

The Aubert Oracle



Message from our Tumuaki WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025

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 2025 - our 5th year since opening Suzanne Aubert Catholic School! Our tamariki have made a great start in their learning and building relationships with each other. It is wonderful to see them already demonstrating our school values (the 7Cs) in their learning and friendships. Some highlights from the beginning of our year include:

- New Whānau: It has been heartwarming welcoming new learners and their families to our school and seeing them become part of our school community in these first few weeks.
- Whanaungatanga Picnic & Hui: Our recent annual Whanaungatanga BBQ picnic was a great way for our learners, whānau and staff to connect together over kai and kōrero. Thanks also to all our families for your support of the Whānau Hui which was a great opportunity to share with parents key information about learning and expectations for the year.
- Maths No Problem: It has been rewarding to see our tamariki getting exciting about their Maths learning through our Maths No Problem program which aligns with the refreshed Maths Curriculum. The learners are developing a mastery of foundational maths skills through a clear scope and sequence, problem solving and collaborative practice.
- New Learning Hub: The new learning hub is on track for its mid-March completion. Classes are getting excited about shifting into their new spaces for the beginning of Term 2. Thank you to Greg Dickey and his team from Watts and Hughes for their commitment and workmanship on this project.
- Kaiarahi Leaders: We are very proud of our Year 6 Kaiarahi who have made a positive start to the year as student leaders. They have shown compassion, courage and collaboration as they have started in their roles as Special Character, Ambassador, Active and STEM Kaiarahi.

Please enjoy this panui which includes important information and highlights from our term so far. Ngā mihi nui



Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)

HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS AND STAFF

At the beginning of the term, we were delighted to welcome 9 new learners to our Suzanne Aubert Whānau. We also welcomed Mrs Kate Swan to the teaching team. She will be job sharing with Mrs Waddel in Whānau Waddel with our Kopukairoa learners.



Brayden



Demi



Sofia



Penelope



Mila-Rose



Ellie



Lilly



Esmé



Poppy



MRS SWAN - PROFILE

Kia ora, I was born and raised in Auckland and studied teaching at Auckland University back in the early 2000's. I taught in central Auckland for roughly 8 years before venturing overseas on my OE. Since then I have travelled the world and had the pleasure of teaching at a small Catholic school in north west London for two years.

I have been living and working in Pāpāmoa with my hubby and two young girls for five years now and we absolutely love what the bay has to offer. I adore my whānau and in my free time, you can find us going on little getaways, exploring local bush walks and waterfalls, catching up with friends and my parents who live close by. I like to live a full life with the goal of living in the present moment as much as I can.

I have a passion for teaching all age groups. I love the visual arts and providing tamariki with motivating learning experiences that allow them to fully express themselves and develop their imaginations. I also have a passion for combining literacy and developing critical thinking skills to encourage and nurture a deeper understanding and perspective of texts. I will forever love reading picture books to tamariki, whether they are five years old or ten years old.

STUDENT KAIARAHI

Our first Celebration Hui for 2025 was held on Friday 14 February where our year 6 tamariki were appointed as Student Kaiarahi in the follow areas: Ambassador, Special Character, Active, and STEM. Congratulations to these students will hold leadership positions in these areas for the first half of 2025







SPECIAL CHARACTER Lewis, Issac, Sieni, Tui-May, Manseerat, Zoey, Cheyenne



ACTIVE Poppy, Max, Joe, Jacob, Atli



STEM Marcus, Jayden, Cameron, Isabel

AUBERT KIDS

Congratulations also to those tamariki who received an Aubert Kid award. We are very proud of these learners who have been demonstrating our school values (7Cs) in their learnings and friendships.









Amariah

Benji, Poppy, Marcus

WHANAUNGATANGA BBQ PICNIC

The sun was shining and it was a beautiful evening for our start of year Whānaungatanga picnic and sausage sizzle last Friday. It was a great opportunity to connect with whānau, staff and the wider school community over kai and kōrero. It was also wonderful to have so many parents join us for the Whānau Hui where each team shared their plan for learning and expectations for the year. Thank you to Brendon Hannah (Ray White) for your generous support on the BBQ and Nat from Sport BOP for supporting the event.



Special Catholic Character A Message from our Director of Religious Studies OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

On Ash Wednesday on the 5th March, we will officially enter the time of Lent. This is a time to focus on preparing our hearts for Easter and how Easter makes our salvation possible. There are three main pillars for our personal Lenten journey: Prayer, fasting and giving. These pillars aim to engage us in body, mind and spirit to strengthen our connection with Christ.

The small sacrifices we make during Lent make room in our hearts to welcome the risen Jesus at Easter. Please take some time to talk with your children about the meaning of Lent and discuss together what could be a meaningful response for you and your family at home during this time.

PRAYER:

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

What can I do? Try starting some different forms of prayer as a family. Talk about how you might make room in your lives to talk with God daily. It could be just before bed, before a meal or on the way to school. Strengthen that personal connection in a daily conversation with God. Perhaps think about creating a sacred prayer space in your home.

FASTING:

"When you fast, don't look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward." (Matthew 6:16)

What can I do? Fasting is a spiritual practice and discipline. Its aim is to help us focus on God. By limiting our intake of food, we exercise selfcontrol. Experiencing physical hunger also puts us in solidarity with those for whom hunger is not a choice, but rather a fact of life. Fasting doesn't have to be only about food. It can spill over to habits, practices and things that distract us from our relationship with God and others such as too much time spent at work or too much time on social media. As a family talk about what you might take a fast from, perhaps no mobile phones in the weekends or limited screen time. Use this time to reflect and connect with God and those around you.



GIVING:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36).

What can I do? Giving is just that, a service from one to another. Where we see a need we respond as we are able. We are challenged to do this in a more deliberate way during Lent. This could be giving to the Caritas Lenten appeal, volunteering your time to help an elderly neighbour or charity, or gifting to the Suzanne Aubert School Food bank appeal.



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Please note we will have a Liturgy on Ash Wednesday 5 March with Deacon Henk at 11:15 am. All parents and family are welcome!



LENTEN FOOD BANK APPEAL

To reflect the Lenten Season and the spirit of service and giving, Suzanne Aubert Catholic School has set itself the challenge to help the local foodbank. We know that many families are needing extra support and help and are turning to local foodbanks to make ends meet. We can help! Over this Lenten Season, we would love to receive any non-perishable grocery items that you can contribute. The staples of canned goods, rice and pasta are amazing as they will provide the basis for meals. Please help us with what you can. It is much appreciated. The collection baskets will be located in the Admin Block.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We are very excited to announce that the following students have all started their Sacramental preparation for this year. We hold them in our prayers as they journey toward the Sacraments and a closer relationship with God. Over the following months they will be learning about the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation and will celebrate their Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Parish Mass at St Thomas More on **Sunday 11 May at 10am (Mother's Day).**



Lauren



Clay



Harrison



Cameron



Luke



Quinn



Isla



Arden



Rehan

THE AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP

The Aubert Whānau Group will hold their first meeting of 2025 in the school staffroom on Thursday 6 March at 5.30pm. We are always looking for new members and all are welcome to attend this first meeting. In order to help with the workload of the Aubert Whānau Group, this year we are having a Parent Representative assigned from each Whānau Class. If you are interested in this role, please let us know at office@suzanneaubert.school.nz.

We have lots of exciting events in the planning stages for 2025. The first to mark in your diaries is a Family Friendly Outdoor Movie Night on Thursday 10th April. More information about this will be sent out in the coming weeks.



KEY DATES

TERM 1 2025



DATES	EVENTS
Thursday 27 February	Commissioning Mass at St Mary's Rotorua 6pm (staff attending)
Sunday 23 February	Whānau Mass - Whānau Moolman and Whānau Zillwood
Wednesday 5 March	Ash Wednesday - Liturgy at 11:15am
Sunday 9 March	Whānau Mass - Whānau Mills and Whānau Pachoud
Wednesday 12 March	Funky Fun Day Year 1-2
Friday 14 March	School Photos
Monday 17 March	St Patricks Day
Wednesday 19 March	New Parent Orientation 9am - 10.30am
Friday 21 March	School Swimming Sports (Year 3 - 6)
Sunday 23 March	Whānau Mass - Whānau Newlands and Whānau Cartwright
Sunday 6 March	Whānau Mass - Whānau Waddel and Whānau Wilton
Friday 11 April	Last Day of Term 1



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SPORTS UPDATE

Term one sports kicked off on Sunday with our two flippa ball teams playing in the local competition run by Tauranga Water Polo. Our year 3-4 team the SACS Makos had a great first game playing against Papamoa Storm Sharks. Many of the team had never played before, and it was awesome to see them all getting involved and enjoying themselves. The SACS Stingrays, (our year 5-6 mixed team), had a close game against the Tahatai Flyers and we look forward to seeing these two teams progress in the competition.



SACS MAKOS, Y 3-4 FLIPPA BALL

Rippa Rugby started on Friday and once again, Suzanne Aubert Catholic School was well represented with three teams in the Year 1-2 Grade, one in the year 3-4 grade and both a year 5 Boys team and a year 6 Mixed Team. Our team started the season well, with lots of enthusiasm and parent support. Thank you to all of our coaches and managers who have taken on these teams for the season.



SACS CHIEFS, Y 6 RIPPA RUGBY



SACS CRUSADERS, Y1-2 RIPPA RUGBY

TERM 1 SPORTS CALENDAR

DATES	EVENTS
Friday 7 March	Super Smash Cricket (Mixed)
Wednesday 12 March	Funky Fun Day (Year 1 - 2)
Wednesday 19 March	Boys Playing Sports (Year 4 - 6)
Friday 21 March	School Swimming Sports (Year 3 -6)
Tuesday 1 April	Papamoa Swimming Clusters (Year 5 - 6 Qualifiers)
Wednesday 2 April	Flag Football Festival (Year 5 - 6)
Wednesday 9 April	WBOP Swimming Clusters (Year 5 - 6 Qualifiers)

CRICKET SKILLS SESSIONS

Our year 4 -6 tamariki are lucky to have Jayleigh from Northern Brave Cricket at school this week giving them an introduction to cricket and running through some skills sessions. Our senior learners have the opportunity to play in the Super Smash Mixed Cricket tournament on Friday 7 March. If your child is interested in participating in this, please complete the **permission form here.**



LEARNING ADVENTURES

The students in Hikurangi had an amazing time last Friday during Learning adventures. The children were given a variety of cardboard boxes to use and they collaborated together to produce houses, castles, doll beds, an aeroplane and many other innovative creations. We are privileged to have Mrs Sue Bewley from Longworth Education supporting our junior team with their learning adventures programme.







LUNCHTIME FUN







ATTENDANCE

The Government's national campaign to address attendance across schools in Aotearoa New Zealand focuses on the importance of regular attendance to ensure our tamariki achieve the best possible outcomes in their learning. Part of this strategy is a continued target of **80% of students attending school 90% of term time**. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver alongside our school, you play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

STAR

The Government has introduced a **Stepped Attendance Response (STAR)** to provide guidance and support for schools in addressing student absence with early intervention. This includes a series of actions for students when they reach **thresholds of more than 5 days of absence per term (more than 10%)**. These actions will be tailored to the reason for the absence e.g. bereavement, sickness, holiday during term etc. The school will make contact with you if these actions affect your child.

Absence

As parents, it is critical that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like bereavement or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not considered by the Ministry of Education or our school Board as acceptable reasons for being absent and are recorded as unjustified absence. If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school through HERO including the reason for the absence. Alternatively, you can notify Maria in the office via email or phone.

At Suzanne Aubert, we record students' attendance for every half day they are at school. Our daily attendance is reported to the Ministry of Education for monitoring and statistical purposes. Absences are recorded using codes provided by the Ministry of Education and are separated into justified and unjustified. Please see the difference below:

- Justified Absence: Explained and approved absence due to medical illness, medical appointment, bereavement or special discretionary occasions such as a citizenship ceremony.
- **Unjustified Absence:** Unknown or explained but not approved absence due to holiday during term time or any other invalid reason
- **Please note:** If students are absent due to representing the school in a sports event or are offsite at a school arranged extra-curricular activity they will be recorded as present.

Sickness: Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can sometimes be challenging. Health NZ (Te Whatu Ora) have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to help make a decision. <u>Click the link here</u> for more information. If you are still unsure, please make contact with the school office.



School's important for your child's growth. Help them get there. **Don't miss it.** Regular attendance makes a big difference **Do the mahi, get the treats.** School helps you get to where you want to be

ATTENDANCE (continued)

As a school, we are updating our attendance strategy which aims to address the needs as identified in our 2024 attendance report data. This will require support from our school whānau so that we can address this important issue together. This strategy includes:

- Celebrating those students and families who are helping our school meet our targets through regular attendance (attending school more than 90% of the time).
- Closer monitoring of students with significant unjustified absence (attending school less than 90% of the time) and partnership with these families to improve overall attendance through the STAR approach
- Regular reporting of attendance data to our Suzanne Aubert community through school communications and social media
- Promoting the Government 'every day matters' vision. With a shift towards more structured learning in 2025 and a focus on mastery in literacy and maths, daily attendance is critically important. Research also highlights other social, emotional and wellbeing benefits of regular attendance.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, or have any questions, please get in contact with our leadership team. At Suzanne Aubert, we are committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance. If you would like to know more about school attendance, please click <u>here</u>. We are confident that together we can ensure all tamariki are at school to achieve the best possible outcomes in their learning.

MATHS NO PROBLEM - PARENT HUI

We have had a positive start to the implementation of our Maths No Problem program at Suzanne Aubert. This program aligns with the refreshed national Curriculum (Te Mataiaho) and is grounded in the science of learning. Maths No Probelm focuses on the mastery of a structured scope and sequence across all mathematical concepts and strands. It is based on the same cognitive science as our iDeal Structured Literacy program which is already familiar to our staff and learners. Maths No Problem modules integrate number knowledge, maths vocabulary, collaborative problem solving and practical investigations and are supported by student workbooks which you will see your child working in daily at school. If you would like to know more about Maths No Problem and how you can support your child at home, we will be hosting a parent info hui later this term. We encourage you to come and join us for a coffee and chat. In the meantime, please see the attached brochure for more information about Maths No Problem.

WHAT: Maths No Problem Parent Information Hui
DATE: Tuesday 11th March
TIME: 8:45-9:30am
WHERE: Staffroom





CAR PARK SAFETY 2025

At Suzanne Aubert, we want to ensure our learners and whānau are safe when coming to and from school. To support us with carpark safety, we would like to remind school whānau about the expected practices and additional measures to mitigate risk and ensure our learners are safe:



Drop and Go: Please see process above

Park and Walk: Please see process above

Signage: We are in the process of designing and installing new signage and road marking in the 'drop and go' zone to make expectations clear for all motorists and pedestrians.

Staff Carpark: You will notice that the staff are now using the car park closest to the school gate and office administration building. This is to reduce the risk of pedestrians crossing through the car park and cars reversing near the 'drop and go' zone during our busy period at drop off and pick up times.

Pedestrian Crossings: Please use the allocated pedestrian 'zebra' crossings at all times when you are walking through our carpark. It is important that we role model this behaviour to our own and other children.

Speed: Please drive slowly through our carpark and 'drop and go' zone. Motorists need to be aware of children walking, scootering and on bikes. Please also be aware of young preschoolers who often walk with their parents through our carpark pathways and crossings too.

Travel Safe Team: Our Year 5-6 Travel Safe leadership team work with our local Tauranga City Council educator every week to promote traffic safety. They will be educating our school in the coming weeks on the importance of this carpark safety message.

Together, it is important that we role model best practice to ensure that our tamariki are safe coming to and from school at Suzanne Aubert. Thank you for your care and ongoing support of our safety procedures and learning community. If you have any questions, please contact our leadership team.



Aubert Authors!

FAMILY FISHING Penelope Seuser (Year 1) I went fishing with my family.





THE BEST PART OF ME Zoey Braithwaite (Year 4)

THE BEST PART OF ME Cheyenne Higgs (Year 6)

My hair is wavy and long Cutting it is just wrong! I wash my hair once a week, but I have to be very meek. Some of the styles I do are rare. I try my best to give it care. My hair gets tangled when I swim at the beach and lit has never ever been bleached. My hair fades from brown to blond, my hair is nice, but there is much more beyond.



The best part of me is my heart, because it stores everything special. when someone gives me a compliment, it adds a little ?? It is red like a rose and pretty like my mum. Maybe it glows when I am having fun? It keeps my blood pumping to keep me alive. It jumps all around when the boys are drumming. But it drops when I see a beehive.

PIPS - VEG BABIES

PiPS gardening programme is back at our school this year, your child will have the opportunity to learn where their veggies come from, how to grow and eat them straight from the garden! If you want to keep this learning going at home, are keen to get a small year round veggie patch going but don't have a lot of time or knowledge, you might want to consider our monthly, to your door, seedling subscription. Designed for a 1 x 2.5 metre bed, it comes with weekly tips and tricks videos that keep you on track to produce a year round harvest for your family. All funds raised go towards keeping PiPS Charitable Trust thriving. Check out www.vegbabies.co.nz for info and to subscribe.



Check out a review from a local Mum who subscribes to Veg Babies: "We have been ordering seedlings from Veg Babies since they started. Our girls get really excited when the box arrives at the door, and cannot wait to open it up and get planting! Veg Babies send through instructional videos each week along with tips on how to keep the vegetable garden flourishing. They teach you how to grow lots of vegetables when the garden space is limited in size, and how to create more space when you think there's no room left. We've really enjoyed watching our garden grow over the summer and producing fresh vegetables. We recommend you give Veg Babies a try. You will not regret it."



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STAGE 2 BUILDING PROJECT

It has been incredibly exciting to watch the growth and progress of our new classroom learning hub over the last 6 months! The scaffolding has now come down and the team are putting the finishing touches to the interior to get it ready for our learners and kaiako to make it their new home. We are very grateful for the mahi, commitment and workmanship of Greg Dickey and the Watts and Hughes team who have turned this design into a reality for our school community. The hub is on track to be complete by mid March with handover for our learners to start in their new classrooms at the beginning of Term 2.



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