



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021

Message from our Tumuaki

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

I write this as I return to school after being tested for Covid and an isolation period at home with my whānau. We were following advice of the Public Health Authority due to my wife being a close contact as a teacher in the recent Te Akau ki Papamoa outbreak. During this time, I have been heartened to see the **GENEROSITY** of others around me. The heart of Christ in friends and colleagues who have offered to help our family in various ways. At school, I am always impressed with the way our staff support each other during challenging times and step in when they see a need. In our learners, I see the initiative and generous offers of help to pick up rubbish, weed gardens and assist staff without having to be asked. In our school whānau, I see the generosity of volunteers and service to those in need. This is especially evident recently, in the very generous donations of gifts for our Advent Giving Tree. We are overwhelmed and inspired by the collection of toys, books and games that you have given to be donated to local families in need.

This is at the heart of what it means to celebrate a Christ-centred Christmas and sets a wonderful example for our tamariki at Advent. Thank you! Wishing you all a blessed weekend.
Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



Athletics 2021

Today at Suzanne Aubert we celebrated our first school Athletics competition. It was an historic event and an exciting showcase of grit, determination and skill. It filled our team with a sense of pride to see our learners demonstrating the 7C's especially courage, collaboration and compassion. We will be acknowledging our event placegetters and champions after Monday's Gospel Hui.



Rippa Rugby

Last Friday, our Year 3 - 6 tamariki were treated to a Rippa Rugby session with Harry and Yvotte from Bay of Plenty Rugby. Mr Newlands also joined in! After the disappointment of Rippa Rugby being cancelled this term, it was a great opportunity for our learners to be active, develop their skills and have fun along the way.

A big thank you to Bay of Plenty Rugby for this awesome opportunity.



The Aubert Kid Awards

Congratulations to our latest Aubert Kid Award recipients Sienna Mills, Matthaus Uhlmann, Bella Francis, Zoe Braithwaite, Harper Conroy, Elizabeth Clarke and Benji Meech. Well done on living up to our 7 C's. We look forward to having you join the staff for morning tea in the last week of term.



Playground Update

We are getting very excited! Playground Creations begin the installation of our new playground next **Monday 6th December**. The install is likely to be complete by **Friday 17th December** (our last day of term). We will keep you updated about progress on this. 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!

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Term Dates 2022

Our term dates for 2022 are as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 1st February - Thursday 14 April

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October - Friday 16 December

Please also note there will be three teacher only days during Term 2 for our staff to attend the National Catholic Education Convention in Wellington (more information to follow). Therefore, school will be closed for three days from **Wednesday 14 June to Friday 16 June 2022**.

Public Holidays 2022

- Monday 7th February - Waitangi Day (observed)
- Friday 15th April - Good Friday
- Monday 17th April - Easter Monday (during school holidays)
- Monday 25th April - Anzac Day (during school holidays)
- Monday 6th June - Queen's Birthday
- Friday 24th June - Matariki
- Monday 24th October - Labour Day

Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



The next week in Advent is traditionally Peace. I love the time that Advent gives us to go deeper on this idea, especially in such a hectic time of year. Over the last week, Hope has filled our hearts as we remember the season beginning. Now, our thoughts and hearts turn to Peace. Peace is a call to more than the absence of conflict although that is one of our main duties to strive for as Followers of Christ. Peace during this season is also calling for a Peace of the heart. As we traditionally run ourselves ragged creating the perfect Christmas with parties, presents, traditions and expectations. Advent is calling us back to a simplicity and Peaceful approach.

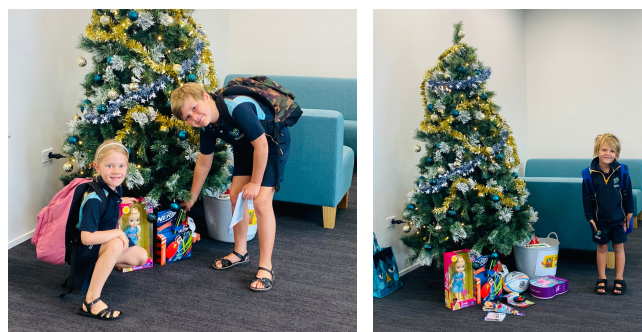
- Have we found the quiet and Peace to connect to God and one another?
- Have we given ourselves time to feel and celebrate the season coming and not just create an event for others?

Peace is often forgotten in the day to day business of life especially as a year winds down. That is why Advent specifically calls us back to it now, to remember what we are doing and why. A Peaceful and Hopeful heart is ready to hear the message and empowered to respond with action.



Giving Back Christmas Tree

Gifts: To support St Vincent de Paul in our local community this Advent we have set up a giving tree in the Office. Over Advent until the end of the school year we are aiming to collect up a range of gifts for local 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. Thank you so much for the support and generosity you have already shown in this appeal.



Foodbank: Thank you so much for the grocery items we have already received for the Tauranga foodbank. Every donation makes a difference for families in need. This coming week we would like to focus on toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary products, nappies, wet wipes, toilet paper etc. Of course as always, any staple food is greatly appreciated such as canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, powdered or longlife milk.



Caught with Compassion

Thank you to Madsen Ball and Corin Jackson who have both recently demonstrated compassion in our school. They stepped out as role models and were the first to offer help in a recent cleanup project onsite. Their service truly inspired others who then came to offer help as well. Thank you Madsen and Corin!



Prayer and Witness Response

The Witton-Harvey Whānau recently created an amazing Advent wreath to start the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing what your family are doing to get ready for Christmas Xavier and Paddy.



Explore at Home: Prayer and Witness Challenge

In this week's prayer and witness challenge we explore the Advent week of Peace and the meaning behind having time to get ourselves ready for the joyful season of Christmas.

Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p>Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace.</p> <p>May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with your peace which passes all understanding. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Prince of Peace- Children's Christmas Song</u></p> <p>A great Christmas Carol to listen to in the lead up to Christmas day.</p> 	<p><u>The Pope Video of January 2020 - Promotion of World Peace</u></p> <p>A very short 1 minute video from Pope Francis calling for Peace for all people .</p> <p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention</p> <p><i>We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote Peace and Justice in the world.</i></p>	<p>Create a peace symbol in a unique way. Place this with your Advent Wreath for the week of Peace.</p> 

Learning Adventures

Our tamariki have continued with their learning adventures projects over recent weeks. It has been rewarding to see our learners engaged, inspired and empowered as they develop new skills, work collaboratively and demonstrate creativity in their learning. We are very impressed with our Hikurangi learners' mosaic stepping stones for the fantasy garden.



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.

Term 4 Key Dates

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 1st February

First day of learning: Wednesday 2nd February



Weetbix Tryathlon

The Weetbix Kids Tryathlon is scheduled for Sunday 20th February 2022 in Mount Maunganui. This is a great opportunity for our learners to be physically active, develop new skills and work together as a team. It is a wonderful experience for our tamariki and is always a fun day out for the whole family. We have set up a Suzanne Aubert School Group so if your child is keen to sign up for the tryathlon, please attach them to our school group when registering online. This gives them extra chances to win cool prizes! To find out more about the event and enter your child / children, please click [here](#).

A Snapshot of Life at Suzanne Aubert



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 this through to Maria at 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](#).



2022 School Stationery Orders

Our school stationery lists for 2022 are now live on the [Office Max website](#). You can choose to order now for delivery in the New Year so there is one less thing to think about before school goes back. Please see the Office Max advertisement at the end of this Oracle.

Athletics Day 2021



get
back to school
ready!



Order your stationery online before Christmas, and get a relaxed start to the holidays!

It'll only take five minutes... we've already done the hard work for you. Your child's class list is loaded and ready to go. Just jump on to myschool.co.nz.

Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm – and we'll get your delivery underway.

Get it now or choose when we deliver.

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A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Family Organiser

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