



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Well, here we are back at Level 2! It was wonderful to see our learners, whānau and staff reunited in our learning community again this week. We have missed you all! The current Covid situation presents some challenges as we are all aware. We are entering a time where we are learning to embrace uncertainty. A global pandemic is not something we can control. However, we have the power to control how we respond. At Suzanne Aubert, we have seen the lockdown as an incredible opportunity to reimagine new ways of connecting with each other, engaging in learning and promoting wellbeing. If we learn nothing from this experience, then there is an opportunity lost. One way we have been able to explore this was through our Lockdown Whānau survey. Thank you so much for those families that responded. We received really positive feedback about how we managed the Covid19 lockdown and this will support us in our self-review.

Thank You Parents and Whānau

Thank you to our parents and whānau for supporting the home learning. This is a wonderful example of the home-school partnership. It was heart warming to see the photos, videos and other evidence of learning that was happening in lockdown. We appreciate the way you facilitated the learning, connected your children online and encouraged your tamariki to complete tasks. We know this could be challenging when many of you were balancing family life and also working from home. Thank you also for the way you have supported your children in their transition to Bubble School and Alert Level 2. Our tamariki are happy to be back with their friends and teachers again. If you would like to know more about ensuring the best possible start for your child at school following a Covid lockdown, please see the Ministry of Education link [here](#).

Please enjoy this pānui of our recent lockdown experiences and key information. Wishing you all a blessed and safe weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills

Principal - Tumuaki



Lockdown Memories

It has been a privilege to see our learners continue to 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 snapshot below of some of these experiences.

MOVE!



BAKE!

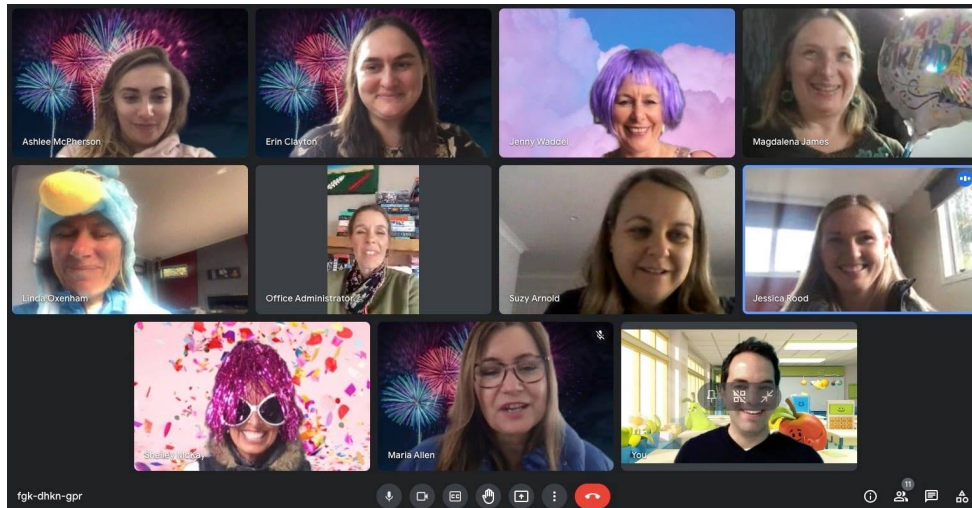


CREATE!





Thank You to Our Awesome Staff



I would like to acknowledge our incredible team of teachers, learning assistants and office staff who worked hard throughout lockdown to facilitate learning, connect with our tamariki and communicate with whānau. They were all engaged with this mahi while also trying to balance family life at home and adjust to life in lockdown for the first time as Suzanne Aubert staff. We would also like to thank our wonderful teachers Ms Waddell, Mrs Allen, Miss Clayton and Miss McPherson for supporting our learners at Bubble School in the last week.

Need to Talk to Someone?

We acknowledge that lockdown can be challenging for many of you as you navigate work commitments, financial hardship, social isolation, family arrangements and looking after children. Sometimes this lasts long after coming out of lockdown. If you feel that you need to talk with someone about how you have been feeling or are concerned about someone in your family please don't hesitate to seek support. Click the link [here](#) which provides resources and contacts to promote the wellbeing of yourself and your loved ones during and after lockdown.

Food Support

Some of our families and people in our community may be finding it difficult to provide food after the financial strain of lockdown. 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. 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

What is Structured Literacy?

At Suzanne Aubert, we have adopted a structured approach to learning about literacy. If you would like to know more, we invite you to join our **Facebook Live Session on Tuesday 14th September at 5pm**. This will be facilitated by Structured Literacy expert Marion Kirby from Learning Matters. Marion will be explaining:

- The history of learning to read
- How children learn to read and write
- Why structured literacy is the platform we should be teaching ALL students from
- The iDeal Approach at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School

If you would like Marion to answer any questions you may have at the end of the Facebook Live session please email them to smckay@suzanneaubert.school.nz by midday on **Monday 13th September**.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Almighty God

E te Atua Kaha Rawa

We thank you for your love.

We thank you for the gift we share;

Being part of your Church.

Help us to be light and love.

Help us to bring joy and peace.

Help us to give time and hope.

Shine through us.

So that we will BE your Church.

In your world.

Amen



Let's take a look at what Pope Francis has to say about the Beatitudes. He said the saints are blessed because they were faithful and meek and cared for others. Francis said, "The best description of the saints—in fact, their "identity card" is found in the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which begins, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Pope Francis said just as Christian saints have done so throughout the ages, Christ's followers today are called "to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus." New situations require 'new energy and a new commitment', he said, and then he offered an additional six Beatitudes for modern Christians.

- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.




With these Beatitudes for the modern world and Social Justice week in mind take the time over the next few weeks to BE the Church for one another.

**A Culture of Encounter:
Be the Church**
He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu:
Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi

Social Justice Week

Next week is Social Justice Week 2021. Social Justice week runs from the 12th-18th of September and this year highlights the Beatitudes with the theme of encounter and community. The aim is to encourage us to **BE the Church through our daily lives and the way we encounter others**. This is such an important message for us as we transition into Alert Level 2 and the Auckland region continues in Level 4. The way we interact, help, support and reach out to one another is how we show the face of Christ here on earth. Social Justice Week challenges us to keep that in the forefront of our minds. Check out the [Caritas](#) website for more information and details.

Explore at Home: Prayer and Witness Challenge

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p>God of all Creation</p> <p>Let us pray that we may gain a deeper appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all that you have created and of how we are all connected to each other and to the natural world. Help us to do our bit to care for your creation.</p> <p>E te Ariki</p> <p>Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou</p>	<p><u>Read this interpretation of the Creation story from The Voice bible.</u></p>  <p>Before Māori heard the Creation story from the Bible they had their own story of creation. Watch here: <u>A Maori Tale of Creation - Ranginui and Papatūānuku</u></p>	<p><u>Watch the Creation story here.</u></p> <p>Sing! <u>Seven Days - by Jane Mitchell</u></p>  <p><u>https://butterflymusic.com.au</u></p>	<p><u>Praying with Playing Cards</u> Click the link to have a go at praying using playing cards.</p>  <p><u>Multi Sensory Creation prayer</u> - Here is a fun way to pray a Creation prayer.</p>

Let's Celebrate Prayer

One of our Religious Education home learning tasks during lockdown was to create a sacred prayer space at home. Please check out some of our learners' beautiful prayer spaces they designed.

Caught with Compassion

This week I would like to celebrate all the learners and teachers of Bubble school. Thank you for the commitment and Compassion you have shown one another throughout your time in Level 3. Thank you.



Ice Skating Disco

We are excited to let you know that Golden Sands School will still be hosting our Ice Skating Disco on **Tuesday 21 September** as planned. The only changes due to current Alert Level 2 restrictions are that time slots will be reduced to groups of 8 skaters (instead of 15) and all skaters will need to bring their own helmet and gloves (for hygiene reasons). We still have a number of tickets and time slots available for this. So, if your child and family are keen, please contact Maria at the school office on 777-0438 or at office@suzanneaubert.school.nz.

School Sports Field



Playground Update

As you are aware, Covid19 has impacted on a lot of businesses including manufacture and construction. This has only had a minor impact on our playground construction with the delay of some pieces of equipment. Playground Creations are still installing playgrounds during Level 2. At this stage, they have given us a tentative new date of installation as **20th October**. We will update you in due course with any changes to this.

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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 by being: (1) Christlike, (2) Compassionate, (3) Curious, (4) Collaborative, (5) Creative, (6) Connected and (7) Courageous. We are excited to be presenting our 'Aubert Kid' Awards for the first time at next week's 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.



Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. The programme recognises that change often hurts and can be confusing, frustrating or threatening. It also recognises that we need support in understanding and coping with the effects of change and loss. Seasons for Growth provides a safe, creative way to explore these issues.

Programmes are offered for different age groups of children. We would like to extend an invitation to any Suzanne Aubert learners who may have experienced or be experiencing loss and grief to be a participant in the Seasons Programme in Term Four 2021. We will run age appropriate small group sessions during the school day for learners in need. This will be led by Mrs McKay who is a trained facilitator.

If you would like more information and/or think your child would benefit from the Seasons for Growth programme please email: smckay@suzanneaubert.school.nz

School Policies and Procedures

Policies 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 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 school policies.

This term the following policies are scheduled for review:

- Behaviour Management
- Concerns and Complaints

Suzanne Aubert Lockdown Cookbook

It is your last chance to submit a recipe and photo for our Lockdown Cookbook! If you have been enjoying the chance to create some delicious treats or to cook up a scrumptious meal for your family and would like to include the recipe in our Lockdown Cookbook, please send to office@suzanneaubert.school.nz.



We will then publish our Suzanne Aubert Cookbook with all your favourite recipes and sell for a small donation. All money received will be donated to the New Zealand Cancer Society.

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 4: Monday 18 October

Mufti Day to raise money for the Miller

Movement (Starship): Friday 5 November

Y4-6 Music Festival Performance at Baycourt:

Friday 19th November (tickets are still available via Baycourt)

Last Day of School: Friday 17 December - school closes at midday

2022 Key Dates

Whanaungatanga Day: Wednesday 2 February

First Day of Learning: Thursday 3 February

Aquinas College **Year 7 Enrolment - 2022**

Please see an important update below from Aquinas College regarding enrolment for Year 7 students for 2022.



AQUINAS COLLEGE **2022 ENROLMENT PROCESS UPDATE**

Thank you for your patience and understanding during recent COVID-19 level restrictions which have impacted on the College's 2022 enrolment timeline. As promised in earlier emails, an amended timeline has been established to complete the 2022 enrolment process.

The new closing date for enrolment applications is 3pm on Thursday 16 September 2021.

By September 16 the online enrolment form is due along with all of the supporting documentation. Access to this information and links are on the College website <https://www.aquinas.school.nz/information/enrolments/>. The database for future communications to families is created when the online enrolment application is submitted.

The Hamilton Diocese Enrolment Contract is a legal requirement of the process. This form can be downloaded from our website and then needs completing by you, scanned and emailed to reception@aquinas.school.nz.

The two local parishes have been contacted with the updated timeline. We are so very appreciative of their help in making the issuing of Preference Cards a priority under current COVID-19 protocols. Both parishes are working hard to provide Preference Cards to those families who have requested an appointment. If you haven't as yet, please do so urgently. A preference enrolment cannot be progressed without a Preference Card.

Invitations asking students and families to attend an enrolment interview will be emailed to shortlisted families on Tuesday 21 September. Online bookings will open on this date.

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School interviews will take place on the morning of Friday 24 September at Suzanne Aubert.

Decisions on enrolment applications will be emailed to families by Monday 11 October 2021.

We are very grateful for your persistence during Lockdown to carry on with this process. Completing the 2022 enrolment process in Term 3 is a priority. If you're shortlisted for an interview, it can only take place if all the documentation is submitted to us prior.

Covid-19 has meant many changes in our lives. We are committed to ensuring we keep this process as simple as we can to enable a clear pathway forward for families.

God Bless
Matt Dalton
PRINCIPAL



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