



The Aubert Oracle



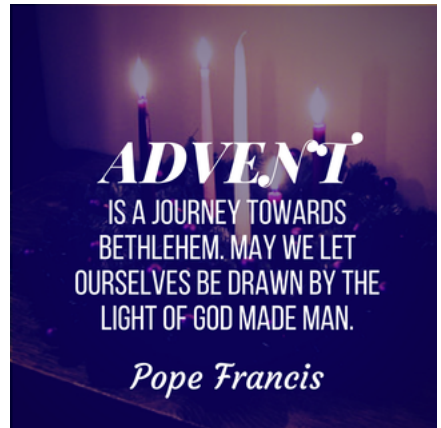
Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

Message from our Tumuaki THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2022

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

It is an absolute privilege and a blessing to be serving you as Tumuaki at the end of what has been another incredible year at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. I am humbled and proud to see a learning community that has grown significantly this year and embodies the compassionate spirit of Mother Aubert. Almost 2 years ago, we opened our school with 80 learners. We have finished this year with 146 learners and will continue to grow towards our capped roll of 200 in 2023. I believe Meri Hōhepa would be proud to see the legacy of her mission reimaged as a flourishing Catholic Primary School in Papamoa.

Last week we farewelled our Year 6 learners who graduated from Suzanne Aubert. This is a special and memorable moment in history as they finish their time at our school and embark on a new journey at Aquinas College next year. They will be feeling a mix of emotions at the moment including sadness for leaving our school, nervousness about starting a new school and excited about making new friends in 2023. On behalf of the staff and school community, I would like to thank our Year 6 Graduates for the way you have led with compassion, courage and collaboration as our senior Kaiarahi in 2022. We will miss you all. May God bless you as you begin another chapter and adventure in your education next year.



2022 has been a memorable and exciting year that has brought many highlights including:

- Seeing the Charism of Suzanne Aubert flourish and the 7Cs come alive through our Curriculum design, liturgical events and learning celebrations
- The whanaungatanga of sharing in celebrations with our school whānau at different occasions throughout the year including our Matariki Celebration and Colour My World Art Exhibition.
- The growing support for Sunday morning Parish Masses here at school and seeing so many of our learners receive the Sacraments and be welcomed into the Church throughout the year.
- The Aubert athletes and sports teams that have performed with such courage in local competitions including athletics, cross country, Rippa Rugby, Touch Rugby, Netball, Basketball, Minipolo, Chess, Surfing and Tennis.
- The very generous support of Coastal Pet Vets in sponsoring our school sports uniforms which our learners have been able to wear with such pride this term.
- Seeing our tamariki grow in confidence in performing arts through our school band the Aubert Beats and various choir performances including at Baycourt Theatre for the Music Festival.
- The establishment of our PTFA and their incredible mahi in managing successful fundraising events throughout the year including Movie Night, Quiz Night, Matariki Disco and our Gala.
- The partnership with PIPS (People Plants In Schools) in developing our environmental gardening program including the design and completion of our edible and herb garden.
- Our Year 6 tamariki demonstrating great courage and collaboration in attending our first senior school camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimais.

As we journey closer to the end of Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas, I pray that all our Suzanne Aubert whānau experience the true joy and peace of a blessed Christmas season. I would like to wish you all a happy new year and safe holiday. We look forward to reconnecting with you in 2023 in what is going to be another exciting year of learning at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)



Farewell Ashlee McPherson and Maria Allen

It is with sadness that we farewelled two foundation staff members at last week's final Celebration Hui.

Ashlee McPherson is travelling overseas next year throughout South East Asia and then on to the United Kingdom where she is planning to teach in England. Our staff and learners will miss Miss McPherson's energy, care and love of learning and wish her all the best in her new adventure travelling overseas.



Maria Allen is relocating with her family to Ashburton next year where she has been appointed to a new position teaching at Allenton School. Our staff and learners will miss Mrs Allen's professionalism, wisdom, faith and encouragement of our youngest learners as our New Entrant teacher.

While we are saddened to see Ashlee and Maria leave our team at Suzanne Aubert, we thank them both for their service, commitment and contribution in the last two years and wish them all the very best in their new adventures and exciting plans for the future.

AUBERT AWARDS - 2023

Congratulations to our Year 6 Graduates and learners who all received awards at our Final Celebration Hui and Graduation last week. We are very proud of you all in your achievements.

CHRIST-LIKE AWARD FOR FAITH LEADERSHIP

For the learners that demonstrate special Catholic Character through faith leadership (L to R): Harry Egan, Adeline Aubry, Kingston Glenn, Xavier Witton-Harvey, Domenico Basile, Amandine Aubry and Saige Silbery.



ENGAGE AWARD FOR LEARNING ATTITUDE AND PROGRESS

For the learners that demonstrate progress, agency, growth mindset and a positive attitude towards learning (L to R): Quinn Dawson, Ivanna Morgan, Cam Price, Tui-May Blackburn, Mikey Francis, Ava-Faith Bessa and Max Brookbanks



INSPIRE AWARD FOR LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

For the learners that demonstrate excellence and achievement in their learning (L to R): Alyssa Chooi, Zoey Braithwaite, Oliver McGill, Max Phillips, Katie Dunne/Sophie Silbery, Daisy Kim and Lucy Dunne.



EMPOWER AWARD FOR SERVICE

For the learners that demonstrate compassion and servant leadership in the spirit of Suzanne Aubert (L to R): Jackson McHugh, Ella Cartwright, Elijah Lewis, Elizabeth Clarke, Indy Chapman, Corin Jackson and Irene Seo.



STAFFING - 2023

We are excited to share with you the profile of our staff team who will be leading learning with your tamariki at Suzanne Aubert next year. Last week you would have received a letter notifying you of your child's whānau teacher for 2023. This will be the teacher responsible for pastoral care and their general curriculum learning. As we facilitate collaborative teams in flexible learning environments, please remember that your child will work with multiple teachers in the team throughout the course of the year. If you have any questions regarding your child's pastoral care or learning, please contact their whānau teacher in the first instance.

Early next year we will be working through a recruitment process to appoint two new permanent teaching positions for New Entrant-Year 1 and Year 3-4. This position will also be a permanent DRS role. Until this position is appointed, the DRS roles and responsibilities will be shared across our team of tagged teachers including Principal, Deputy Principal, Mrs James, Mr Newlands and Mrs Mills.

HIKURANGI TEAM - YEAR 0-2 (KAWAKAWA HUB)



Rebecca Wasley
Year 1-2 Kaiako
Team Kaiarahi & SENCO



Magdalena James
Year 1-2 Kaiako



Brittany Kraakman
Year 0-1 Kaiako

MANGATAWA TEAM - YEAR 3-4 (HARAKEKE HUB)



Paul Newlands
Year 3-4 Kaiako



Amie-Lee Mills
Year 3-4 Kaiako (Job Share)



Tracy Swart
Year 3-4 Kaiako (Job Share)

KOPIKAIROA TEAM-YEAR 5-6 (HARAKEKE HUB)



Jenny Waddel
Year 5-6 Kaiako
Team Kaiarahi



Quintin Moolman
Year 5-6 Kaiako
Active Learning & Sport Kaiarahi

TEACHER RELEASE



Cat Watts
Release Kaiako

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Anthony Mills
Principal



Erin Clayton
Deputy Principal

OFFICE



Maria Mooney
Office Administrator

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM



Linda Oxenham
Learning Assistant



Trudi Aflallo
Learning Assistant



Terri Bessa
Learning Assistant

ULTIMATE SPLASHER DAY

On Tuesday 13th December, we held our 'Ultimate Splasher Day'. This was a special day of water-based play activities and was part of a new school rule made earlier this term by our 'Principals for the Day' Indy and Jack Chapman. Each whānau class had an opportunity to participate in this fun day of water activities which included sprinklers and a slip and slide. We were very blessed and privileged as the Aubry family donated the hireage of an inflatable water slide for the day as well.



INTRODUCING BRITTANY KRAAKMAN NEW ENTRANT TEACHER-KAIAKO

We are very excited to announce that Miss Brittany Kraakman will be joining our team in 2023 as the New Entrant-Year 1 Whānau teacher. Brittany has been appointed in a fixed term position for Term 1-2 while we work through a recruitment process to appoint a permanent teacher-kaiako. Please see Brittany's profile below:

Kia ora my name is Brittany Kraakman.

I was brought up in the mighty Waikato with my two older sisters. I attended a small country school when I was young and then went to Sacred Heart Girls College (Hamilton). I then followed my childhood dream of becoming a teacher and completed my Bachelor of Education at the University of Waikato in 2019. I have taught at Rototuna Primary School (Hamilton) and St Peter's Catholic School (Cambridge) and previously relieved at Tamahere School and Southwell School (Hamilton).



I cannot wait for my new adventure at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. I love learning new things and helping children to gain success in their learning, whichever form that may be. I believe a child can learn anything - they just need someone who believes in them.

I am passionate about literacy and teaching tamariki the knowledge and strategies they need to unlock both reading and writing. I have gone through my own learning challenges so have sound understanding and empathy for learners who sometimes take longer to grasp new concepts instantaneously.

Outside of the classroom you will find me cooking, baking, trying new foods and making memories with my whānau. I have a passion for empowering tamariki to learn about food, where it comes from and how it can be made into many creations.

I look forward to meeting you all in the new school year. Nga Mihi and Blessings

MARKET DAY 2022

Earlier in the term we hosted our inaugural PTFA and school community market gala. It was well attended by our school whānau and wider community and included food stalls, activities, raffles, photo booth and entertainment. Thank you so much to the PTFA for their incredible organisation, our learners for managing their stalls and the generosity of our families and business community in donating goods and prizes. The gala raised almost \$5000 towards our senior playground. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



GARDEN BLESSING

At the end of term we held the official blessing and opening of our school garden. Father Richard blessed the garden, our Kaiarahi were given service awards and Nina and Clare from PiPS were acknowledged for their incredible mahi in leading the garden project. Thank you to our sponsors Mitre 10, Farmer Autovillage and Rotary for your funding support and to Greg Dickey, Matt Finch, Cam Clarke and Terry Dunne for building the garden beds. It is awesome to see the garden flourishing with so many veggies, fruit and herbs including carrots, tomatoes, beans, kumara, silver beet, lemon, strawberries, blueberries, coriander and parsley among many others. We also have our native herbal rongoa garden including kawakawa, ake ake and manuka. Over the holidays, please help yourself to the produce in our garden - it is our gift to you!



Stage 2 Development

At the end of the term, we were very excited to receive confirmation that our school's Stage 2 development is being initiated. This includes the construction of a third learning hub and multi-purpose centre. On 8th December, the Project Management team presented to the Proprietor, Board and staff their existing plans for stage 2. This is the beginning of the consultation process which continues into next year. Construction is likely to begin in Term 3-4 2023 with completion in early 2024.

