



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

FRIDAY 16TH 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 the last week in what has been a joyful and memorable term of learning, connections, beginnings and new friendships. There have been many highlights this term. Here are a few key moments:

- **Our Learners:** It has been a privilege to see the joy of our tamariki as they have engaged with their learning and connected in their friendships with each other.
- **Student Leadership:** The way our Kaiārahi have demonstrated leadership and tuakana teina with our younger learners.
- **Whānau:** The support from our school parents and the connections forming across our school families.
- **Our Staff:** The dedication and mahi of a committed team of teachers and support staff.
- **Catholic character:** The opportunity to celebrate our special Catholic character through RE, our Masses and liturgies.
- **Charism:** The Charism of Suzanne Aubert coming to life through the RE learning opportunities in the school.
- **Living out the vision:** Our vision to engage, inspire and empower through Christ being demonstrated through daily learning experiences.
- **Principles for living and learning:** Seeing the 7 C's in action in our learning environments.

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

### Easter Liturgy

Last week we celebrated Easter with a liturgy presentation by the Hikurangi team. They demonstrated the joy and hope of the Easter Resurrection by sharing a dramatisation about Jesus rising. Thank you to the junior learners and teachers for your mahi and preparation - there were smiling faces, confident readers, dancing and even some acrobatics! "He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said" (Matthew 28:6).



### Whanau Learning Hui - Term 2

Next term we will be hosting 'Whanau Learning Hui' every second Tuesday morning from 11th May (week 2). This hui is an opportunity for parents and family to meet with our Senior Leadership team and explore the learning program and signature practices at Suzanne Aubert. This will be an informal conversation over coffee held at 8:30am in the Manaakitanga Room (staffroom). All are welcome.



## Welcome to the team Linda!

We are very excited to announce a new member of our Suzanne Aubert whānau. Welcome to the team Linda Oxenham (see picture left). Linda has been appointed as a part-time Learning Assistant in the Harakeke learning hub and begins at the start of next term. Linda is married to Shane and they have four children. She has extensive experience working as a teacher aide in other schools as well as an established career in business. We are very blessed and privileged to have Linda join our learning community.

## Thanks Clare and Don!

This week we were very blessed to have Clare and Don Avey volunteer to weed our gardens. Clare and Don are local residents and also parishioners in the All Saints by the Sea parish. Thank you for your compassion, generosity and service Clare and Don - we really appreciate it!



## First Holy Communion

On Sunday 23rd May we have three of our students making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are excited to see Lokki Perrott, Matai McNicholl and Corin Jackson taking this next step in their faith journey. Please continue to pray for them as they explore these Sacraments and develop a closer relationship with God.



Wishing you all a blessed and safe school holidays. Please take time to look after yourselves and your families - reconnecting with the people you love and creating memories. We look forward to connecting with you all again in Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui  
Anthony Mills  
Principal - Tumuaiki



## Uniform

In Term 2 and 3 we will be switching to our winter school uniform as the days will be getting colder. This means our learners will be required to wear knee high navy socks and black shoes every day. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. If your child needs any new items of uniform, all sizes are now available online at Kukri.



## Teacher Only Day

Please note that our school will be closed on Friday 9th July (the last day of Term 2). This is because our staff will be attending a Kahui Ako Professional Learning Day at John Paul College in Rotorua. Our staff will be gathered with the ten other Catholic Schools in our Faith based community of learning exploring cultural competencies and culturally responsive practice. Please put this date in your calendars so that you can make arrangements for your children.

## School Culture Survey

Next term we will be sending out a survey that focuses on the vision, culture and wellbeing of all key stakeholders in our school community - our learners, whanau and kaiako. Please give time to this as it is important for us to gather this information. This data will support us to shape the learning and strategically develop as we move forward with our school community into the future. More details about this survey will be provided next term.

## School Photos

PhotoLife will be taking official photos at our school on Friday 14th May. Please enter this into your calendar. Your child has already brought home an information flyer regarding this. For those with siblings at the school, the eldest child would also have brought home a Sibling Photo Request Form. This needs to be completed and returned to the school prior to 14th May if you would like your children to have a family/sibling photo.

## Photographing our Learners

At the time of completing online enrolment for your child/children, you were asked whether you provide permission to use their photo in our social media and other school posts/publications, e.g. The Aubert Oracle. To ensure our online permissions on Hero are up to date, can you please email [office@suzanneaubert.school.nz](mailto:office@suzanneaubert.school.nz) if you **DO NOT** want your child's image to be published online.

# Special Catholic Character

## A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Wow! What an amazing foundation term we have had at Suzanne Aubert and what a wonderful opportunity to finish the term in the season of Easter. Easter is such a joy filled time as it is the time we celebrate the new life and hope that has been given to all of us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Before the Easter break the learners explored Holy week and the historical events that lead to Jesus' death, beautifully captured in the portrayal of the Stations of the Cross by the senior learners. Now we are in the season of Easter, this celebration will last all the way to Pentecost Sunday where we will mark the birth of the Church on the 23rd of May. You can see signs of this celebration in a number of ways: (1) the liturgical colours in the Church change from purple to white and gold, (2) we proclaim Alleluia in the Mass and the most obvious sign of course was (3) the gifting of symbols of new life with chocolate eggs and bunnies at Easter Sunday. This celebration and joy is also our call to action as how we treat others should proclaim for the world this gift we have received.

So perhaps this Easter season of celebration you might:

- Spend some time reading the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection or watching movies of the Easter story as a family. What stands out to you? What speaks to you about the promise of New Life?
- Find an act of service that you can perform together that shares how you are responding to the gift of New Life. Helping out a neighbour, a beach clean up, volunteering in the Parish are all great ways to model this call to action.
- Plant and nurture a garden. This could also be a great link to Matariki celebration next term when you harvest what you have grown to sustain you for the year ahead.
- Put aside some time for prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving.

As a Catholic School we are a community, which celebrates our Catholic Story and traditions and recognise Christ is at the centre of our lives:

**Luke 24:6-7:**

**"He is not here; he has risen!"**

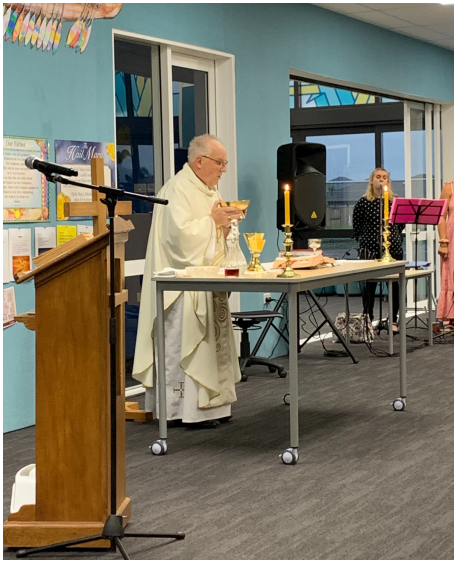
Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen.



## Our First All Saints by the Sea Community Mass

We held our first Parish Mass here at Suzanne Aubert on Saturday the 10th of April. It was wonderful to be able to share our weekend Eucharist celebration with the community and to see so many of our families there. This will be ongoing every Saturday evening at 5.15pm. All are welcome to attend!



### **Suzanne Aubert Lenten Food Bank Appeal**

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous and overwhelming support for our foodbank donations. We were able to fill our buckets completely twice over! These food items have been donated to the All Saints by the Sea Parish foodbank where they will be given to families in need. These small acts have such a great impact on others and it is wonderful to see the compassionate spirit of Suzanne Aubert living on for us in this way.



*All Saints by the Sea*

### **All Saints by the Sea Parish Weekly Mass Times**

Please feel welcome to come along to our weekly Mass to celebrate with the Parish. Masses are held every:

**Sunday at 9:30am and 5pm**

**St Thomas More Church**

**17 Gloucester Rd - Mount Maunganui**

There is also a Saturday evening Mass held at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School at 5.15pm.

All are welcome!

## **Board of Trustees - Nominations Close 7th May!**

Board of Trustees candidate nomination forms have been posted to all families and you should have received them in the post by now. Candidate nominations will close on **Friday 7th May (week 1 Term 2)** with voting papers posted out on 12th May. Please get your nominations in before then. 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. There are 4 elected 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.

## Calling all Adventurers...

Looking for something to do these school holidays? Get a group of friends or family together and do one of the three 'Biosecurity Hunts' throughout Mount Maunganui, Tauranga, and Pāpāmoa. Participants will need to use their wits and orienteering skills to 'track' some nasty species and 'report' them to biosecurity experts, in the Bay of Plenty's first interactive virtual scavenger hunt. Using a FREE geocaching app called 'Actionbound', participants will traverse the Bay of Plenty on foot or bike, in their choice of hunt(s) to find the 'location' of these invasive species. They will have to answer questions, complete missions, and find locations. Complete a hunt and you'll be entered into a \$2,500 prize pool with vouchers for awesome experiences from local businesses. There are 16 prizes to be won - drawn weekly! Visit [www.greathunt.co.nz](http://www.greathunt.co.nz) to find out more.

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**NZ SCHOOL GROUPS**

## Fuse Drumming

Fuse Drumming will be offering their drumming workshops again in Term 2. The cost per term is \$129 and the classes will be held weekly on a Thursday at 1.30pm in the Harakeke Hub Music Studio. If your child is interested, you can enrol them online at the link: [Fuse Drumming Enrolments](http://FuseDrumming.Enrolments). Alternatively, if you have any questions please contact Tanya at [tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz](mailto:tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz)



## Key Dates for Term 2

- Monday 3rd May - First Day of Term 2
- Friday 7th May - Board Nominations close
- Friday 14th May - School Photos
- Sunday 23rd May - First Holy Communion
- Friday 9th July - Teacher Only Day

## Gospel Hui and Celebration Hui

Please remember that parents and whānau are always welcome to join us for Gospel Hui (every Monday morning at 8:45am) and Celebration Hui (every second Friday afternoon at 1:45pm on even weeks). This is a wonderful way to celebrate the faith and learning in our kura!