



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
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Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It has been an exciting and rewarding learning time at Suzanne Aubert over the last couple of weeks:

Kaitiakitanga: Our learners are exploring their understanding of Kaitiakitanga (guardianship) through science, literacy, maths, inquiry and learning through play.

Grandparents Day: We celebrated a special day with our tīpuna at our recent inaugural Grandparents and Grandfriends day.

100 Learners: With our recent enrolment of Ryland and Arden Bassett we have reached 100 learners!

Whānau Learning Hui: We hosted our first whānau learning hui which was a wonderful opportunity for our families to connect with our team about your child's learning progress and achievement. We were so impressed to get 91% of our school families attend!

Donut makers: Our Hikurangi team competition winners were rewarded with their donut making prize today. Yum!

We take great pride in seeing the exciting opportunities on offer for learning and connecting in our kura. It is these experiences that contribute to being immersed in life as a learner at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. Please enjoy this pānui of learning and key information. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful weekend.

Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST 2021

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

On Tuesday 3rd August we celebrated our first Grandparents and Grandfriends Day at Suzanne Aubert. It was a great way to connect with our special grandparents who show such love, care and support for our tamariki. Our learners led a celebration hui, shared their learning and got some great pics with their whānau in the photo booth! A big thank you to Kate Magill (William and James' Mum) for capturing such wonderful photos of our tamariki and their beloved grandparents and grandfriends.



We have 100 Learners!



We are very excited to welcome sisters Ryland and Arden Bassett to our Suzanne Aubert Whānau. Ryland is in Year 3 and has joined Mr Newland's Whānau class. Arden is New Entrant and joins Miss Clayton's Whānau class. Arden and Ryland have boosted our student roll to 100 learners! Welcome to our school family girls.



Welcome to the Whānau Suzy!



This week we are very excited to welcome Suzanne (Suzy) Arnold to our Suzanne Aubert whānau. Suzy will be working in the Kawakawa Hub as a part-time Learning Assistant. Suzy has been an early childhood teacher for the past 15 years. She is married to Greg and has three beautiful daughters, the youngest Lucy is due to start at Suzanne Aubert in Term 4. Suzy and her family love living in Papamoa with the warmer climate and the beach lifestyle. She enjoys hiking, family camping trips, paddle boarding, cooking and gardening. We are very blessed to have Suzy join our learning community.

WaterLine - Protecting our Precious Water Resources

Our senior tamariki are privileged to be working with Sarah Ann Du Plooy from Waterline to explore the importance of protecting our precious water resources. On Monday, our Year 3-4 students were looking at our waste water systems. This is connected to our big idea of Kaitiakitanga this term which is learning about being guardians of our environment. Our Year 5-6 learners will be working with Sarah next week.



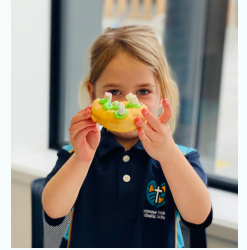
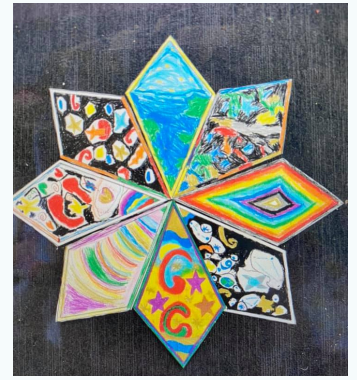
Rongohia te Hau Survey

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School we believe that acknowledging the language and cultural identity of our learners is the key to unlocking positive learning focused relationships between akonga (students), whānau (family) and kaiako (teachers). As a school we are currently engaged in the Rongohia te Hau project with Dr Therese Ford and Johnson Davis (Poutama Pounamu - University of Waikato) to explore the ways we promote the cultural identity and strengths of our learners, staff and community. On Monday you would have been sent a link to an online whānau survey via email and HERO. We ask that you please spend 10-15 minutes completing the survey. It closes next **Friday 20th August**. All submitted surveys will go into the draw to win a \$100 voucher at Papa Mo's!



Donut Delight

In June, our Hikurangi tamariki entered a Mama's Donuts competition to design a piece of visual art that depicts Matariki and what it means for them. Working collaboratively, our junior learners created a wonderful masterpiece that was voted the winner by the Mama's Donut community. The prize? To each decorate their own donut! Today, to their absolute delight, was donut decorating day! A big thank you to Amber Kedian, Dee Bassett and Belinda Graham for their help in making this such a special occasion.



School Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures are important foundation documents to guide the governance, management and operations of a school. At Suzanne Aubert, we use SchoolDocs as a portal to host these policies and procedures. These documents are for the Board, staff and school community. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. Please spend some time reading and becoming familiar with them. They can be accessed via School Docs:

- 1) Click on the link to School Docs [here](#)
- 2) Search for Suzanne Aubert Catholic School
- 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

As school whānau, you have an opportunity to contribute to the review process of these policies. This appears in the 'Current Review' tab along the top menu bar. To provide feedback about policies within a review cycle, click the red magnifying glass icon and follow the instructions for adding your feedback. This data is sent through to the leadership team and Board for subsequent review.

This term the following policies are scheduled for review:

- Behaviour Management
- Concerns and Complaints

Kaitiakitanga in Action!

This semester, our learning theme is Kaitiakitanga. Our tamariki are exploring how they can be guardians of our natural physical environment. This is a taonga (gift) from God and we are called to be stewards of this whenua. We have been very impressed to see that **Jack Chapman** has been demonstrating kaitiakitanga in action by collecting litter. Without being asked, Jack has been picking up rubbish around the school because he wants to keep our environment clean and tidy. Kapai Jack!



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Feast Day - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August 2021



The Assumption of Mary

This coming Sunday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aotearoa's National Patronage Feast Day. It is when the Church celebrates Mary being taken to Heaven, body and soul to share in the Resurrection of her Son and anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

Mary is the Patron Saint of the whole of New Zealand and holds a special place for all of us here. The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have chosen Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way as the name of the proposal to renew the country's dedication to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The bishops have also confirmed that the historic St Mary of the Angels Church in central Wellington will become a national shrine to Mary.

Perhaps this week explore some of the stories about Mary and the amazing life she lived: mother, wife, refugee, Saint. This could be a good time to pray the rosary together as a family too.

Explore at Home:

This term we are exploring our understanding of God. We are looking particularly at how God's presence is felt in the gift of creation that surrounds us every day. Take some time this week for a nature walk. Explore the beach or bush and take the time to appreciate the wonder of all the small miracles that happen to make this possible.

The whole world is a
series of miracles,
but we're so used to them
we call them ordinary things.

Hans Christian Andersen



The Search

A reminder that on Thursday evenings you are all warmly invited to join 'The Search'. This is a video series exploring our faith and our understanding of God. There will be small group discussions and refreshments available. The sessions start at 7pm in the Suzanne Aubert school staffroom. Come with an open mind and heart to learn.



Caught with Compassion

This week we would like to celebrate Penny Nicolaas and Emilia Roberts. These two learners have demonstrated true hearts of compassion as they look after others in the school. Both girls love to help those around them, especially younger students. Well done girls for showing tuakana teina in action. Your compassionate hearts are an example for us all.



Grace's Soap Fundraiser

Grace Mikkelsen (Year 6), is fundraising to attend the 2022 Girl Guides Jamboree - a significant event in the Girl Guide calendar where children are challenged both physically and mentally, have opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends and give back to the community. Grace is excited to go to the Jamboree so she can stretch her boundaries, make new friends and learn about a wide range of subjects. She has decided to raise money herself to help cover her costs. Grace is making her own soaps and will be selling these at school next week. Each soap is individually and beautifully made with all natural ingredients. No two will be the same! Please consider giving generously to support Grace's trip.



Scrunchies for Sale!

We have beautifully hand made scrunchies for sale in the school office! Choose from Polka Dot or Stripe in our Suzanne Aubert school colours. All proceeds go towards helping support a local family with their child's ongoing health condition. The cost is \$5 for one or \$8 for two.



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

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ERO Review

This week, we have had the team from the Education Review Office (ERO) carrying out the final part of Schedule 1 of our 'Readiness Review'. This was a third review as part of the process of being a foundation school. This is to ensure that new schools are ready for learning and being operational. We have received very positive feedback from the ERO team about our readiness so far. The next part of the readiness process that ERO will carry out is the Assurance Review which will take place mid next year.

Term 3 Key Dates:

Y4-6 Music Festival Rehearsal & Performance at Baycourt: Friday 27 August (tickets available via Baycourt)
School Disco on Ice (see attached flyer): Tuesday 21 Sept (5-8pm)
Last Day of Term 3: Friday 1 October

**\$8 per Child, \$12 per adult, \$35 per family (2+2)
\$75 for a group of 10 Children**



Ice Skating Disco

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Tuesday 21 September

5pm - 8pm

Golden Sands School Multi-Purpose Space

**Book a 45m time slot and pay at Suzanne Aubert
School Office**

Tuck Shop

There will be things to buy at the disco - food, drinks and glow toys! Bring your spare change.



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