



The Aubert Oracle



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Message from our Tumuaki

MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It has been a very positive and exciting beginning to 2024 at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. We started the year with 180 learners and welcomed 23 new learners to our Suzanne Aubert whānau this term. We are tracking to reach our current maximum roll of 200 learners before the end of the year. This will align well with the development of our new learning hub which will be built adjacent to the existing Harakeke Hub and will contain three learning spaces and a library/multi-purpose room. Construction is due to start in Term 4 ready for the beginning of the 2025 school year. This will allow our kura to grow to its next roll maximum of 250 learners. It is exciting to see our learning community grow! Please refer to the most recent update (December 2023) from our Proprietor about the next stages of school building development (attached).

This term, our learning concept is based around the principle of:

'BEING CONNECTED - WHANAUNGATANGA'

Ko wai au? Who am I?

Ko wai tātou? Who are we?

Ko wai rātou? Who are they?



This concept provides an exciting provocation for learning this term as our tamariki explore opportunities to celebrate their identity, promote a sense of belonging and identify the connections they have to people and place. This concept is being integrated across the curriculum in a variety of exciting learning opportunities. It is great to see this learning come alive already this year for our school whānau through Whanaungatanga Day, our Whanaungatanga Picnic and learning our Pepeha. Please enjoy this panui of highlights from our first few weeks back at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)

MIHI WHAKATAU & GOSPEL HUI

On the first day of school we welcomed our learners, staff and whānau back to school with a mihi whakatau and Gospel Hui. Each new learner received a special taonga of a bookmark and rosary beads to support them in their prayer life. We also listened to the Gospel and learned about how God has given us all special talents and has made us for a specific purpose. All learners also received a blessing with holy water from their whānau teacher to start the year. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead in our Suzanne Aubert community!



HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS



Tristan Te Paa



Braxton Francis



George Redican



Thomas Doyle



Javi Aldea Dawe



Archer Buttsworth



Dylan O'Dwyer



Chelsea Smith



Brooklyn Doyle



Addison Hamlett



Adelia Mathison



Jacob Nalder



Patrick Mustard



Florence Stephen



Willa Strawbridge



Arlo Mustard



Cody Rainey



Theo Rainey



Rehan Mahamoor



Lewis Stephen



Tui Strawbridge



Tara Seuser



Cheyenne Higgs

WELCOME BABY ARCHIE!

We are excited to announce that during the Christmas holidays, Mr Newlands and his wife Emma welcomed their new baby boy, Archie into their whānau. Archie is a beautiful blessing and is bringing much love and joy to the Newlands family. He is growing well and is full of smiles. I am sure you will all get to meet him at some stage soon. Mr Newlands has never been much of a coffee drinker... until now. With a few sleepless nights with a newborn baby in the house, Mr Newland's has told us his coffee intake has tripled! Congratulations Paul and Emma!



WHANAUNGATANGA BBQ PICNIC 2024

It was wonderful to start the school year with our annual Whanaungatanga BBQ Picnic on Friday 9th February. There was a great turnout and it was awesome to see all our learners, whānau and staff connecting together! This is such an important step towards building a strong learning focused partnership between school and home.

Thanks to all the helpers who made it possible including:

- ★ BBQ sausage sizzle chefs!
- ★ Sport BOP for running the sports and games
- ★ PTFA for running the raffle
- ★ Staff for setting up and organisation
- ★ Andrea the face painter



Thank you also to those families who have donated towards our senior playground since the event. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding our playground fundraising this term.



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School we believe in the importance of a learning focused partnership between ākonga (learner), whānau (family) and kaiako (teachers). This is the key to setting your child up for success in their learning at school. A key part of this partnership is communicating information to parents and whānau about learning. This includes information about:

- **Our Pedagogy:** The science of our Aubert signature learning approaches
- **Our Practice:** How we teach through the NZ Curriculum (Te Mataiaho)
- **Our Evidence:** The data that supports your child's progress and achievement
- **Our Progressions:** The goals or next steps to help your child make expected progress
- **Our Environment:** How our flexible and innovative classroom environments promote learning
- **Our Expectations:** Ideas and resources to support your child's learning at home.

At Suzanne Aubert, we communicate about learning in a variety of ways. This takes form as progress reports (mid year and end of year), learning partnership hui (Term 2), learning stories (twice a term) and learning celebrations (once per term). Other opportunities also include our recent Whanaungatanga Day and Parent Information Hui. Thank you to those parents and whānau who came along to support this. It was a great opportunity to connect about learning at Suzanne Aubert.



MUSIC EDUCATION

We are very privileged and excited to have Mrs James in her new role as music specialist this year. She is providing our tamariki the opportunity to learn the conventions of music within the Arts Curriculum. This is integrated into other learning areas and has a very practical application. She is working in each whānau class to provide classroom release for our kaiako.



STAFF HIKOI

During our staff only days, our team were privileged to complete a Hikoi up the Pāpāmoa Hills. We were accompanied by Matua Colin Reeder and his wife Akamōruna from Ngā Potiki who shared their knowledge and stories of the whenua. This is an important connection for our team as we explore the concept of Whanaungatanga with our learners this term.



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!

AUBERT KIDS



L - R: George Redican, Brixton Dickey, Adelia Mathison, Blake Graham



L - R: Lachlan Kachelhoffer, Arlo Mustard, Tui Strawbridge, Cheyenne Higgs



L - R: Florence Jory, Patrick Mustard, Hilaria Jose, Braxton Francis



L - R: Ivy McGookin, Kaydence Martin, Millie McDonagh, Angel Goh

STUDENT KAIARAHĪ 2024

At Celebration Hui last week, our Kaiarahi (student leaders) were announced and presented to the school. They were selected for roles that include leadership of learning and activities related to Prayer, Ambassadorship, Service, STEM and Active Health. These Kaiarahi were required to apply in writing for these leadership roles. Congratulations to these Year 6 Kaiarahi who will be playing an important part in helping to keep our school so well organised.



ACTIVE: Katie Dunne, Kaydence Martin, Caleb Won, Laon Seo, Kaius Hepi, Matthaus Uhlmann and Ethan Stewart (absent)



PRAYER: Dino Estrada, Mikey Francis and Tui Strawbridge (absent)



STEM: Mateo Rohrlach-Balle, Domenico Basile, Billy Frater, Jesse Ryan, Aviana Vergara, Tara Seuser



AMBASSADOR: Thea Lee, Isabelle Meech, Geneva Mills, Sayla Luatua, Ryland Bassett (absent)



SERVICE: Sophie Silbery, Lauren Price, Nelle Goodhue, Harper Thorn and Manaia Ball (absent)

Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Dear Whānau,

As we step into the special time of Lent, we invite you to join us in growing closer to God through praying, fasting and giving. Lent is like a spring time for our spirits. It's a chance for us to think more deeply about our faith, our connection with God, and how we can be compassionate and caring people.

What Lent is About:

Lent lasts for 40 days, just like the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. During this time, we prepare our hearts for Easter, which celebrates Jesus rising from the dead.

In Lent, we:

- **PRAY - Talk to God:** We pray and talk to God more often. We listen to what He has to say to us in prayer and scripture.
- **FASTING - Give something up:** Lent is a time for giving up things that distract us from what's important, like too much TV, device screens or sweet treats.
- **GIVING - Give to others:** During Lent we aim to give our time, money or goods to those in need in our community.

Ideas for home during Lent:

As Whānau, there are many things we can do to make Lent special:

- **Pray Together:** Spend time praying together as a family, like saying thank you before meals or praying before bedtime.
- **Read Stories from the Bible:** Read stories from the Bible about Jesus and talk about what they mean for us.
- **Do Random acts of kindness:** Look for ways to help others, like helping a neighbour or donating to charity.
- **Give Up Something Small:** Think about giving up something up as a family like sweets or video games.

- **Go to Mass:** Attend Mass at school on Sundays at 8:30 and learn more about Lent with our parish and community.
- **Write Down Thoughts and Feelings:** Keep a journal where you can write down prayers, reflections and feelings about Lent.

Let's support each other as we journey through Lent together. May this be a time of learning, growing, and becoming closer to God for our families and our school community.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Ash Wednesday, we celebrated with a special liturgy. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning Lent. It is a time for us to turn back to God with open hearts and grow closer to him through prayer, fasting and giving. During our liturgy, we received the ashes as a symbol of our repentance.



Parish Mass

Please note that Parish Mass is held at Suzanne Aubert at 8.30am every Sunday morning. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate Mass together. We look forward to seeing you there.

With faith and blessings,
Amie-Lee Mills

PIPS - PEOPLE AND PLANTS IN SCHOOLS

We are very excited to have Nina from PiPS facilitating our Environmental Programme at school again this year. She will be working with groups of our learners in our edible/herbal garden and has a number of new projects in the design phase including a butterfly house! The garden has survived the heat of the summer, continuing to flourish and serve up some delicious fruit, herbs and vegetables. The pumpkins, tomatoes and beans are thriving and the lemon tree is covered in fruit. The most excitement amongst our learners this term was finding our very own watermelon hidden and growing beneath the canopy.



Chinese New Year

Each year, it is tradition for Esmée and Alyssa to celebrate the Chinese New Year, a festival that signals the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. This year it fell on February 10th and marks the 'Year of the Dragon'. The girls both came to school in their beautiful costumes to teach us about Chinese New Year and to share what they do to celebrate this festival in their families.



SPORTS UPDATE

It has been a busy start to the term with a total of 60 children signing up to play Rippa Rugby and another 10 opting into Flippa Ball. We have entered six teams into the local Rippa competition at Gordon Spratt, which started on Friday 23rd February. A big thank you to all of our coaches and managers. We would not be able to have so many of our tamariki playing sport without you.



We would also like to thank Cam and Amanda Graham for kindly donating the shelving from their office to be used for the sports shed. Quintin, aided by some senior learners and Bev from Sports Bay of Plenty, spent a day sorting out the shed and turning it into a place of organisation. The before and after photos clearly show the wonderful transformation.



Flippa Ball

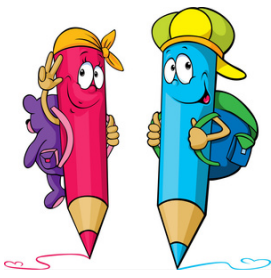
The term one Flippa Ball season kicked off on Sunday with our year 5-6 team the Suzanne Aubert Stingrays having two games. It is a step up in year 5 and 6 when you start to play full pool and not all players are able to stand up in the deep-end. Playing on a hot sunny Papamoa day, the team came away with one win and one loss. A great start to the season!



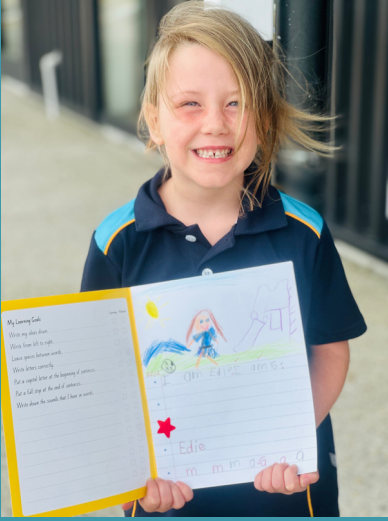
What's happening in Term 1

- **Rippa Rugby Starts** - Friday 23 February
- **SuperSmash Cricket Festival** - Wednesday, 6 March
- **School Swimming Sports (Year 3 - 6)** - Friday, 8 March
- **Top Schools (Year 5-6)** - Sunday, 10 March
- **Boys Playing Sport (Year 4 - 6 Boys)** - Tuesday, 12 March
- **WBOP Surfing Champs** - Thursday, 14 March
- **Girls Playing Sport (Year 4 - 6 Girls)** - Friday, 15 March





Aubert Authors!



Ko wai AU? Who am I?
Edie Janissen (Y1)
I am Edie. I am 5.



Friends
Mila Williams (Y2)

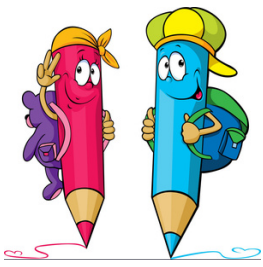
When I am sad, I find one of my friends and
give them a big hug and then I feel better.



My Summer Challenge.
Elizabeth Clarke (Y5)

I heard birds tweeting in the trees
I heard really noisy music playing
I saw people on bikes going by
I felt the warm water
I felt the soft sand on my feet
I wondered if crabs would nip me
I wondered if I could get ice cream





Aubert Authors!

Ko Wai AU? Who am I?

Kingston Glenn (Y4)

Tēnā koutou katoa

Nō pāpāmoa ahau

Ko Suzanne Aubert tōku kura.

Ko Chris tōku pāpā

Ko Jan tōku Māmā

Ko Kingston tōku ingoa.

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AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP 2024

Exciting News and Updates

Last week marked a milestone for our PTFA (Parent-Teacher and Friends Association) as we kicked off our first meeting of the year! But that's not all - we're thrilled to announce our fresh identity: The Aubert Whānau Group. This is a committed collective of parents, whānau, staff and community members who aim to create connections through pastoral care, fundraising, events and sponsorship with the overall benefit of improving outcomes for all of our learners. Congratulations to our new executive team who have been appointed into their positions (Chairperson - Pete Harrington, Deputy Chair - Lisa Nalder, Treasurer - Koedee Kitto and Secretary - Sarah Kleanthous). Under the leadership of our new executive and our awesome parents driving events and initiatives, the Aubert Whānau Group is set up for greatness!

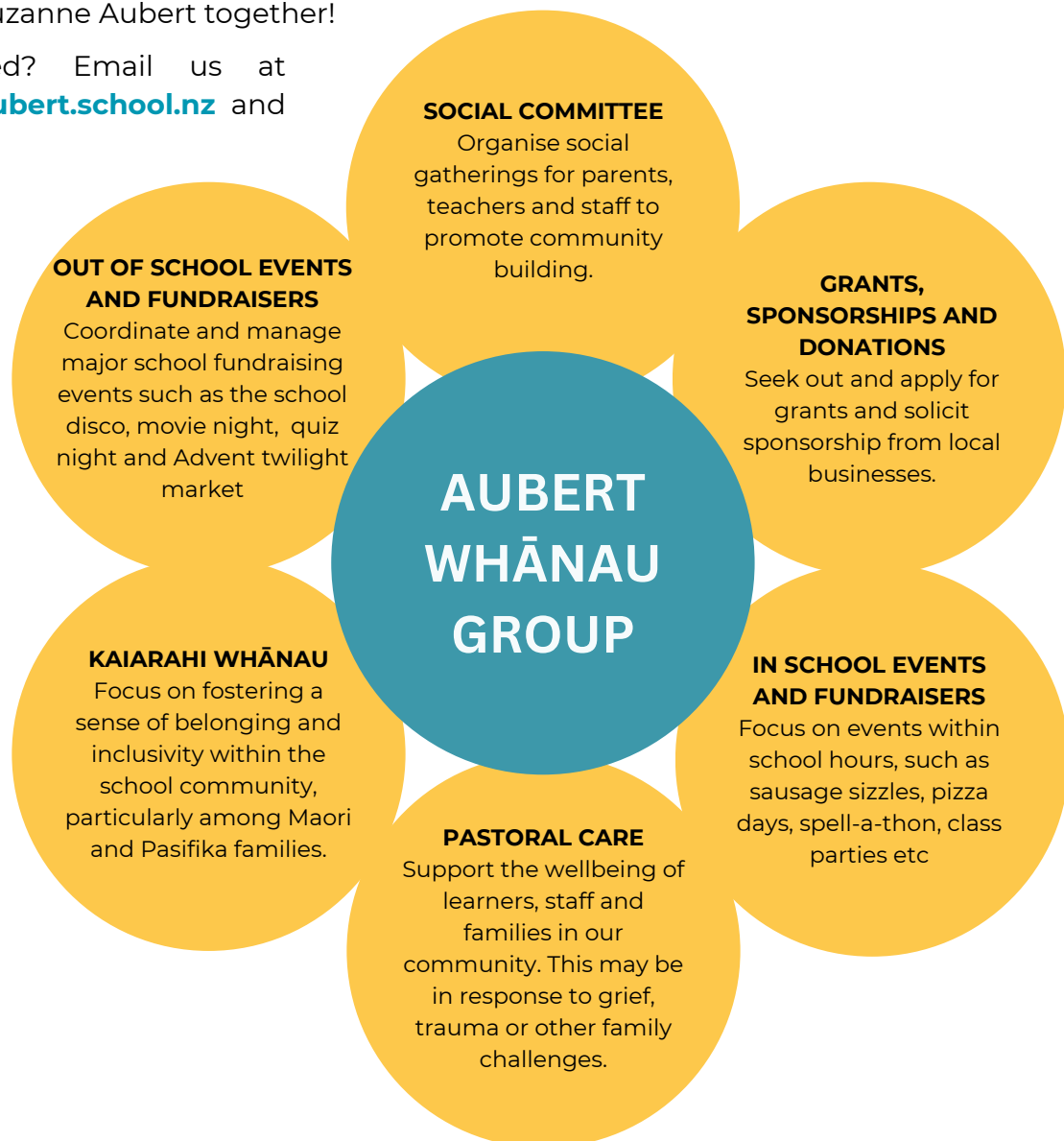
With a renewed spirit and vision, The Aubert Whānau Group is taking bold steps towards enhancing our school community. One major change? We're dividing our powerhouse team into satellite groups, each dedicated to specific key areas of responsibility. Why? Because we believe focused efforts yield better results and we respect your valuable time! These are also the key areas that align with our school strategic direction. Check out the chart below on what these 6 satellite groups are.

So far, we have about 15 parents, but we need and would love more! So if you're a parent, a grandparent, a friend we would love to hear from you. Whether you're passionate about fundraising events, pastoral care, community outreach, drumming up sponsorship, or just want to volunteer to help out every now and then, there's a place for you all in one of our specialised groups. This is an opportunity to support your child and contribute to the community of our school all while meeting fellow parents and being part of this fun, dynamic & proactive group. Join us in making a difference and shaping the future of Suzanne Aubert together!

How do I get involved? Email us at aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz and express your interest.

You can join a specialised group or just let us know you're happy to volunteer time for events throughout the year. Come and join The Aubert Whānau Group today!

Even our youngest learners are contributing to the playground. Thanks to Adelia who donated the money she made from selling lemonade at her lemonade stand.



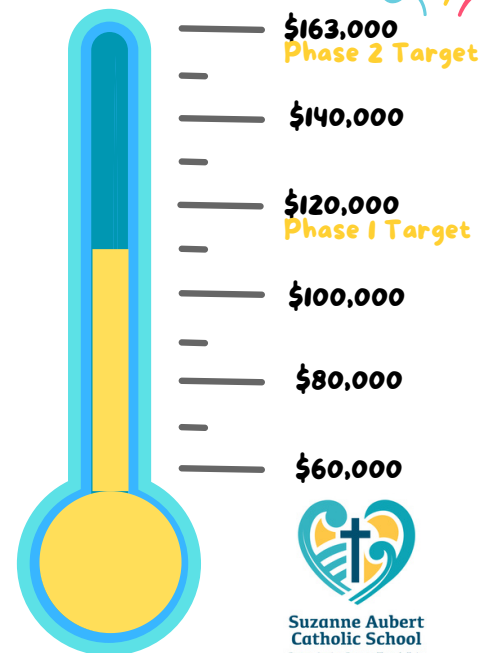
Senior Playground Fundraising

We are excited to be getting closer to our fundraising target for our senior playground! This playground was designed by our senior learners and Playground Creations. It includes our local cultural story, connection to local iwi and equipment that extends children's physical capability and encourages collaborative play.

Our Suzanne Aubert community have worked incredibly hard to fundraise for this project over the last 18 months. We have raised **\$110,000 of our total cost of \$163,000 (GST excl.)**. This includes:

- TECT Grant: \$50,000
- Financial Assistance Scheme (Diocese): \$35,000
- PTFA Fundraising: \$25,000

Fundraising Goal



Staging Phase 1 (May 2024)

We will now install our playground in stages with Phase 1 including the main playground structures, climbing equipment, bridges, tunnel slide, trampoline and surfacing (see image on left). We only need another \$10,000 to reach this target of \$120,000 for Phase 1. With your help, our playground could be installed as early as May this year!



We are seeking donations from school families, parish and local community to help us make this playground a reality. Every donation helps - no matter how small! If you are able, we welcome your donation. All families that donate will have their name added to our donations board in the school grounds and on the school website. You can donate simply by making a transfer to the Suzanne Aubert PTFA account (details below). Remember you can claim a rebate back on any donation made. We really appreciate your ongoing generosity in supporting this initiative. With your assistance, we will reach our goal together!

Donate Now!

To donate, simply make a bank transfer to the Suzanne Aubert Catholic School PTFA account. Please use your name and 'school playground' as a reference.

Account Number:
12-3217-0223073-00

Sponsorship Option

We are also facilitating a sponsorship option for any families or businesses wanting to donate towards our school fundraising projects including the playground. These will be platinum, gold, silver and bronze sponsorship. If you are interested, please make an appointment to see our Principal Anthony Mills (principal@suzanneaubert.school.nz).

2024 TERM DATES

- **Term 1:** Friday 2nd February - Friday 12th April
- **Term 2:** Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- **Term 3:** Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- **Term 4:** Monday 14th October - Thursday 19th December (School closes at midday)

IMPORTANT REMINDER - 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 as school will be closed during this time.

PROJECT JONAH

Last week our learners were treated to an educational session from Amy Sharpland of Project Jonah, a marine welfare charity best known for their protection of whales and dolphins in New Zealand. Amy talked to our tamariki about the different species of whales and dolphins in Aotearoa and what to do if we ever find a stranded whale or dolphin.

We learnt how plastic is having a negative impact on sealife and read the book 'Celia Seagull and the Plastic Sea' by Tauranga author Nicole Miller. We also learned some interesting facts like what is the name of the largest whale on the planet and how much does its tongue weigh.

Following Amy's visit, our junior learners decided that we could all take action by picking up rubbish in our environment that could otherwise end up in the ocean. We were surprised how much litter we found! We want to play our part in being kaitiaki of the land and sea.



WHANAUNGATANGA BBQ PICNIC 2024



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www.bopcpbg.co.nz/services/sore-throat-swab-service

You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free health advice. For more on rheumatic fever, visit:

www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/keeping-well/health-info-for-public/diseases-and-conditions/rheumatic-fever

www.toiteora.govt.nz/public/rheumatic-fever

TEACHER IN THE PADDOCK

Teacher in the Paddock is now picking up children for after school care from Suzanne Aubert on a Monday and Tuesday at 2.30pm. In their After School Programme, children of all ages come together to be part of a creative learning experience, exploring outdoor areas in every kind of weather. There is always something new to see. A wonderful nutritious afternoon tea is provided, and at 5pm children leave to a drop off point in Papamoa. Alternatively parents can collect by 5.30pm.

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