



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

Message from our Tumuaki FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

It has been another exciting week of faith and learning at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. As we have entered the month of November, we are reminded of the special place that the faithful departed have in our hearts and prayers. We have also been busy preparing for our school athletics by developing our running, jumping and throwing skills. Additionally, our learning adventures projects are taking shape as our tamariki explore and create percussion soundscapes, fabric tote bags, mosaics, impasto landscapes, papier mache masks and scientific states of matter. It is exciting to see the sense of joy and pride that emanates from the learners as they engage with their projects. It is also heartening to see our 7C's being demonstrated throughout this learning process and we look forward to sharing this learning with you in due course. At home, please talk with your child about their learning adventures and ask what they are enjoying most about it. Please enjoy this panui of highlights about life at Suzanne Aubert. Wishing you all a blessed weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



All Souls Day Mass

On Tuesday, we celebrated All Souls Day as a school with Mass led by Father Richard. All Souls Day is an important time in the church calendar to honour the faithful departed and pray for our loved family members and friends who have passed away to be with our Lord in Heaven. During Mass, we presented our Memorial Book which included the names of the faithful departed from our school community. During this time of November, please continue to reflect on and remember those who have passed away that they will be united with God as the Communion of Saints in Heaven.



The Aubert Kid Awards

Congratulations to our Aubert Kid recipients for this week! Our senior learners were - Indy Chapman, Niko Lockhart and Madsen Ball. Our Junior learners were Robyn Scallan, Akaalsimar Singh and Millie McDonagh. We are very proud of you all!



Haere Mai to our New Learners

On Tuesday 26th November, we welcomed Isabelle and Benjamin (Benji) Meech into our school Whānau. Isabelle is in Year 3 and has joined Mr Newlands Whānau class and Benji recently turned five, starting school with Mrs Allen in 'The Nest'. The Meech family have relocated here from Auckland. We welcome Isabelle and Benji along with their parents to our learning community.



School Athletics Update

Our tamariki are continuing with their Athletics rotations in the afternoons. They are exploring skills through the Athletics NZ 'Run, Jump, Throw' programme and are working with teachers in events such as high jump, long jump, discus, shot-put, cricket ball throw and sprints. With the cancellation of the athletics cluster event, we have rescheduled to host our school Athletics event on **Friday 3 December from 9am (week 7)**. As this will be an outdoor event, we are excited to invite parents and whānau to this day! We will be following strict Covid19 Alert Level protocols for outdoor gatherings. This will also align with the expected handover to our sports field site. Please add this date to your calendar!



Miller's Movement Mufti

Today we celebrated mufti day as a school to raise money for Miller's Movement. The Jacob whānau started this movement following the tragic passing of their precious baby Miller after just 16 days alive. In honour of Miller's memory, the Jacob family want to support Starship Hospital in their quest to help children in the future and have set up a Give-a-Little page. Today, our mufti day raised \$270 towards Starship Hospital. Thank you for your generosity as a school whānau. It is heartening to know that this will be contributing to the health and survival of local tamariki in need! If you would like to know more about Miller's Movement or make a separate donation to their page, please click the link [here](#).

Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



This week opened with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls day. These two special feast days open up a Month of Remembrance in the Church where we celebrate, pray for and remember those that have gone before us. Those that have joined the Communion of Saints in heaven and those that have died and are not yet Saints. The children enjoyed a beautiful Liturgy on Monday and then Father Richard came and celebrated Mass with us on Tuesday for All Souls day. We have created a Memorial book for our Suzanne Aubert community with the names of those that have passed, and we will continue to pray for these people over the month. Feel free to keep adding names for our prayers and share these amazing people with our extended Meri Hōhepa whanau.

The Communion of Saints are an inspiration for us all. The Saints came from all walks of life and lived in very different ways but they all inspire us with their faith and life to be more like Jesus. We can look to the Saints for multiple ways to live and share a life of Faith with others. St. Joan of Arc led an army with no experience, St. Therese of Lisieux led a life of prayer and faith that gave us some of the greatest writing on prayer in the Church.

There are thousands more examples and it is well worth an online search to find out about their inspirational circumstances, faith and life. Click the link [here](#) to explore the lives of the many saints. Here at Suzanne Aubert we can also look to our Patron the Blessed Meri Hōhepa who is on the way to becoming a Saint with her life and legacy. Take time this month to have a look into the Saints, their life and times.



Giving Back Christmas Tree

Advent is coming! To support the parish's Advent project the 'Giving Back Tree' we are going to begin collecting presents this month for those less fortunate. The presents will be given to St Vincent de Paul later in December and are distributed to families in need in our local community. We will begin collecting our presents in the coming weeks and they will be placed under our school Christmas Tree which will be located in the office. More information to come - watch this space!



All Saints by the Sea

All Saints by the Sea Parish Mass

Parish Masses are currently held at All Saints by the Sea at St Thomas More Church - 17 Gloucester Rd. Times are Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:30pm. Please be aware there will be a 100 person limit per Mass.

Explore at Home: Prayer and Witness Challenge

We continue with our learning theme of Kaitiakitanga this term and this prayer challenge asks us to become guardians of others around us, aware of diverse needs and how we are called to respond and act on these needs. Even an action as simple as speaking or praying in someone else's language makes all the difference.

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p>Dear God</p> <p>Today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place.</p> <p>May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love. We ask this in Jesus' name.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<p><u>Read the story of St Francis of Assisi- the inspiration for the name of our current Pope</u></p> 	<p><u>Watch this quick video that explains the purpose and place of All Saints and All Souls day and the month of remembrance in November.</u></p> 	 <p>Create a craft that shares your favourite Saint. What makes them special? What inspires you about their life? Share with your Teacher or Miss Clayton.</p>

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. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. They can be accessed via School Docs:

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

In term 4, we have the following policies currently under review:

- Harassment - Board and Staff
- Maori Educational Success
- Religious Education (Catholic schools)

Medical Update

The arrival of spring has brought with it an increase in allergies and bee stings. It has highlighted the need for the school to have up to date medical records / action plans for any children who suffer from an allergy or other medical condition. If your child suffers from an allergy or medical condition, or there has been a change in their medical condition, can you please make sure that we have the most up to date treatment plan for your child. This will help to ensure we are able to provide the best possible response to support the health and safety of your child. Please contact Maria in the office at office@suzanneaubert.school.nz to provide further information.



Term 4 Key Dates

SACS Athletics Day: Friday 3
December (week 7)

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

2022 Key Dates

Please note a change in date for our **Whanaungatanga Day** to **Tuesday 1st February 2022**. The first day of learning will be **Wednesday 2nd February**.



Seasons for Growth is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. 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 RTLJ Janet Blauw and Mrs McKay who are trained facilitators.

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

Catholic Character Review

Next Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November, our school will be having a Catholic Character Review. Every Catholic School conducts this review once every three years. This review is an opportunity to explore the special Catholic Character of our kura and involves learning observations, interviews with key stakeholders and gathering documentation. Part of this data gathering includes capturing parent and whānau voice about our school special Catholic Character. This is via online surveys and focus groups. To complete the survey to support our Catholic Character Review, please click the link [here](#). The Review team will also be holding a focus group of parents next **Wednesday afternoon from 2-2:30pm in the staffroom**. We would love you to please come along and share your thoughts and experiences of special Catholic Character at Suzanne Aubert.



Y4-6 Music Festival Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to Covid19 restrictions, the Tauranga Primary School's Choir Committee have made the difficult decision to cancel the Music Festival this term. While our learners are disappointed, this is understandable with the current venue restrictions. The committee are planning to reschedule the event for 2022. We will keep you posted in the coming days regarding accessing refunds for any tickets that have already been purchased. We are currently working on developing an online format so that our Year 4-6 learners can still share their performance to our whānau and community.

Term 4 Summer Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform for Term 4. This includes the following:

- School polo shirt
- School shorts or skorts
- Blast fleece (for the colder days)
- Black sandals
- School bucket hat

These are all available to purchase through the Kukri online store. Click the link here: [Kukri Schools](#).

Our school sun smart policy requires all learners to be wearing our school hat when outside for learning or during break times. If they do not have their hat, they will be restricted to play in a shaded area only. We also encourage all learners to apply sunblock daily during this term to protect against the sun's harmful rays. We also have sunblock available in the learning hubs.



Thank You Jamie and Blake

We are very blessed at Suzanne Aubert to have such generous parent volunteers! Thank you to Jamie (Ryland and Arden's Dad) who constructed our three new Gorilla Carts for us today. He was ably helped by Blake.

The carts are to be used for our Learning Adventures and Learning Through Play. Thanks Jamie and Blake. Mr Mills thought they would take an hour each to assemble and you guys had all three up and moving in 45 minutes!



Covid Update

Mandatory Vaccination

As you would be aware, the Government has confirmed mandatory vaccination in all New Zealand schools as a means of protecting our students, staff and wider community. As a school at Alert Level 2, this means that all of our staff are required to receive our first Covid19 vaccination by **15th November 2021** and to be fully vaccinated by **1st January 2022**. The scope of this requirement is broad and includes all of the people who work at our school including teachers, support staff, contractors, visiting Ministry staff, outside agencies and volunteers e.g. coaches and parent helpers. Our school is required to record the vaccination status of everyone who works on our site in a confidential register. If you are a school volunteer or intend to be in the future, please be aware that you will be required to provide information about your vaccination status. Please check your email and HERO in the coming days for information about collecting this data. If you have any queries or concerns about a vaccination register, please contact our leadership team. I would encourage anyone who needs support to understand these requirements to contact your local GP or Healthline. If you would like to know more about the Covid19 vaccination and how it works, please click [here](#).

