



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

## Message from our Tumuaki

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. Well, there are only 4 weeks left to go in our foundation year as the Suzanne Aubert learning community! It has been an exciting and rewarding year of making history for our learners, staff and wider community. As we journey through the home straight of the academic year, we have been reminding our tamariki of the importance of **COMPASSION**. This is one of our Principles for Living and Learning (the 7C's) and is a cornerstone value of the Sisters of Compassion community as founded by Suzanne Aubert. Compassion is a particularly important principle at this time of year. Our learners are getting tired as they adjust to longer days, they are getting hot from the warmer temperatures, some have increased anxiety around the Covid19 climate and life can just be quite tough at times for some families. Compassion is our answer! The definition of the word compassion is 'to suffer with'. It also has its origins in the Hebrew word 'rachamim' which means 'womb'. This infers that compassion is the same action as the love that a mother has for her child - it goes beyond sympathy and empathy. When we understand the true meaning of compassion, we are reminded of its power in transforming lives. As we approach Advent, we encourage all learners and whānau to look for opportunities to show compassion to those around you.



Wishing you all a blessed week.  
Ngā mihi nui  
Anthony Mills  
Principal - Tumuaki



## Catholic Character Review



In week 4, we hosted the Diocese Review team Terry and Wendy Consedine who were here to conduct our Catholic Character Review. This is a triennial review process for all Catholic Schools in New Zealand and is an opportunity to explore all aspects of special Catholic character. As part of this process, the team reviewed strategic planning, curriculum, RE teaching and learning and met with key stakeholders including the learners, whānau, staff, Board and Parish Priest. Thank you to those parents that came along to meet the review team and share your experience of being whānau at Suzanne Aubert. The review team were very impressed with our liturgical celebrations, whānau connections, integrated RE learning and forms of prayer. The official public report will be shared with the school community in due course.

Congratulations to the latest recipients of our Aubert Kid Awards. The winners were Piper, Max, Mikey, Atli, Benji and Beau. Well done for demonstrating the principles of living and learning - our 'Seven C's': Christ-like, Compassionate, Collaborative, Curious, Creative, Connected and Courageous. These learners joined our staff for morning tea on Friday along with our other award winners from this term.

## The Aubert Kid Awards



## School Athletics

### Friday 3rd December

Our School Athletics Day has been rescheduled to Friday 3rd December and will run from 9am - 12pm. Our tamariki have been continuing with their Athletics rotations in the afternoons, exploring skills through the Athletics NZ 'Run, Jump, Throw' programme. They are working with teachers in events such as high jump, long jump, discus, shot-put, cricket ball throw and sprints.

As our Athletics Day will be an outdoor event, we are excited to invite parents and whānau along to this day! This will align with the expected handover to our sports field site.

There will be a coffee cart on site for your enjoyment. We will be following strict Covid19 Alert Level protocols for outdoor gatherings. We will update you if there are any changes due to the impact of local Covid cases.

**RUN JUMP THROW™**

## Covid - Mandatory Vaccinations

Thank you to all parents / caregivers who have sent us a record of their Covid vaccination status.

As previously mentioned, our school is required to record the vaccination status of everyone who works on our site in a confidential register. This includes parent volunteers, coaches and team managers. If you are a school volunteer or intend to be in the future and haven't yet sent in the record of your vaccination status, please send through to Maria at [office@suzanneaubert.school.nz](mailto:office@suzanneaubert.school.nz). All information received will be confidential. If you have any queries or concerns about our 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](#).



## Drink Bottles and Sun Hats

With the warmer weather we are currently experiencing it is vital that all learners bring their drink bottle to school each day. This is particularly important given the current Covid Alert level 2 protocols which do not permit the use of drinking fountains. Please ensure your child has their drink bottle every day. These can be filled up at the fountain bottle filling station. Please also ensure your child has their official school hat as this is a compulsory part of Term 4 uniform.





## Term 4 Key Dates

**SACS Athletics Day:** Friday 3 December (wk 7)

**Final Celebration Hui & Year 6 Graduation:**

Wednesday 15th December

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

## 2022 Key Dates

**Whanaungatanga Day:** Tuesday 1 February 2022

**First day of learning:** Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

## School Policies & 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

We currently have the following policies under review for this term:

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



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.

## Concerns and Complaints

At Suzanne Aubert we aim to create a safe and secure learning environment for all tamariki, whānau and staff. If you have concerns about your child's learning, their behaviour or an incident that has occurred at school, please ensure you follow the correct procedure as follows:

1. Contact your child's whānau teacher in writing or in-person with a pre-arranged appointment.
2. If required, contact the Deputy Principal who is responsible for learning support.
3. If required, contact the Principal.
4. If you are not satisfied with the way the school has managed your concerns, you may put your concerns in writing to the Board.

The full policies and procedures for concerns, complaints and managing behaviour can be viewed online at School Docs (see link on the left).

## Playground Update

Great News! With the Waikato finally operating back in Level 2, Playground Creations (our school playground developer) has confirmed that they will be installing our new playground from the 6 - 17th December. While we are disappointed with the delay, you will understand that this was due to Covid circumstances out of our control. We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while we await the grand opening. We believe it will be well worth the wait and our learners will be so excited to see their design come to life!

3D View 1



# Special Catholic Character

## A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Sunday 28th November is the first Sunday in Advent. The word Advent means "coming" and is the time of preparation, waiting and anticipation before the celebration and joyful birth of Jesus at Christmas. This season is so important for us as it means that we look at the run up to Christmas in a different way. We look at Christmas itself as a gift for the whole world and the preparation as one of the heart bringing forth the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the world around us.

One of the main symbols of Advent is the Advent wreath and candles. The Candles are lit one by one as the weeks of Advent go by and each candle holds a theme or idea to pray, meditate and act upon during the week. The candles of Advent represent hope, love, joy and peace. The first purple candle lit this coming Sunday traditionally represents hope. We as Catholics are asked to think, pray and act on the hope that comes with Jesus' birth and what it brings to the world. Here at Suzanne Aubert we would love to bring these ideas to life with our very own giving tree. We are connecting our tree with the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Every year the Vinnies try to spread the meaning of Advent and Christmas by collecting food, gifts and basics for people in the local community who otherwise would go without during this time of year.



### Giving Back Christmas Tree

Gifts: To support St Vincent de Paul in our local community this Advent we will be setting up a giving tree in the Office. Over Advent until the end of the school year we would love to collect up a range of gifts for Children and young people in need. The gifts do not need to be wrapped. We would love any donations of toys, books or games. The Vinnies have put out a particular appeal for any gifts for teenage boys.



Foodbank: We are also going to have a collection for the food bank at St Vincent de Paul. Over the course of Advent we will have a focus each week for specific items in need such as pasta, canned fruit/vegies, sauces, baked beans and cereals as these are always greatly appreciated. The first week's focus will be on 'luxury' items. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Tea and coffee
- Sugar
- Powdered or long-life milk
- Spreads such as jam, marmite, peanut butter
- Snack bars for lunchboxes.
- Crackers
- Chips, nuts and other snacks
- Chocolates, lollies and treats




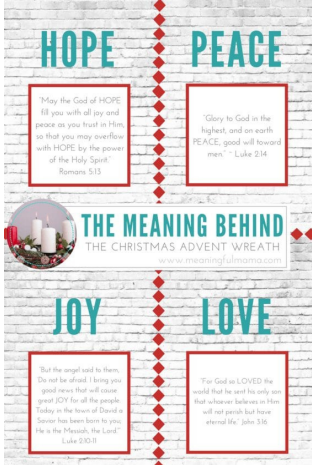


## Caught with Compassion



During our Alert Level 2 restrictions a group of our senior student kaiarahi have shown compassionate service by supporting our youngest learners at school drop off. Since our parents are unable to enter the learning hub, our kaiarahi are taking these learners through to their classroom to get them set up for the day. Thank you so much for this small but important act of Christ-like compassion. We have also observed Zoey and Clay as champions in compassionate service to our environment. Clay can often be found picking up rubbish that has blown around our school grounds and Zoey has been picking up rubbish on her way to school and making sure it is put in the rubbish bin when she arrives. Great job team on spreading our message of Kaitiakitanga.

## 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 the diverse needs in our community and how we are called to respond and act on these needs.

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p>Lord God, May we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> 	<p><a href="#"><u>A great website that breaks down the meaning of Advent and some good ideas for what to do at home with kids.</u></a></p> 	<p><a href="#"><u>Beginners Bible Nativity Story</u></a></p> <p>This story is a great way to begin Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming at Christmas.</p> 	<p>Design and create your own Advent Wreath to celebrate the beginning of the Season. Put it with your prayer focus until Christmas. <a href="#"><u>A great place to look for ideas.</u></a></p>  <p>Share a photo with your Teacher or Miss Clayton.</p>



## A Snapshot of Life at Suzanne Aubert



## Mac and Bakes

Mary Macazo (Clay's Mum) has started up a new business. Mary's company is called Mac and Bakes and can be found on Facebook and Instagram. Mary makes all sorts of wonderful treats that would make a perfect gift for the special people in your life. Mary also makes a range of special occasion cakes. Check these out on [@macandbakes](https://www.facebook.com/macandbakes)



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