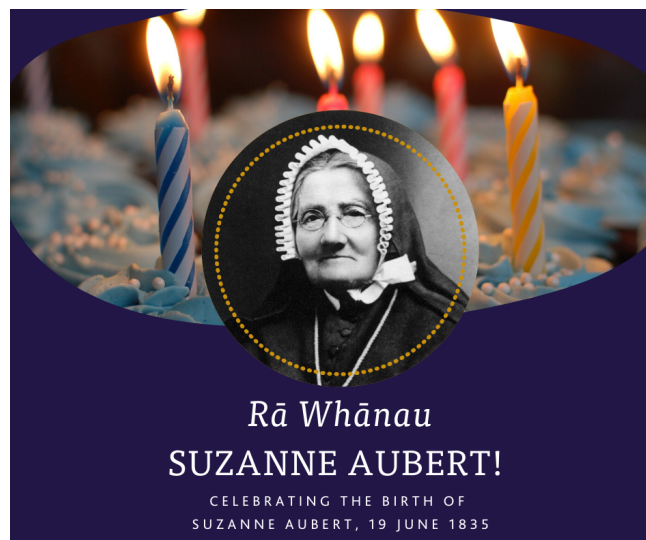
Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Please pray this prayer for Suzanne Aubert's journey to becoming a Saint:

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification. Amen.

School and Parish Mass

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



Sisters of Compassion Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming and hosting Sister Rachel and Sister Ema next week. It is so exciting that we will have the opportunity to work with the Sisters all week in meditative prayer and understanding of the Sisters of Compassion.

Service - 'The Blanket Drive'

Thank you so much for the response to our blanket drive and the donation of so many blankets for people in need. Father Stuart has collected your donations and they will be gifted to the Tauranga Mission. We will continue to accept donations for the remainder of this term.



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.

Uniform

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School we expect all our learners to be wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school everyday. This includes:

- School polo shirt
- School shorts or skirts
- School fleece
- Black shoes and knee high navy blue socks only

As per our school policy, the only jewellery permitted is watches, earstuds/sleepers and other jewellery of religious or cultural significance (e.g. cross or pounamu). If your child's hair is past their collar, please ensure it is tied up.



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
- Rope 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

Your thoughts will help us decide the next steps for planting.

If you love the Wairākei Reserve, use it to walk the dog or ride your bike, or have an opinion on how we manage stormwater reserves – we want to hear from you.

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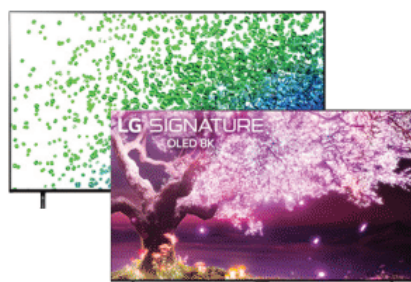
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