



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2021

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

We have enjoyed an exciting and eventful couple of weeks in our kura recently. We have celebrated the lives of two very special Saints this week with the feast days of St Patrick on Wednesday and St Joseph today. Two men of great faith, courage and humility carrying out God's mission and setting an example for us all. Thank you to our whānau and parishioners that joined us today to celebrate the Mass of St Joseph. Suzanne Aubert had a great devotion to St Joseph which gave rise to her name Meri Hohepa (Mary Joseph).

This week our senior learners carried out their first round of scientific monitoring in the sand dunes environment and have also shifted into their new learning space Harakeke. Our learners have engaged with physical activity through the Go4It programme and are enjoying living and learning at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. Please enjoy this snapshot of the special moments and updates about our school whānau.



Baking Bonanza

Our Mangatawa and Kopukairoa learners had their first taste of baking in the Harakeke Hub today - making banana choc chip muffins! Thank you to **Carter Taepa** who was so persuasive in his writing that he convinced Mrs Waddel to bake with the students today. There was plenty of learning around measurement, food hygiene and descriptive language. And of course the taste test! Thank you Mrs Waddel.



Lil Wheels Days

Last week we held the first of our 'Lil Wheels Days'. This is organised for every Tuesday and Thursday where our learners are able to bring their scooters, skateboards and skates to ride at morning tea and lunchtime. Thank you to our senior Active Kaiarahi who mark out the course along our school footpaths. It is a fun way to encourage physical activity at break times and introduce our tamariki to basic road rules!



Our New Turf

Last week our sports turf was officially handed over and our learners had their first opportunity to test it out! So far it has been a popular spot for cricket and football. Well done to **Ella Blackburn** who has managed to take quite a few wickets in some very competitive lunchtime cricket matches! We are currently looking at options for our basketball and netball hoops in this space.



Hub Handover

Our Mangatawa learners (Year 3-4) and Kopukairoa learners (Year 5-6) were very excited to shift into their new learning environment last week. On Wednesday we officially received our Certificate of Public Use and had handover to the Harakeke Hub. Harakeke (flax) is a significant native plant in Papamoa and historically was traded extensively in this area. It was also a common ingredient in Suzanne Aubert's rongoa Maori (herbal medicines).



Board of Trustees Elections

Last night we held an information evening for those parents interested in becoming members of our first elected Board of Trustees. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for members of our parent, parish and local community to be a part of the strategic direction and governance in our school. Our current Establishment Board of Trustees will officially handover to the newly elected Board in June. Board election nomination forms have been sent out via email. If you are interested in being considered for election, please complete the nomination form and return to the Returning Officer by midday Friday 9th April.

St Patrick's Day Mufti Mania

On Wednesday 17th March, we celebrated St Patrick's Day with Mufti Mania. It was great to see all our learners painting the school in many shades of green! A total of \$128 was raised and our Service Kaiarahi will be using this money to fund a service project in our local community.



Drumming to the Beat!

Our Fuse Drumming Crew will be starting their first lessons next Thursday 25th March. This is an exciting opportunity to learn percussion techniques and rhythmic performance through the art of bucket drumming! There are still positions available if your child would like to join. Please see the link if you would like to know more:

[Fuse Drumming_NZ](#)

Wishing you all a blessed St Joseph's Day and safe weekend with whānau and friends. Please look after yourselves and your families. We look forward to connecting with you all again next week!

Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



Stations of the Cross

Our Year 5-6 learners have been busy preparing for the Stations of the Cross liturgy. This is a very special and prayerful way to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross during Holy Week. This will be held at school on **Thursday 1st April at 11am**. All parents and Whānau are welcome.



Welcome Max!

We are very excited to welcome Max Brookbank to our Suzanne Aubert learning community. Max has joined us from Golden Sands and is in Year 5 in Whanau Rood. Welcome to the whānau Max!

School Playscapes

Our learners have been very busy continuing to refine their designs for our school playscapes. It has been exciting to see our students demonstrating the Principles for Living and Learning (the 7Cs), particularly Creativity, Collaboration and Courage. Popular features of student designs include zip-lines, basket swings, tunnel slides and skate ramps.



Sports Update

Suzanne Aubert will be offering students the opportunity to play Basketball and Netball during Term 2 and 3. A [Google Form](#) was sent out during the week asking for expressions of interest. Thank you to those who have already completed the form. If you have not already filled in the form for your child/children, please complete and submit this by **3pm Monday 22nd March** so our Active Learning Leaders Miss Rood and Mr Newlands can start organising teams and coaches.

Good luck to our awesome Rippa Rugby teams who play again this afternoon at Gordon Spratt Reserve. The SACS Snappers are playing Tahatai Coast School at 4pm and the SACS Stingrays play Golden Sands Primary School at 4.30pm. The SACS Sharks have a bye this week.



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St Joseph's Day - 19 March

The 19th of March is the Feast of St Joseph, a remarkable man with a lasting impact. Pope Francis has declared 2021 the Year of St Joseph. We have celebrated Mass as a school today to commemorate this special Feast day.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops website reflection on St Joseph:

"Joseph was chosen to educate a man who was true man, but who was also God. Only God could have educated such a person, but there wasn't someone like that. The Lord chose a just man, a man of faith, a man who was capable of being a man, and also capable of speaking with God, of entering into God's mystery. This was Joseph's life." Pope Francis 19 March 2020.

In his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the many aspects of Joseph's life as the father of Jesus:

- A tender and loving father of a child not biologically his own
- An accepting father and husband who trusted Mary unconditionally
- A working father who earned a living to provide for his family
- An obedient father who took his family to Egypt to escape persecution
- A creatively courageous father in the face of difficulties.

The aim of the apostolic letter is to: increase our love for this great saint; encourage us to implore his intercession; imitate his virtues and zeal.

Painting: 'Holy family with bird' by Murillo



A prayer for the Feast of St Joseph

Prayer to Joseph, who is known by many titles:

Faithful Joseph:

Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust as you did in God's promise.

Loving Joseph:

Teach us to love courageously with a heart that is free and just.

Protector Joseph:

Teach us to protect one another and all that belongs to God.

Dreamer Joseph:

Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbours; a vision illuminated by God's light.

Teacher Joseph:

Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts, and to proclaim it in word and action.

Gentle Joseph:

Teach us to be gentle with our power and strong in our tenderness.

Parent Joseph:

Teach us to be for all persons a living lesson of goodness and truth - a blessing for all generations to come.

Amen



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Suzanne Aubert

Lenten Food Bank Appeal

Thank you so much for all your generosity with our Lenten Foodbank appeal. Our baskets have overflowed and the first round has been collected but the appeal continues until the end of Lent so please keep the generous donations coming. The spirit and act of giving is an amazing way to prepare our hearts for the Joy of the Easter promise. So as we continue our Lenten journey, please send to school any non-perishable grocery items that you are willing to donate. The staples of canned goods, rice and pasta are amazing as they will provide the basis for meals. It is most appreciated. The collection baskets will now be located in the office reception. Thank you.



Ideas for Lent

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. How about trying this idea at home to renew yourself as we near Holy week and Easter.

- 1) Schedule a Family Night.
- 2) Plan time together and enrich your family life.

Perhaps use a theme such as:

- Hope and Lent
- Reconciliation
- Signs of Love for Lent
- Gratitude

- 3) Start with prayer and then a conversation and activities around the theme. Even try to think of snacks, games or movies that might fit with that theme.

Upcoming events

A reminder that during Holy Week, we will have a Liturgy to share the Stations of the Cross on **Thursday 1st April at 11.00am**.

We will also have a Liturgy to celebrate Easter when we come back to school after the Easter break on **Thursday 8th April at 11.30am**.



All Saints by the Sea Parish Weekly Mass Times

Please feel welcome to come along to our weekly Mass to celebrate with the Parish. Mass is held every Sunday at St Thomas More Church - 17 Gloucester Rd, Mount Maunganui at 9:30am and 5pm.

The first Parish Mass at our school site will be held on **Saturday 10th April at 5:15pm**. All are welcome!



Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened in 1971.

All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.

Go to the College website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz, and click "Jubilee" for further information and to register.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"