

The Aubert Oracle



Catholic School

5TH FEBRUARY 2021

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou whānau! Welcome to what has been an exciting, historic and special week for our Suzanne Aubert learning community.

Official Opening

After years of preparation it was an honour and a blessing to celebrate the milestone of the official opening of our kura on Wednesday. Thank you to all our parents, caregivers and whānau for supporting us in this memorable occasion. It was a humbling moment to see our learners together for the first time - proudly wearing their uniform and exploring their new environment. It was also special to see so many people there who have a part to play in this memorable journey -Hamilton Diocese, Sisters of Compassion, iwi, Parish, Ministry of Education, contractors, local community, EBoT, staff, whānau and of course our learners!





First Days of Learning

There has been an exciting buzz in Kawakawa over the last two days as our learners have explored their new environment, made new friends, shared learning experiences and created new memories. Our team have shared a few highlights so far as being:

- Relationships that are developing between our older students and younger students as they demonstrate tuakana teina in action
- Relationships developing between our tamariki and kaiako as they get to know each other in the learning partnership
- Learners demonstrating the courage to introduce themselves, display leadership and show initiative as they transition into this new space.
- Students already understanding and demonstrating our principles for living and learning in their daily conversations and experiences
- Tamariki engaged and motivated in their adventures in learning
- Students demonstrating pride and respect for our new learning environment.

Wishing you all a blessed and safe Waitangi weekend. We look forward to connecting with you all next week!

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills Principal - Tumuaki





Our First School & Parish Mass

We are excited to invite you all to our first School and Parish Mass next week. This is a special opportunity to celebrate the foundation of our learning community in the spirit of Suzanne Aubert - Meri Hohepa. This will be a family-friendly Mass to reflect in faith, spend time in prayer and share whanaungatanga. The details are below:

What: Our first School & Parish Mass When: Friday 12th February Where: Kawakawa Learning Hub Suzanne Aubert Catholic School Time: 5-5:45pm







Road Safety

It is great to see so many of our families walking, scootering, skating and biking to school. We would like to encourage our learners to come to school this way if they can. This is a great way to keep active, enjoy the outdoor environment and spend time with the family.

If you are travelling to school on your bike please remember to wear a helmet. When entering the main school entrance, we would like you to hop off your bike and walk it into the school grounds along the appropriate pedestrian crossings. When entering the school carpark in a vehicle, there are 2 options:

Kiss & Go: Take the first driveway on your left after you enter the entrance. Follow this around until you are outside the school reception. You may let your child out here.

Park & Pop-in: Park in one of the allocated parking spaces. Walk with your child along the appropriate pedestrian crossings and enter the learning environment.



Uniform

It is great to see our learners wearing their new school uniform with pride! Our uniform is designed for active learning and with comfort and durability in mind. Our expectation is that learners are wearing the correct uniform at school (see right). This includes the following:

Correct Footwear

- Black sandals (Term 1 and 4)
- Black shoes and navy socks (Term 2-3)
- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear both to and from school

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted is watches, earstuds/sleepers, and other jewellery of religious or cultural significance (e.g. cross or pounamu).

Hair

Please ensure that hair that is past collar length is tied up. Hair can be tied up with headbands, hair bows and hair ties in the school colours.

Key Dates - Term 1

School & Parish Mass Friday 12th February (5pm)

Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) Wednesday 17th February

Beach Education Day -Hikurangi Monday 8th March

Beach Education Day -Mangatawa & Kopukairoa Tuesday 9th March





We are very excited to be able to offer music tuition to our Suzanne Aubert learners in 2021. This is offered through **MusiqHub**. The music teachers will be facilitating lessons on Thursdays at our school site in keyboards, guitar, ukulele and vocals.

If you would like more detail and are interested in booking lessons for your child, please click the link: <u>MusiqHub</u>