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Message from our Tumuaki

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2023

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the last term of 2023! It has been an exciting term of learning so far and there is plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. This term our learning is focused on the theme: **'COMPASSION - AROHA'**. This concept connects to our living and learning principles: **COMPASSION and COLLABORATION**. Our guiding whakatauki is:

'Ko te hoa tino pono rawa, ko tērā e toro atu ai tōna ringa ki tōu

Engari ka titi kaha ki tōu manawa te kōhengihengi'

A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart'

The word **'compassion'** comes from the Latin word 'compassio' which means to 'suffer with others'. This goes deeper than simple kindness and empathy to be with others where they are at in their suffering or adversity. It was this compassion that Jesus Christ showed in his ministry and is the same compassion shown by Suzanne Aubert in her service towards those in need. The Sisters of Compassion continue to show this aroha in their daily actions of service in our local communities. Our learners have been demonstrating their understanding of compassion-aroha as they develop a range of projects this term to be with others in a practical way:

- **Hikurangi team:** An Advent performance for local aged care residents
- **Mangatawa team:** Cooking meal packs to keep in our school freezer for our local families in need
- **Kopukairoa team:** Designing Christmas cards and coasters for sick children in Tauranga Hospital

As we approach Advent and prepare for Christmas, this is an important time to be reflecting on the needs of others in the spirit of our Gospel values and Suzanne Aubert.

It has also been exciting to see our learners demonstrate **collaboration** in their preparations for our Advent Twilight Market Day which is being held on Monday 4th December at 4:30pm. There will be a wide range of products for sale, entertainment and prizes. It will be a great opportunity to **connect** with our community and share the joy of a Christ-centred Christmas during the festive season. Our learners have also been demonstrating their creativity and curiosity in our visits to the Tauranga Art Gallery and City Library this week. They explored the library displays, read the beautiful pop-up books, learned about native New Zealand birds and got to create their own clay sculpture!

Please enjoy this panui of highlights from this term at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)





HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

We are very excited to have welcomed five new learners into the Suzanne Aubert whānau this term. Joining our new entrants in Whānau Cartwright are Hilaria Jose, Jagfateh Khattra and Isaac Tai. Alexander Kleanthous has joined Whānau James and Dino Estrada has joined Whānau Waddel. These learners have already been demonstrating such courage in their transition to start school. Welcome to our Kura tamariki!



Hilaria Jose



Jagfateh Khattra



Isaac Tai



Alexander Kleanthous



Dino Estrada

STAFFING 2024

Following our recent recruitment process, we are very excited to announce the following teaching and leadership appointments who will be joining our Suzanne Aubert team in 2024 in permanent positions:

- ★ Angela Zillwood - Teacher-Kaiako (Untagged)
- ★ Katie Cartwright - Teacher-Kaiako (Untagged)
- ★ Jen Pachoud - Teacher-Kaiako (Special Character)
- ★ Amie-Lee Mills - Director of Religious Studies and Teacher-Kaiako (Special Character)



We are also excited to announce that we have appointed Kirsten Miller in a 12 month fixed term teaching position. Kirsten has many years of experience across a range of Year levels including recent teaching at Golden Sands and Te Akau ki Papamoa. She has strengths in STEM, PE, digital technology and literacy.



Magda James will be taking on a new position next year as Music Specialist as well as covering teacher release for the staff. Magda will be bringing her incredible experience and expertise in music education to each class as part of this role. She will also be tasked with redesigning our Suzanne Aubert music curriculum.



AUBERT KID AWARDS

Congratulations to our recent Aubert Kid Award winners. These learners have demonstrated our 7 C's (Principles for Living and Learning) in their learning and friendships. Kia kaha tamariki!



L - R: Brody Cartwright, Violet McPoland, Zoey Braithwaite, Ryland Bassett, Isla Burtton, Thea Lee, Sayla Luatua, Benji Egan, Manseerat Kaur



L - R: Jackson McHugh, Gustavo Pisoni, Isla Dagg, Havana Mills, Brax Matulino, Kayley Badenhorst

AUBERT KIDS MORNING TEA

This morning we had our 'Aubert Kids' in for morning tea in the staffroom. The morning tea was well deserved as these learners have all been demonstrating our school values (7C's) in their learning and friendships.



Friday mornings in the Kawakawa Hub are always full of adventures! Learning Adventures is our Suzanne Aubert approach to a Learning Through Play philosophy where students are engaged in learning through play experiences that appeal to their specific play urges. Recently there has been a lot of hut making, maze building, painting and playdough as well as medicine making in the school garden. The children do a lot of problem solving, sharing and collaborating with each other during this time.

LEARNING ADVENTURES IN KAWAKAWA



Whānau Pachoud had an exciting day of learning and foraging in our school garden with Nina from PiPS. Our curious Year 1 gardeners discovered that our rainbow carrots were ready to harvest. They learned how to loosen the soil around the carrot and gently tugged at the green stems. The squeals and shouts and looks of amazement as colourful carrots appeared out of the ground was priceless. What's even better, they got to wash their carrots and eat them fresh out of the garden. A delicious Spring treat!



SENSORY GARDEN

Last term, as part of Creative Clubs, the Hikurangi team collaborated to create a Sensory Garden. It was a big project, involving a lot of work over the term including clearing rocks and weeds, planting and creating the sensory items for the garden. The amazing tiles created by our learners were then added in the shape of a cross. A big thank you to Mike Redgate for his expertise and labour in laying the concrete and ensuring all items are fixed to the concrete. The Sensory Garden is now being enjoyed by our tamariki during play and learning time as a place of peace and tranquility.



FUNKY FUN SPORTS DAY

Our Hikurangi learners had a fantastic time at Funky Fun Sports Day working together collaboratively to play a range of modified sports games at the Mercury Arena. We were so lucky to have such wonderful parent volunteers to manage and encourage teams throughout the day. Our tamariki demonstrated great courage and resilience to give new sports a go. They played t-ball, soccer, floorball, badminton with balloons and had loads of fun bouncing on the bouncy castle and trampoline. They also showcased their skills on scooters in the bounce and ride zone. At the end of the day teams participated in relay races and challenged other schools in the tug of war. It was a fantastic way to wrap up the day, promoting sportsmanship, unity and friendly competition.



DOMINO'S PIZZA TRIP

Following our fabulous win of the Papamoa Plaza Support Your Schools promotion, Whānau Swart / Mills were treated to a trip to Domino's Pizza in Papamoa as they were the winning class who put in the most tokens. It was an incredible experience with Domino's allowing our lucky tamariki to go behind the scenes at their restaurant. During the visit the learners got to be little pizza chefs creating, cooking, slicing and then eating their yummy pizza. The team at Domino's were incredibly kind and patient as they showed the children how they make their pizzas.



KOREAN COOKING LESSON

Following Harold the Giraffe teaching us all about healthy living, what fuels our body, and how eating a rainbow of foods is important, Whānau Swart / Mills were blessed to have Sylvia (Ian's mum), Grandma and Aunty teach us how to make a healthy Korean dish called Bibimbap. Bibimbap is a well known and loved Korean dish consisting of a mix of rice, meat and vegetables. Our tamariki watched a cooking demonstration and then all got to sample some of the dish. We also enjoyed the special Korean fruit punch, Hwachae. The food was very popular and there was even enough to go around for the teachers. A big thank you to Ian, Sylvia and family for sharing this healthy food with us and sharing your beautiful Korean culture.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES STRATEGIC PLANNING

Our Suzanne Aubert Board and senior leadership team engaged in a strategic planning workshop last weekend. This was a great opportunity to co-design the strategic direction of our school for the next 5-10 years. We explored the recent community consultation feedback, developed an emerging graduate profile, co-constructed new strategic goals and identified measures of progress for the future. We will keep you updated as we work through the drafting process this term.



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

After a successful bid at our recent PTFA Quiz Night in Term 3, Maddy and Wyatt Kedian were tasked with the privilege and responsibility of being Principals for the Day on Friday 27 October. It was an awesome day and Maddy and Wyatt both demonstrated great leadership, creativity, collaboration and initiative as future educators! Maddy wrote about her experience below:

On the day that we were principals, we started with gate duty, then we had 'fluffy' time... but we chose a cup of tea. Next, we developed the new school rule. We chose a 'Whānau Food Day' for Term 2 next year where the students will bake and cook food for the parents at mini cafes. We got a budget to use and all money raised from the cafes will go towards buying a new Pohutukawa tree for the school. Next we worked on the slide show for Celebration Hui, then we had morning tea with the staff. It was so delicious we didn't know what to choose so we had one of each yummy treat. Sitting with the teachers felt weird but so cool! After that we had to run Celebration Hui. We felt very nervous standing in front of the school. Then we went to have lunch at Hello Sushi with Mr Mills. Once we got back I started working on the Oracle article. By then it was the end of the best day ever. But there was one more job - it was gate duty! We felt proud of our achievements throughout the day.



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



"The Advent journey: Hope becomes Peace. Peace becomes Joy. Joy becomes Love. Love becomes Christ." B. Schuller

The calendar year is beginning to wind down and we are approaching the Church's New Year, the season of Advent. Advent is a period of preparation before Christmas. During this season we take time to carefully prepare for the coming of Our Lord and are reminded in the Gospel to make a special effort to find ways to grow closer to God. The challenge for us every Advent is to 'Prepare the way for Lord' by walking with one another and being a comfort to one another, being witnesses of the Good News and being prophets of peace and hope. It is in being people of action, for the good of all, that we begin to know what the true presence of God means in our lives.

To keep this firmly in our hearts and minds over this coming hectic and busy season perhaps:

Keep an Advent wreath in your house. This can be as simple as four candles surrounded by greenery brought in from outside. Light the candles whenever is a good time for your family (meals, before leaving for school/work, end of the day before bed).

Perform acts of giving. This can be a simple acts of kindness for neighbours, donations of food or clothing or volunteering for a local charity.

Devote time each day for prayer. Traditional prayers, scripture readings, prayers from the heart, or simply quiet time set aside each day help create a closer relationship to Jesus.

Make memories for the New Year. Reflect on the previous year and capture children's memories that can become part of your family story. Capture these on camera, draw pictures, write songs or journal.

Decorate a Jesse Tree. Connect the decorating of the Christmas tree to Jesus' birth through the story of the [Jesse Tree](#).

Enjoy this special preparation time of our Advent season.

Mass:

Every Sunday morning 8.30 am Suzanne Aubert Catholic school hosts a Mass with the Parish of all Saints by the Sea. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate the Mass together and we always have a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits after.

Advent Giving Tree Starting Soon

Gifts: To support St Vincent de Paul in our local community during 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 a range of gifts for children and young people in need. We would appreciate any donations of toys, books and games. The gifts do not need to be wrapped.



Foodbank: As part of the Giving tree we also have an Advent foodbank. Any staple is greatly appreciated such as canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, powdered or longlife milk. We would like to make a special appeal for toiletry items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, sanitary products, nappies, wet wipes, toilet paper. Special treat items suitable for a Christmas celebration would also be most gratefully received.

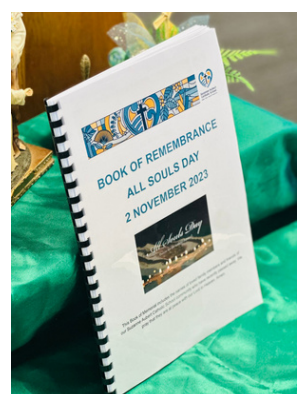
EXPLORE AT HOME

Pray	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p><i>Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.</i></p> <p><i>This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.</i></p> <p><i>We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.</i></p> <p><i>Amen</i></p> <p><i>Happy 1st week of Advent!</i></p> 	<p>Watch this video prayer exploring the first week of <u>Advent</u>.</p>  	<p>Create your own <u>Jesse Tree</u>. The Jesse tree is a traditional Catholic Christmas decoration and depicts moments from the Old Testament that are significant for Jesus Birth. Jesse trees are often seen during Advent and have a long history.</p> 

ALL SOULS DAY

Thursday 2 November was All Souls Day, a special time of remembrance in the Catholic Church where we remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away that they are united with God in Heaven. We celebrated this day with our term 4 school Mass, during which we presented a 'Book of Remembrance' containing the names, photos and prayers of the faithful departed in our Suzanne Aubert community. Thank you to Father Matt for leading Mass, the school whānau that came and celebrated with us and to all our learners for their readings, prayers and beautiful singing.

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



ADVENT TWILIGHT MARKET

Monday 4 December

Our annual school **Advent Twilight Market** is just around the corner. The date has been moved to **Monday 4th December** with the market starting at 4.30pm. This festive event promises to be a fantastic celebration of the joy of Christmas for our school and wider community. There will be food trucks available for dinner and our tamariki have all been creating Christmas crafts and other exciting products to be purchased from the stalls. The PTFA will be hosting a book sale, bake sale and a raffle. They are currently looking for donations such as books and items to be included in the raffle. There will also be a request for baking items for the bake stall closer to the time. If you can help in any way, please contact Amber on 0272511342 or drop any donations into the school office. It is going to be an exciting, festive event and we look forward to another positive celebration like last year!



ADVENT MARKET PREPARATION

Our learners have been working tirelessly, and they are thrilled to invite you to our Twilight Market! Come and join us for a night of creativity, innovation, and fun as your children take the reigns and run their very own stalls. It's a fantastic opportunity to see firsthand what they've been busy creating during this term.

This term in Harakeke Hub, we've been diving deep into the world of financial literacy and learning about money including GST, income, expenditure and interest. Our young entrepreneurs have been learning the ropes of managing money, and they can't wait to showcase their newfound skills at the market.

So, keep the night free, bring your family and friends, and let's make this Twilight Market a memorable experience for everyone to celebrate the spirit and joy of a true Christ-centred Christmas! We can't wait to see you there!



SPORTS UPDATE

The summer sports season kicked off at the beginning of term 4 with a number of our tamariki participating in Rippa Rugby, Touch and / or Flippa Ball. We are excited to have 8 Rippa Rugby teams, two touch teams and two flippa ball teams this term. Such a great achievement for our Kura! A big thank you to all our coaches and managers for stepping up and enabling our tamariki to participate in sports.



SACS Whatitiri - Y5/6 Touch



SACS Stingrays - Y3/4 Rippa



SACS Snappers - Y1/2 Rippa



Suzanne Aubert Flyers - Y3/4 Flippa Ball



Suzanne Aubert Taniwha - Y5/6 Flippa Ball

NEW BASKETBALL & NETBALL HOOPS

A huge thank you to Mr Moolman, Mike Redgate and Greg Dickey for installing our amazing basketball/netball hoops this week. Our tamariki have been loving the opportunity to play basketball during break times (along with Mr Newlands) working on their slam dunks! Thanks also to Sport BOP through their Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa for providing the funds to make this happen.



SACS Orcas - 3/4 Rippa

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Sanitarium is VERY excited to announce that the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is BACK for 2023-24. The Mount Maunganui event is on Sunday 3rd December at Arataki Park. Click [here](#) to register.

TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Papamoa Athletics Clusters (Y5-6 only) - **Monday 13 November**
- WBOP Athletics Clusters: **Wed 22 Nov**
- School Athletics Day - **Friday 24 Nov**

TERM 4 KEY DATES

- **Year 5/6 Camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge** - Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 November
- **WBOP Athletics Clusters (Year 5/6)** - Wednesday 22 November
- **Orange Parade for Y5-6 Road Safety Team and Patrollers** - Thursday 30 November
- **First Sunday of Advent** - Sunday 3 December
- **PTFA Twilight Advent Market** - Monday 4 December at 4:30pm
- **Final Learning Celebration, Graduation and Prizegiving** - Tuesday 12 December 5.30pm at St Thomas More Church, 17 Gloucester Road, Mount Maunganui
- **Last Day of School 2023** - Friday 15 December (School Finishes at 12.30pm)

2024 TERM DATES

- **Whanaungatanga Day:** Thursday 1st February
- **Term 1:** Friday 2nd February - Thursday 12th April
- **Term 2:** Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- **Term 3:** Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- **Term 4:** Monday 14th October - to Thursday 19th December (School closes at midday)
- **TEACHER ONLY DAYS:** Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st June

School will be closed for **three staff only days** as our teachers will be attending the National Catholic Education Convention in Wellington. This is an important opportunity for our team to engage in professional learning, grow in their faith and connect with the national Catholic school community. Our team will be staying at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay with the Sisters of Compassion where we will have the opportunity to be immersed in the spiritual home of Suzanne Aubert and her missionary work. More details will be released closer to the time. Please add these dates to your calendar for next year.

2024 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- **Waitangi Day** - Tuesday 6th February
- **Good Friday** - Friday 29th March
- **Easter Monday** - Monday 1st April
- **Easter Tuesday** - Tuesday 2nd April
- **Anzac Day** - Thursday 25th April
- **King's Birthday** - Monday 3rd June
- **Matariki** - Friday 28th June
- **Labour Day** - Monday 28th October



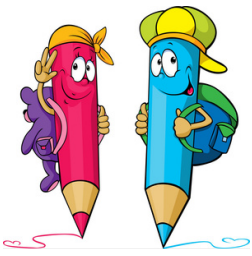
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Aubert Authors!

Cloud Macazo
(Year 0)

I had a play date.



Henry Harris
(Year 0)

I went to the mountain
and it snowed the
whole time.



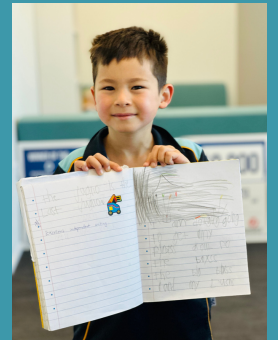
Quinn Dawson
(Year 1)

If I was a bird it would be
so satisfying! I would be
colourful and sparkly.



Luke Dowle
(Year 1)

The little boy is alone and he is in the jungle. He likes to see the animals and he likes to play with animals and he is a good boy. He will climb on the trees and he will go to another hub and the jungle is the last jungle.



The phone

Lucy Rutgers (Year 2)

I was so bored so I asked my Mum for her phone. She said, "OK!" So she gave me her phone. I was so happy. I turned it on. A picture of a waterfall came on. I heard crashing waves and birds chirping. Water started splashing on my dress! I thought that I was ok but when I stood up, my shoes started squelching in water. "Oh no!" The house is flooding!

I tried to turn the phone off but it wouldn't turn off, so I tried to smash the phone. But it would not smash. I was panicking so I called my mum. She said "what did you do with my phone?" "I just turned it on...nothing else!" Mum said, "I should have told you the magic trick. You say..." "Turn off!" But it didn't turn off so we tried to smash the phone on the concrete. Finally the phone smashed and my mum got a new phone and my family lived happily ever after.



The Magic Backpack

Maddy Kedian (Year 3)

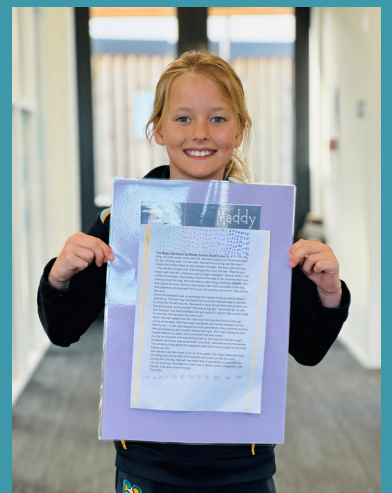
Ring, Ring the alarm clock went off. Hannah jumped out of bed and went for her morning walk. On her walk, Hannah found a big old Oak tree it looked like it had a face so she named it Imogen. The wise oak tree said "You are the chosen one", "What do you mean?" said Hannah. "I mean you get a magic backpack." Hannah took it, still a little bit confused. She looked inside of the bag and to her surprise, there was nothing inside the bag. Then she felt a little hungry and then BANG! The forest got so loud, next she saw some little fluffy pancakes in the bag. She gasped in amazement! Of course she gobbled all of them, they tasted delicious.

Since the backpack was so amazing she named it Hauora which means well-being. The next day she had to go to school. Hannah was so excited to show her friends Hauora. She went to have dinner then she jumped into bed and quietly said to herself "that was a big day". Once she got up she got changed. She had breakfast and got ready for school. She couldn't wait to show her friends what she had found.

When Hannah walked into her class that morning she found a new girl crying at the table. With her magic backpack still on she reached out her hand to her, in her hand appeared some gemstones, they sparkled and the little girl looked up and couldn't believe the light. The magic backpack had helped Hannah to reach out to someone that was lonely.

During her playtime she was feeling tired so she reached into her magic backpack and there was some fresh cucumber, strawberries and tomatoes. The amazing thing about this backpack was that it was enough for all of her friends as well!

Her teacher said "lets have a run", and all of a sudden her magic backpack took her flying around the field! She realised she could run like the wind. During this one day Hannah had learnt that if you believe in yourself you can do anything. She learnt to reach out to others, show compassion, eat healthy food and move her body.



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