



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL 2021

Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

Welcome to **Holy Week** and what is a very special and prayerful week in our church's year.

- It is a time to reflect on our Lenten journey as we turn away from sin and restore our relationship with God
- It is a time to journey with Jesus in the final days as he makes his way to the cross
- It is a time to be thankful to Christ for the sacrifice he made for us on the cross at Calvary
- It is a time to prepare our hearts and wait in joyful hope for Jesus' Resurrection at Easter

This week has been a special opportunity to celebrate Holy Week through a liturgy each day to retell the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. This started with Palm Sunday on Monday, the Washing of the Feet on Tuesday, the Last Supper on Wednesday and the Stations of the Cross on Thursday. Thank you to all our learners and teachers who presented these liturgies so beautifully and prayerfully. It has been a great way to grow our faith as a Catholic school community.

Please enjoy this snapshot of the recent special moments and updates about our school whānau.

Palm Sunday

On Monday our Hikurangi learners celebrated Palm Sunday by welcoming the Mangatawa and Kpopukairoa teams into the learning space with their palm branches and singing 'Hosanna'. This was to remember the moment that Jesus rode a donkey triumphantly into Jerusalem only days before he was crucified. The crowd gathered waved palm branches and laid their coats along the ground as a mark of respect and praise. An historic 'red carpet'. It is always a bittersweet and heart wrenching moment as the very people that welcomed Jesus with such joy on Palm Sunday were also the same people who wanted him crucified on Good Friday.



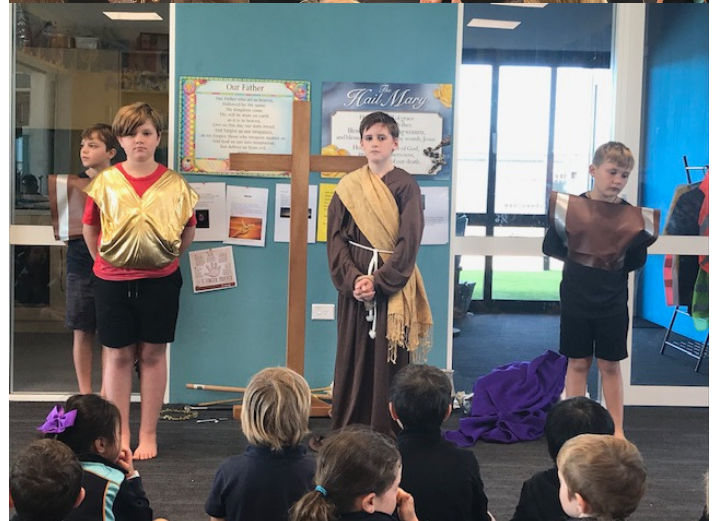
Washing the Disciples' Feet

On Tuesday, our learners reflected on the moment that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before sharing the Last Supper. Some of our Kopukairoa learners had their feet washed by Mrs McKay as a symbol of this moment. Jesus demonstrated humility, servant leadership and sacrificial love for his people by washing his disciples' feet at a time when this was usually the role of a house servant. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve' (Mark 10:45).



Stations of the Cross

On Holy Thursday, our Kopukairoa learners presented the Stations of the Cross liturgy. This is a prayerful opportunity to walk with Jesus as he makes his journey to the cross. It is a time for us to reflect on the sacrifice he made for us in dying for our sins. Thank you to the Year 5-6 team and teachers for supporting the preparation for this liturgy. It was a special way to complete Holy Week at school.



Introducing 'Carl'

Our New Baby Grand Piano

We are very blessed to have been donated a baby grand piano by an incredibly generous local resident. Aptly named "Carl" after Carl Bechstein the famous German piano manufacturer, it is over 100 years old! There was a lot of excitement in Harakeke as it was moved into the learning space. The piano now has pride of place in the music studio ready to create beautiful melodies! A big thank you to Anne Francis for her very generous donation.



Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our DRS Miss Clayton was on bereavement leave at the end of this week as her Grandmother passed away in Hamilton. Please keep Miss Clayton and her whānau in your prayers at this difficult time.

Principal Hikoi

Our Principal had the special privilege earlier this week of being on retreat at the Home of Compassion in Wellington with the Hamilton Diocese Principals. The Home of Compassion was set up by Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion. It is a very significant place for us as it is the resting place where Meri Hōhepa is buried. Some highlights were exploring the Heritage Museum, visiting the Soup Kitchen and the hikoi to the Crèche. It was a prayerful time to be immersed in the Charism, wairua and history of our patron Suzanne Aubert - Meri Hohepa.



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

Anthony Mills

Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Mills
Principal - Tumuaki



School Road Crossing

At Suzanne Aubert we aim to promote active learning and encourage our learners to walk, bike, scooter or skate to school. It is great to see that so many of our tamariki and whānau are taking this opportunity to be active when coming to and from school. However, we want to ensure that our learners and whānau are safe. Therefore, since last year we have been investigating the possibility of establishing a road crossing outside our school. This is proposed for either the Boulevard or Montiicola Drive. There are many benefits to proposing a road crossing:

- Promotes safety, exercise, health, wellbeing and skill development
- Grows confidence in our learners to understand NZ road rules and expectations
- Reduces the carbon footprint from vehicle emissions
- Develops capacity for our learners to become independent
- Encourages socialisation and community as learners travel together in groups
- Provides an opportunity for student leadership through road crossing monitoring
- Supports students from neighbouring schools and other local residents in the community to have a safe access way.

We are currently working with the Travel Safe team at the Tauranga City Council and roading engineers to get this established. They are now in the process of gathering data about the numbers of children, families and community walking, biking, scooting and travelling by vehicle outside our school environment. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.



School Board of Trustees Election - Nominations Open!

Board of Trustee candidate nomination forms have been posted to all families. We hope that you have received them in the post by now. Nomination forms are also available to collect from the school office. We sincerely hope that there is strong interest in the governance of our school, and that we will have a substantial number of candidate nominations. Boards play an important role in school communities, creating a strategic direction and governance for a better future for our children.

Please note - the election timeline has changed as below:

- 7 May - Candidate Nominations Close
- 12 May - Voting papers posted (if required, see note below)
- 9 June - Election Day (Voting papers must be returned by 12 noon)
- 14 June - Last day postal votes accepted
- 15 June - Votes counted

There are 4 trustee positions available. If there are less candidate nominations than positions, the election date becomes moot as candidates would be duly elected and come into office 7 days after the close of nominations rather than on close of voting.

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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 Term 1 so please keep the generous donations coming. The spirit and act of giving is an amazing way to celebrate the Joy of the Easter promise. 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 are now located in the office reception. Thank you.



Sports Update

Our three Rippa Rugby teams had another exciting afternoon of rugby on Friday 26th March. The Suzanne Aubert Sharks played a tough game against the Tahatai Coast Rhinos, unfortunately coming away with a loss. The Suzanne Aubert Stingrays also had a loss against TKKM o Te Matai. Our little Suzanne Aubert Snappers bucked the trend winning against Golden Sands School Green team. Please note, there will be no Rippa Rugby this Friday 2nd April due to it being Easter Weekend holiday.



No School - Tuesday April 6th

A reminder that Tuesday April 6th is a holiday for all New Zealand schools and our school will not be open. We will return to school after the Easter break on Wednesday 7th April.



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All Saints by the Sea

All Saints by the Sea Parish

Easter Mass Times

All Masses are held at
St Thomas More Catholic Church
17 Gloucester Road - Bayfair, Mt Maunganui

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: 10am - Stations of the Cross
3pm - Service

Easter Saturday: 7.15pm (Saturday Vigil)

Easter Sunday: 9.30am and 5.00pm

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