



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

## Message from our Principal - Tumuaki

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

We warmly welcome our learners, whānau and community back to Suzanne Aubert Catholic School for Term 2. There is an exciting term of learning ahead and more opportunities to connect as a community. We have started the term positively with seven new learners joining our whānau! As we begin the term in the month of May, this is a special time for us to reflect on Mary the Mother of Jesus and the life of Meri Hōhepa (Suzanne Aubert). Both of these women are mana wahine - women of great faith and strength. We have also launched the beginning of the term with NZ Children's Bookweek, celebrating with Book Character Day today. Our learners are looking forward to upcoming opportunities to celebrate Matariki, prepare for cross country, Catholic Schools' Sports and Cultural Day, Tauranga Primary School's Music Festival, Environmental Clean Up day and much more.

Please enjoy this snapshot of the recent special moments and updates about our school whānau. Wishing you all a blessed and safe weekend. We look forward to connecting with you all again next week.

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills  
Principal - Tumuaki

FRIDAY 7TH MAY 2021

## Buddy Reading

To celebrate NZ Children's Bookweek this week we started our buddy reading programme. Our senior learners from the Harakeke Hub have been supporting our junior learners in the Kawakawa Hub to develop their reading confidence and strategies. This is another way of promoting tuakana teina and strengthening the learning relationship across our kura.



## Haere mai to the team Linda!

We are very excited to welcome Linda Oxenham to the Suzanne Aubert whānau this term (pictured here as the Cat in the hat with Max Phillips). Linda has joined us as a Learning Assistant and will be supporting the learners in the Kawakawa Hub. Welcome to the team Linda!



## NZ Children's Book Week

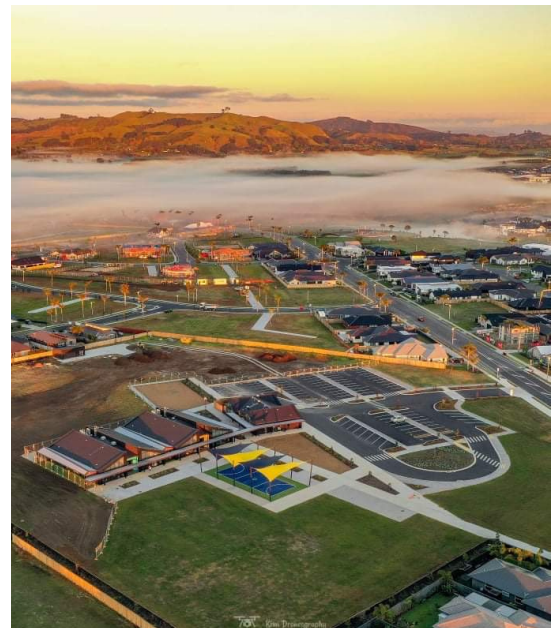
This week we have celebrated NZ Children's Bookweek. Our learners have been immersed in a love of reading and explored a range of authors throughout the week. There has been buddy reading where our senior learners have supported our junior learners in their reading skills and strategies. We had our first opportunity to explore the recently designed and brand new Library Bus and check out the great books on offer for issuing. The bus will be visiting us every second Wednesday. Our Bookweek concluded with Book Character Day where our learners dressed as their favourite book character. We were privileged to welcome local author and teacher Mr Mac (Andrew MacDonald) to share his love for reading and journey to becoming an author. He shared his latest book 'The Super Weirdos' with us and very kindly donated a copy to the school. Congratulations to Angel Goh, Karl Fischer, Katie Dunne, Ava-Faith Bessa, Joel Chiplin and Matai McNicholl for winning the best dressed in their Year level categories. Each winner received a Whitcoulls voucher.





## Haere Mai to our New Learners

We are very excited to welcome seven new students to our Suzanne Aubert Whānau who started this week. Joining us in the Kawakawa learning hub are Aria North, Ivanna Morgan-Bower, Millie McDonagh and Zoey Braithwaite. In the Harakeke learning hub we have Sophia Finch, Georgia Finch and Lucas Quinn. Welcome to our growing school family tamariki!



## What a View!

Our heartfelt thanks to Bernard from Crewcut Tauranga / Kiwidroneography for these amazing photos of our school taken from his drone on another fabulous Autumn morning in Papamoa. We are certainly blessed to live in such a beautiful area!



# Special Catholic Character

## A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



### May the Month of Mary

Welcome to May and Term 2 here at Suzanne Aubert. The month of May is a special time for Mums with Mothers' day this Sunday (9th May). We offer our prayers and gratitude to all mothers and types of motherhood in our community. Your strength, drive and faith keep us all going. Thank you.

May for the Church is a whole month to celebrate Mary, our Mother. New Zealand is privileged to have Mary as our patron Saint and her human experience and life is an inspiration to us all. During her life she was a scared and overwhelmed young mother, a refugee into Egypt, a strong matriarch who travelled with her son and a faithful follower of God in all ways. She is our strongest advocate and during this month Catholics can honour her through prayer and devotion.

For us at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School it is important to know that before founding her own order the Sisters of Compassion, Suzanne was a member of a Marian order whose works and values were based on the life and philosophy of Mary and that these greatly influenced how the Sisters of Compassion were established.



### Ka Waiata

Ka Waiata, kia Maria  
Hine i whakaae  
Whaka mea tia mai  
Hei whare tangata  
Hine purotu, hine ngakau,  
hine rangimarie  
Ko te whaea, ko te whaea,  
O te ao

### I Sing to Mary

I sing to Mary, our mother,  
The one who heard God's call  
The call to be the mother  
Of our Lord  
Gentle woman, loving mother,  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
I sing to Mary, the mother  
Of our Lord



### What can we do as a Whānau during May?

**1. Get To Know Mary during this month:** We can try to be a little more like Mary. St Louis de Montfort created a list of 10 virtues which he felt Mary embodied and we can try each day to be a little more like Mary in these ways:

**Deep Humility, Surpassing Purity, Lively Faith, Ardent Love, Blind Obedience, Heroic Patience, Unceasing Prayer, Angelic Kindness, Constant Self-Denial and Heavenly Wisdom.**

These are not all easy but we can try especially hard during May to become better people, less focused on self and more focused on others in the spirit of Mary.

**2. Call On Mary For Strength:** One way we can see Mary is as our Mother who we can call on to help us and ask God for strength and courage. At this time in the world a Mother's strength and guidance is always welcome.

**3. Read and Reflect:** Read about Mary in the Gospels and in Pope Saint John Paul II letters as he asks us to see Jesus through the 'eyes and heart of Mary'.

**4. Pray the Rosary:** This is an amazing form of prayer with deep roots in the Church. Click on the link [here](#) for Rosary resources to help unpack and explore the parts of this important prayer for you and your family.



## Our Service Focus For May

This May in the spirit of Suzanne Aubert we are joining in with the Parish drive to collect blankets for winter. Many people struggle in the Winter as the weather changes so dramatically. So at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School over the month of May we will collect any pre-loved blankets of good quality or new blanket donations for those in need. These blankets can be deposited into the basket in the Office. Thank you for your support and generosity.



## Farewell Father Stuart

It is with sincere sadness that we will be soon to farewell Father Stuart. Father Stuart has been an Establishment Board Member since the beginning of 2020 and has been an incredible support in getting our school ready for learning. He has created a special partnership between our school and Parish which we know will continue into the future. Father will be with us until the end of July before going to his new posting at the Parish of the Holy Cross in Hamilton North. We will be welcoming two new Priests Father Richard Laurensen and Father Matt Gibson who will serve the All Saints by the Sea Parish.

## Our Sacramental Candidates

We are excited to announce the Celebration of Confirmation for our students from this year's Sacramental programme and last year's programme which was delayed by Covid. All seven students will be celebrating this Sacrament at the 9:30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 23 May at St Thomas More Church. Please keep these students in your thoughts and prayers as they make their Sacramental journey.

**From 2020**

Lucy Dunne  
Francesca Horne  
William Magill  
Grace Mikkelsen

**From 2021:**

Corin Jackson  
Matai McNicholl  
Lokki Perrott



## Weekly Mass & Liturgy with Father Stuart

This term sees the beginning of Weekly Mass or Liturgy with Father Stuart at the school. We were privileged to have him join the Kawakawa hub on Tuesday morning for a celebration of the Mass. Throughout the term, the hubs will take turns to celebrate Mass with Father at 11.15am every Tuesday morning. Whānau are welcome.





## Key Dates for Term 2

- Friday 14th May - School Photos
- Tuesday 18th May - Sports & Cultural Day
- Tuesday 18th May - Beach Clean Up Day
- Sunday 23rd May - Confirmation Mass
- Friday 4th June - School Cross Country
- Monday 7th June - Queens Birthday
- Friday 9th June - BOT Elections
- Thursday 8th July - Last Day of Term 2
- 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 odd weeks). This is a wonderful way to celebrate the faith and learning in our kura!

## Sports Update

Following a successful Rippa Rugby season, we now move into our winter sports codes - Basketball and Netball. Netball games will be on a Saturday at Harbourside Netball Centre on Maunganui Road. Our Year 5/6 Magic start Saturday 15th May with the year 3/4 and year 1/2 teams starting on Saturday 22nd May. Our Little League Y1/2 basketballers have their first game on Monday 17th May. Thanks to all our parents who have put up their hands to coach and manage our students in their winter sports.

## Catholic Schools'

### Sports & Cultural Day

In week 3 our Year 5 and 6 learners will be attending the annual Catholic Schools' Sports and Cultural Day at John Paul College in Rotorua. This is an exciting opportunity for our senior students to engage in a friendly competition of sports and cultural activities along with Catholic Schools from Tauranga, Mount Maunganui, Rotorua, Putaruru, Tokoroa, Taupo and Gisborne. We will be entering a Rippa Rugby and Netball team and have representatives in the drama, scripture reading, RE quiz and Chess tournament.

## 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.

## 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.

## Board of Trustees - Nominations Now Closed

Nominations for our school Board of Trustees have now closed and voting papers will be posted out on the 12th of May. There are 4 elected trustee positions available. Election day is Friday 9th June and our new Board will take office on Wednesday 16th June.





## Duplo Blocks

We would like to thank the Watson family (Daniel's Mum and Dad) for kindly donating a large set of Duplo blocks to the school. We really appreciate this very generous gift. The learners in Kawakawa have thoroughly enjoyed creating with their new blocks!



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**  
**Saturday at 5:15pm**  
**Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.**

## Keyboard Lessons

Keyboard lessons started in our kura this week. We are very privileged to have Sandro Milgate as our keyboard tutor. Sandro works for Musiqhub and is currently studying a degree in business and music. He is very talented in his craft and has a wonderful way of engaging our learners. These lessons are very popular - we currently have 12 learners registered!



## 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](https://www.fusedrumming.co.nz/enrolments). Alternatively, if you have any questions please contact Tanya at [tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz](mailto:tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz)

