

FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 2021

# The Aubert Oracle



# Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

Lockdown! It is a phrase that we have come to know so well over the last 18 months. This time round has been a unique situation for Suzanne Aubert as it was our first Alert Level 4 lockdown as a school community. I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents and families for the way you have all responded. Our tamariki and whānau have been engaging with the home learning and sharing these experiences with us. At Suzanne Aubert, we have seen this as an opportunity to connect with our families in a new way. The great irony is that although we may be physically distancing, we feel that we have grown closer to you all through this experience. We have been able to pray in unity, explore the learning together, catch up via Google Meet and share the highlights of our time in family lockdown. Thank you so much for the way you have supported your children to explore their home learning and making this lockdown a positive experience to remember.

It is important that during times of disruption and uncertainty such as lockdown that we turn our hearts towards God for courage, comfort and peace. As a staff we have taken great strength in the following scripture during this time and encourage you to allow these words to find space in your heart: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6-7)

Please enjoy this pānui of our shared lockdown experiences and key information. I encourage you to continue checking your emails, HERO and our Facebook page for Covid updates. Wishing you all a blessed and safe weekend in your 'lockdown bubble'!

Anthony Mills Principal - Tumuaki







#### **Lockdown Memories**

It has been a privilege to see our learners explore a range of learning experiences with their whānau in their lockdown bubbles over the last couple of weeks. It has been an exciting opportunity for our learners to cook, exercise, create, dance, sing, play and collaborate. Check out the sanpshot below of some of these experiences.

### **MOVE!**











## **BAKE!**









#### **CREATE!**









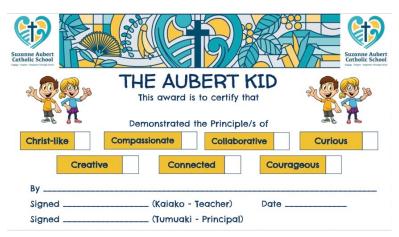
#### **Need to Talk to Someone?**

We acknowledge that this time of lockdown can be challenging for many of you as you navigate work commitments, financial hardship, social isolation, family arrangements and looking after children. If you feel that you need to talk with someone about how you have been feeling or are concerned about someone in your family bubble please don't hesitate to seek support. Click the link <a href="here">here</a> which provides resources and contacts to promote the wellbeing of yourself and your loved ones during lockdown.

## **Food Support**

Some of our families and people in our community may be finding it difficult to provide food for their lockdown bubbles. If you are struggling to provide food or know someone who is, please click the link here. It provides ideas and resources to help access food supplies during an Alert Level 4 lockdown. This fact sheet has information for all New Zealanders about:

- Food delivery
- If you can't get food delivered
- Staying safe when getting food delivered
- Financial help to buy food
- Foodbanks



#### **Certificates**

At Suzanne Aubert we promote our Principles for Living and Learning (the 7C's). Our learners aim to demonstrate these principles in their learning and their relationships with others by being: (1) Christlike, (2) Compassionate, (3) Curious, (4) Collaborative, (5) Creative, (6) Connected and (7) Courageous. We are excited to share that when we return to school, we will be celebrating learners who display the 7C's by presenting the 'Aubert Kid' Awards. These will be presented by our kaiako at every Friday Celebration Hui. On the last day of every term, all learners who have received an 'Aubert Kid' award will join our staff for shared morning tea as a celebration of their achievement.

## **Year 4-6 Music Festival**

Due to the Covid lockdown, the Tauranga Primary School's Music Festival has been postponed. We will now be performing on Friday 19th November (Term 4 Week 5) at Baycourt. If you had already bought tickets for this event, they remain valid for the new week of performance and transfer directly to the new date. Tickets are still available to purchase online if you haven't got yours yet.

## **Online Safety**

At Suzanne Aubert, we want your child to be safe while engaging with learning online. This is especially important when our tamariki are accessing home learning during lockdown. Therefore, we encourage you to apply the Switch on Safety filter when using your own home device or one of our school devices. This is a free filter supported by the Ministry of Education, Netsafe and N4L which helps to provide a layer of protection from any harmful content, scams or malware. Please see advice on how to apply the filter here.





## **Special Catholic Character**

## A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

#### **TE ARA A MARIA**

Last year during our first lockdown the Bishops decided that this year we would rededicate ourselves to Mary as a nation. This rededication began on the Feast of the Assumption (15th of August) with a national Mass and the unveiling of this beautiful artwork below which is to tour the country before becoming part of a shrine to Mary in Wellington. Little did the Bishops know that we would need this example of fortitude and faith so soon. Mary is the Saint I personally admire the most. She lived so many different roles in her lifetime and was asked to do something I struggle to comprehend and said 'Yes' with no doubt. She is an amazing role model for us all at this time, a person that looked out for the good of others as we see in the story of the Wedding at Cana. A person who stood strong and faithful during hardship as when she stayed at the foot of the cross and as an ordinary woman who has become the mother of our Church. I am lucky enough to have been shared some resources from the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch which I am going to share with you below. These resources come from the Prayer and Witness challenge that the Diocese of Christchurch puts out when in lockdown and is a way to explore faith and understanding as a family. This week they have chosen the theme of Mary in response to the Bishop's call.



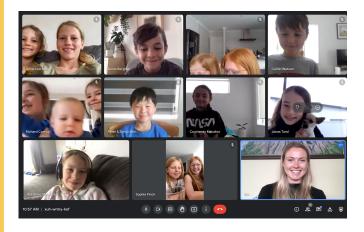


#### **Formed in Faith**

FORMED.ORG is an amazing site to explore for videos and prompts to explore faith and understanding. We are lucky enough to be able to use the Parish's account to sign in and access these resources. The Search which has been running at the School site on Thursday evenings is an example of the video series that can be accessed. There are many options available on the site including a series dedicated just for kids. Just follow these simple instructions:

- 1) Go to www.formed.org/signup
- 2) Type in All Saints by the Sea Parish
- 3) Create a new account.
- 4) Use the Parish Code GNQDK3

All they need to do is register their own details to have access to everything.



## **Caught with Compassion:**

This week I would like to celebrate all of the Suzanne Aubert Catholic School community. The Compassion you are showing each other and the community of New Zealand in your bubbles is amazing. Keep it up!

## **Explore at Home: Prayer and Witness Challenge**

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
Awe Maria e ki ana koe, e te keretia, kia koe e te Ariki,	We have an example of Mary listening and	Watch this video clip where Mo Maria is explained.	Read and learn about the history of the waiata <u>Mo Maria.</u>
kia whakapainga koe. I roto i nga wahine ae whakapainga hoki. A Hehu te hua o tou	going to Jesus to ask for help.  Read about the	You might want to watch this video clip too it explains	Share what you know with someone else in your bubble.
kopu. Hata Maria te Matua wahine o te Atua inoi koe mo matou mo	Maria te Matua  Match the video  clip about the	what Catholics believe about Mary	Learn the words and tune of <i>Mo Maria</i> .  Maybe you could take a video of you singing the first verse and
te hunga e hara ana aianei a te hoara o toku matenga rawa.			chorus (ask your parents to join in and share it with your teacher.
Amene.			Or
Hail Mary full of grace, the lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and			Using lego, playdough or toys you have at home, retell some of the interesting facts you have learnt from
blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.			the video 'What Catholics believe about Mary'.
Holy Mary, mother of God. Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.			Make your own video of these important beliefs and share it with your teacher.



## **The Search**

'The Search' sessions will continue in the Suzanne Aubert staffroom on Thursday evenings once Lockdown is over and we return to Level 2. In the meantime, you are welcome to share in a Daily Mass with Bishop Steve through the <a href="Hamilton Diocese YouTube channel">Hamilton Diocese YouTube channel</a>. Daily Mass is also available through the <a href="Parish of St Thomas Aguinas in Tauranga">Parish of St Thomas Aguinas in Tauranga</a>

#### **Suzanne Aubert Lockdown Cookbook**

We have noticed that many of you are baking and cooking some scrumptious meals and treats during lockdown! We have decided to collate all your wonderful creations in a cook book which we will use to raise money for charity when we return to school. If you want your delicious "creation" to be in our first ever Suzanne Aubert Lockdown Cook Book please send the following to: office@suzanneaubert.school.nz

- 1. Your recipe including ingredients at the top followed by step by step instructions
- 2.A photo of you with your fabulous creation!
- 3. Name your recipe e.g. Mrs McKay's favourite banana muffins

Note: Please send one recipe per school family.



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

# **Ice Skating Disco**

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School

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.



Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Chris



#### **School Policies and Procedures**

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. These documents are for the Board, staff and school community. Our school policies 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

## **Term 3 Key Dates:**

School Disco on Ice: Tuesday 21 Sept (5-8pm)

Last Day of Term 3: Friday 1 October

## **Term 4 Key Dates:**

First Day of Term 3: Monday 18

October

Y4-6 Music Festival Performance at

**Baycourt**: Friday 19th November

(tickets available via Baycourt)

Last Day of School: Friday 17

December - school closes at midday





