



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

FRIDAY 2ND JULY 2021

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

The Sisters of our Lady of Compassion - Ngā Whaea O Pūaroa are the religious community that Suzanne Aubert - Meri Hōhepa established. They work together in a spirit of compassion, openness and integrity to meet the needs of the aged, the sick, the oppressed and the powerless in our communities. The Sisters engage in active service through social work, pastoral care, education, advocating for refugees and home care for the sick and elderly. Their head office is at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington and they work with communities throughout New Zealand and Fiji. At our school it is important to foster the partnership we have with the Sisters of Compassion. Last week we were privileged to host two of their community, Sister Rachel and Sister Ema, who led a week of meditative prayer with our learners. It was a great week to be still, silent and spend time in reflective prayer. If you would like to know more about the Sisters of Compassion and their work please click the link [here](#).

It has been an exciting time in our Suzanne Aubert learning community over the last couple of weeks. Please enjoy reading the latest updates about learning and living in our kura.

Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



Happy Birthday Meri Hōhepa - Suzanne Aubert

On Saturday 19th June, we had a special Mass and celebration to acknowledge Suzanne Aubert's 186th birthday. Despite the torrential rain, we had a great turnout of learners, whānau and parishioners. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and honour the life of this incredible mana wahine with our school and parish community. Thank you to Father Stuart for leading Mass and Phillipa Murrell for supplying the delicious chocolate mud birthday cake.



Haere Ra - Farewell Father Stuart

Next week we will officially be farewelling Father Stuart from our Suzanne Aubert school community. This will be a very emotional time for us as he has been such an important part of our foundation journey as a new school. Father Stuart has been a trustee on our Establishment Board and has connected with our learners, whānau and wider school community for weekly liturgies and Masses. He also started Parish Mass at our school every Saturday evening which has created a special connection with our Parishioners. We would like to thank Father Stuart who has been so generous in the way he has supported many aspects of our development including hosting our staff in the parish offices in 2020, funding the school fence, funding our PA system and music equipment to name just a few. We will farewell Father Stuart with a liturgy next **Thursday 8th July at 11:15am** in the Kawakawa Hub. All whānau are welcome to attend.



Communicating about Learning

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, we communicate formally about learning progress and achievement in a variety of ways. This takes form as learning stories, progress reports, face to face hui and learning celebrations. In the coming weeks, you will be receiving access to your child's mid-year Learning Progress Report on HERO. This will provide information about how your child is achieving in relation to curriculum expectations. It will also include a summary of the ways your child demonstrates the 7 Principles for Living and Learning. This will be followed by Learning Conferences early in Term 2 where you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's kaiako and discuss their progress and achievement across the Curriculum. Please see the timeline below which indicates when you can expect to receive communication about learning throughout 2021. Please remember that these are formal milestones for communicating learning and are supported by informal ongoing communication throughout the year e.g. phone calls, emails and hui. If you would like to discuss your child's learning or behaviour at any stage, please make contact with their whānau teacher.

Communicating Learning in 2021

TERM 1

- Whanaungatanga Day - January
- Learning Stories (x2 for Reading, Writing, Maths and RE)

TERM 2

- Learning Stories (x2 for Reading, Writing, Maths and RE)
- Mid Year Learning Progress Report

TERM 3

- Learning Stories (x2 for Reading, Writing, Maths and RE)
- Learning Conferences
- Learning Celebration and Showcase

TERM 4

- Learning Stories (x1 for Reading, Writing, Maths and RE)
- Learner Led Conferences
- End of Year Learning Report
- End of Year Learning Celebration and Year 6 Graduation



Playscape Update

Last term our learners carried out an inquiry to design our school playground. The designs needed to include elements of the following criteria:

- The story of our patron Suzanne Aubert
- The cultural narrative of the Story of the Papamoa Hills - Mangatawa
- Equipment that provides open ended options for play
- Features that challenge and extend children's physical capability
- Equipment that encourages social interaction
- Designs that meet the expected health and safety requirements

The learners created plans and constructed 3D models of their playgrounds. This was shared with two playground companies who held focus groups with the learners and developed their proposals. These were presented to the Establishment Board in Term 2 and **Playground Creations** were approved as the supplier. The first playground to be constructed in stage 1 will be the Junior playground and this is being funded by the Proprietor. Manufacture has begun and installation will be during **September**. We are all very excited and look forward to sharing our new play space! Please see the Junior Playground design below. (Please note that the final design includes additional features not pictured including the dinghy, telescope, microscope and outdoor percussion. Playground structure colours will also vary and align with our school branding.)

While the designs are complete for the senior playground, this will be funded by the school PTA in stage 2. The board are currently developing a constitution for the PTA to be established. Once this group have been inducted, this fundraising project will begin. Please keep in mind that according to playground specifications, the junior playground will be suitable for all ages and the senior playground will cater to ages 8+. While we are waiting for installation of the playground we will continue to provide other opportunities for our learners to play, socialise and develop their physical skills during break times including:

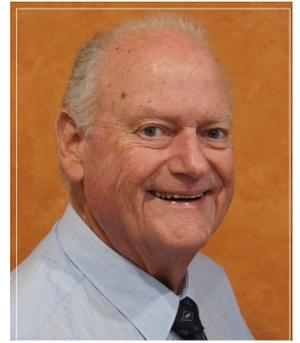
- Attending the Boulevard playground every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime
- Lil Wheels Days every Tuesday and Thursday morning tea and lunchtimes
- Whānau Factory Monday and Friday lunchtimes which includes games, music, craft and construction.
- Organised sports rotations
- Large loose parts for imaginative construction e.g. tyres, pipes, reels, rope, tarps, crates etc.



Haere Mai to our Board of Trustees Proprietor's Representatives

Jeremy Kedian

Jeremy was the Governance Facilitator on the Establishment Board and will be continuing on with our new board as a Proprietor's Representative. Jeremy has worked extensively with schools and other educational institutions and has a strong interest in education futures in general and Innovative Learning Environments. He also has a granddaughter at Suzanne Aubert, with a grandson due to start later this year.



Clare Wilson

Clare has worked in both hospital and community-based health as a registered nurse for over 30 years. She is now specialising in the mental health of youth in the education sector. Her qualifications include: MSc, BA, Diploma of Nursing and is a Justice of the Peace and Marriage Celebrant. Mount Maunganui has been her home for longer than 20 years, although she enjoyed 2 years living in Singapore with her husband and children during 2016 and 2017.



Liz Egan

Hi, my name is Liz Egan and my eldest son Benji, attends Suzanne Aubert. My family and I have recently returned to NZ from Melbourne and I'm so proud to be a part of the Suzanne Aubert Catholic School community. I'm excited and very privileged to be a part of the Board of Trustees and look forward to supporting Anthony and his team to achieve the best outcomes.



Haere Mai to our new Board Secretary

Maria Mooney

Hi, many of you will know me through my role as Office Administrator at Suzanne Aubert. I am excited to take on the position of Board Secretary and to support our new Board of Trustees as they take over the Governance of our school. I have experience serving as a Parent Representative on the St Thomas More Catholic School Board of Trustees when my children were younger and look forward to now supporting the Suzanne Aubert Board as we move into new and exciting times.



Tauranga Music Festival

Our Year 4 - 6 Tamariki have been busy rehearsing for our performance at the 2021 Tauranga Primary School's Music Festival on Friday 27th August.

The theme for the festival this year is the "Music of Aotearoa." Last week we held auditions for two students to represent Suzanne Aubert Catholic School at the solo auditions for the Festival. We are excited to announce that both Max Brookbanks and Maria Turol were both successful and will be performing solo parts at the festival. Congratulations Max and Maria.

We are very proud of you both!



Matariki - Ngā mihi o te tau hou!

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars also known as Pleiades. In Japan it is known as Subaru. It is representative of the constellation of 7-9 stars (sisters) and heralds the Maori New Year. In Aotearoa, it is celebrated in late June-early July. It is a time for us to stop and reflect on the past, present and future:

PAST: We acknowledge and honour those who have gone before us.

PRESENT: We are grateful for the blessings we receive daily.

FUTURE: We make goals, plans and promises for an abundant future.

Matariki is an important time of joy, celebration and remembrance and is traditionally celebrated by enjoying a harvest feast with whānau and friends.

At Suzanne Aubert, our learners have been exploring the meaning of Matariki. Our Kawakawa Hub tamariki have created star constellation art and explored curiosity questions about stars in their Adventures in Learning. Our Harakeke Hub tamariki have been retelling the Legend of Matariki in their writing and designing origami stars.



Do you have any of these?

We are currently looking for large loose parts that can be used to engage in outdoor construction for 'Adventures in Learning' across the school. 'Adventures' is our learning through play approach. We would love to hear from you if you have any of the following:

- Barrels and Cable reels
- PVC piping
- Tyres
- Plywood sheets and timber lengths
- Crates
- Rope and tarpaulins etc

If you can help please contact Maria:
office@suzanneaubert.school.nz



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Prayer for the Middle of Winter

Lord, in the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness, your light still shines. Amen



Sisters of Compassion Visit

Last week we were so privileged to have Sister Ema and Sister Rachel as part of our school. They not only were lights of joy, compassion and love but helped our learners to experience Christian meditation and find stillness in our often hectic and busy lives. Their reminder to seek this quiet stillness and silence to better hear God's voice is a fantastic lesson for us all. Over the week with daily mediation you could see the calmness and stillness grow for our learners. It was not immediate or easy but they all persevered and were able to find success. Through practice we can all find this moment of calm to hear, see and speak to God but like our learners discovered last week, nothing can happen if we don't take that step to set the time and place aside to help us focus on meditation and prayer. Just like our learners here at Suzanne Aubert our lives are full of activity, voices and distraction. Taking the time to plan prayer into our daily routine helps us all centre and become closer to God. Meditation has the added benefit of deliberately seeking to quiet the mind and give time away from all other distractions. Ask your child about meditation, the 4 S's and have them lead family prayer.

RE Learning - Being Church

This term the theme for RE has been focused on Kia Noho Hāhi- Being Church. The children have explored this in a number of ways. The learners in Hikurangi have been exploring the idea that Church is not the building but rather the people that follow Jesus. As the followers of Jesus, being Church we are expected to care for one another and reach out to include everyone in our family. Mangatawa and Kopukairoa have taken this concept further by exploring how being Church- Kia Noho Hāhi means there is an expectation upon us to complete acts of service. They identified how Meri Hohepa is a wonderful role model for us today in this and have been exploring services in our community today that focus on acts of service and volunteering. It has been wonderful to see the children grow and respond with this new understanding by creating meals for those in need in our community. Take the time to ask your learner how and what they have been learning about.

Meditation at Home

Over the next few weeks, try Christian meditation at home with your children for family prayer. Encourage each other to follow the 4 S's as explained to us by Sister Ema and Sister Rachel. These include:

- Silence - take time to be silent
- Stillness - be still in your quiet place
- Straight back - keep good posture
- Say our special word 'Maranatha' in our hearts. This is Aramaic for 'Come, Lord Jesus'

Start with 5 minutes of silence and stillness and try to build it up over time.

Sports Update - Netball

Our Year 1-2 netball team the Suzanne Aubert Mystics had a great skills session on passing and catching this Saturday and a great time practicing these skills during the game! Special thanks to Ella and Saige for stepping in to help the girls with warm ups. They did a great job and it was so wonderful to see our senior students encouraging, supporting and caring for our juniors. Big congratulations to our MVP Emilia and Player of the Day Sarah... well done!



The Suzanne Aubert Pulse, our Year 3 -4 netball team, played a great game against Green Park School over the weekend. The girls were all awesome and you can definitely see all the skills developing that they have been learning and practicing through the season. It was great fun!

Our Year 5-6 netball team - Suzanne Aubert Magic, had a training session in Golden Sands gym on Monday night. After a shared skills and drills session with the Golden Sands Year 5 team where the girls had the opportunity to collaborate and share their skills and knowledge, the two teams played a shortened 4 x 6 minute friendly game. It was great opportunity to connect with our Golden Sands community and support all tamariki in netball skill development and confidence.

Suzanne Aubert Basketball

The Suzanne Aubert Breakers had their first game of the season in their new grade on Friday night. All players had a great game, worked well together, and defence was practiced by everyone. Well done team!

Our year one and two basketball team, the Suzanne Aubert Lakers, had a great game against Tahatai Cost on Monday.

Our Little League players keep getting better and better. Defence and attack have improved so much and the Tamariki are all having loads of fun. Congratulations to George who was this week's Player of the Day.



Key Dates

- Thursday 8th July - 11:15am: Farewell Liturgy for Father Stuart
- Thursday 8th July: Last Day of Term 2
- Friday 9th July: Teacher Only Day. Please remember to make other arrangements for your children on this day as school will be closed.
- Monday 26th July: Term 3 starts

Learning Assistant Position

We are currently looking for another Learning Assistant to join our dynamic team at Suzanne Aubert. If you are enthusiastic about supporting tamariki with their learning, please consider this position. If you, or anyone you know are interested, please contact Maria in the office for an application pack: office@suzanneaubert.school.nz. Please see the attached letter of advertisement for details about this position. Applications close midday Thursday 8th July.



 **SCHOLASTIC**

Book Club



Watch this space! From the beginning of Term 3, Suzanne Aubert will be offering Scholastic Book Club orders. Brochures will be sent home with your child twice per term and books can be ordered online through their new 'Loop' system or through the school. Our school will earn points for any books ordered which can go towards new library books and new teaching resources. It is a win-win! The first brochure will be sent home in week one of Term 3.



Ukulele lessons Give it a go trial!

Term 3

**5 week intro course
\$60 - includes material**

Year 2-6 Wednesday morning at school - Limited Spaces

For more info email: info@musiqhub-bop.co.nz
or text Wayne 027 271 7685

Ukulele Lessons

MusicHub are offering children who are keen to give Ukulele a go, the chance to try it for five weeks at a reduced rate of \$60. If you would like to find out more, click the link [here](#)

Structured Literacy

Our school takes a 'structured literacy' approach to teaching language. This includes phonological awareness, spelling patterns and word families and is to support our learners to become more capable readers and writers. Please refer to the attached notice for more information regarding Structured Literacy.



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.



Kids

Market

Sunday 18th^{July}

10am - 12pm @

Golden Sands School Hall, Papamoa

Support young achievers learning, earning and being a part of our community! Bring plenty of coins, big smiles and all your friends and family...

Share our Facebook event from
facebook.com/PapVillage

