



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
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Message from our Tumuaki WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025

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

We are very quickly heading towards the end of another exciting year at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. It is a very special time of the year as we begin the journey of Advent and prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time for us to be grateful for our loved ones and the blessings we have and share the joy and peace of Christmas with others around us. As we head towards the closing chapter of another academic year, it is always heartening to reflect on some of the significant milestones this term.

- **School Growth:** Our last New Entrant cohort entry for 2024 has brought our closing school roll to 201 learners. It has been so positive to see our Catholic School in this beautiful Papamoa community grow to over 200 learners. We are excited that the Ministry of Education have provided approval to extend our roll maximum to 250 students in 2025.
- **Hub Development:** It has also been fascinating to watch the progress of our learning hub construction over the last few months. We are very impressed with the commitment and workmanship of Greg Dickey and his team from Watts and Hughes for their work on our new classroom block. This is scheduled to be complete mid March 2025 in time for the beginning of Term 2.
- **Colour Fun Run:** Our recent Colour Fun Run fundraiser was an engaging event to bring the community together through a fun colour-filled obstacle course. We were very impressed with the efforts of our school families who together raised over \$24,000 towards completing our senior playground. Many thanks to the Aubert Whānau Group for your organisation and our learners who worked hard to seek sponsorship.
- **Year 5-6 Camp:** Our Kopukairua learners recently attended senior camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimai Ranges. This was an incredible opportunity for our Y5-6 learners to demonstrate the 7Cs in the beauty of our natural physical environment. Many thanks to Ms Waddel and Mr Moolman for your organisation and to our camp parents for your awesome support!

Please enjoy this panui of highlights from our term so far.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)



AUBERT KIDS



Sophie, Lachie, Harper



Liam, Havana



Arden, Bruno, Isaac



Matthauss, Ethan



Brody, Brooklyn, Manrose, Reagan



Amariah, Giulia, Kayley



Sarah, Atli



Alessandra, Jack, Taya, George



Beau, Jack, Luke



Ariana, Isabelle

Congratulations to our recent Aubert Kid Award winners. These learners have demonstrated our 7 C's (Principles for Living and Learning) in their learning and friendships. They recently joined our staff for a special morning tea to celebrate their achievements.



GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY

On Friday, 25 October, we were delighted to host a wonderful Grandparents' and Grand Friend's Day celebration. We were thrilled to have such a large turnout of grandparents and grand friends join us for the morning. The celebration commenced with a lovely liturgy, led by Mr Mills, Mrs Mills and our tamariki. Following the liturgy, grandparents were taken by their grandchildren on a tour of their learning hubs, before finishing off with a shared picnic on the school turf. It was a wonderful occasion filled with laughter, stories, and delicious shared treats. Thank you to all the grandparents and grand friends who attended and made the day so special.



PRINCIPALS FOR THE DAY

On Friday, 'Mr and Miss Burton' were our Principals for the Day! They won this opportunity through the live auction at our recent Aubert Whānau Group Trivia Night. Isla and Lachie had an awesome day leading Celebration Hui, giving out Aubert Kid Awards, doing gate duty, writing for the newsletter, having morning tea with the staff and going out for lunch. They were wonderful Principals and we are very proud of them. They will make great leaders one day! Another important part of this opportunity is that they get to make a special decision for the school. The 'Principals' decided that in 2025, they will host a Superstar Day where the learners can dress up as their favourite sports star, movie star, pop star or superhero and we will play a variety of inclusive team building games like giant football. All funds raised on the day will go towards Blind Sport NZ which is a cause close to the heart of Isla and her family. We look forward to this event next year! Thanks Mr and Miss Burton!



ORANGE DAY

Our Year 6 Road Patrollers and Travel Safe team were treated to a fun day out to recognise their service to our school on road patrol and the great job that they do keeping our tamariki safe. Dressed in Orange, our learners attended a parade down Mount Main Street where they were awarded Highly Commended for their Traffic Safety banner. They then had a fun afternoon at Baywave. We are very grateful for these tamariki who commit to this leadership responsibility rain, hail or shine!



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

In the month of November we celebrated All Saints and All Souls day. These two special feast days open up a Month of Remembrance in the Church where we celebrate, pray for and remember those that have gone before us. Those that have joined the Communion of Saints in heaven and those that have died and are not yet Saints.

The learners in the Harakeke hub designed candles and wrote names of our faithful departed that have gone before them. The learners all enjoyed a beautiful Liturgy on Friday 1 November led by Mr and Mrs Mills. We have created a Memorial book for our Suzanne Aubert community with the names of those that have passed, and we prayed for these people over the month. Feel free to keep adding names for our prayers and share their memory with our extended Meri Hōhepa whanau.



The Communion of Saints are an inspiration for us all. The Saints came from all walks of life and lived in very different ways but they all inspire us with their faith and aspiration to be more like Jesus. We can look to the Saints for multiple ways to live and share a life of Faith with others. St. Joan of Arc led an army with no experience and St. Therese of Lisieux led a life of prayer and faith that gave us some of the greatest writing on prayer in the Church.

There are thousands more examples. Who are your favourite Saints? What did they do that inspires you? Click the [link here](#) to explore the lives of the many saints.



Here at Suzanne Aubert we can also look to our Patron the Blessed Meri Hōhepa who is on the way to being canonised in becoming a Saint with her life and legacy. Take time this month to have a look into the Saints, their life and times.

Advent Christmas Tree

Advent is here! To support the parish's Advent project the 'Giving Back Tree' we are now seeking donations of gifts for those less fortunate in our community. The presents will be given to St Vincent de Paul later in December and are distributed to families in need in our local community with a present drive. If you and your child / children would like to donate a gift, these can be placed under our Christmas Tree located in the school office. We are seeking toys, books, games, and non perishable food items. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Prayerful blessings,
Amie-Lee Mills



TERM DATES 2025

TERM	DATES
Term 1	Whanaungatanga Day - Monday 3 February
Term 1	Tuesday 4 February - Friday 11 April
Term 2	Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June
Term 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
Term 4	Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December



Sacramental Programme 2025

The Sacramental Programme will begin in (Term1) February 2025 for children that are Baptised Catholic to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Holy Communion. Children are required to be over the age of 8 years.

Parent Information & Enrolment evenings are on the following dates:

. Friday 6th December at 4pm

. Tuesday 10th December at 4pm and 6pm

(Parents only need to attend)

NB: Please bring along a copy of your child's Baptism certificate

If you require further information please

contact: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

Your paragraph text

FINAL CELEBRATION HUI Y6 GRADUATION & PRIZEGIVING



We will be hosting our Final Celebration Hui on:

WHEN: Tuesday 17 December at 5:30pm

WHERE: Golden Sands Baptist Church.

This is a special annual event to celebrate the end of year and includes liturgy, prize giving, Year 6 Graduation and special performances. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified from the office via email. All students are required to wear uniform and will be seated with their whānau classes. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate another wonderful year as our Suzanne Aubert learning community.

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE - YEAR 5 AND 6 SCHOOL CAMP

Our year 5 and 6 Kopukairoa learners, along with Ms Waddel, Mr Moolman and a number of enthusiastic parents set off for a three day camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge on Wednesday 13 November. With activities such as high ropes, archery, rafting, rock climbing, abseiling and laser tag, there was never a dull moment. The children all had a fabulous time and arrived back at school extremely tired but with many stories to tell. Lauren Price (Year 6) gives us her camp highlight below:

Suddenly I was walking down a path with a raft on my shoulder, the rocks crunching beneath my feet and gravel crunching on the way to the river and before we knew it we were at the river pushing the raft into the water. We were going through the safety rules. After the safety rules, we were in the water racing the boys. I heard shouting, the water pushing against the raft and water splashing on my face. Yay we were at the halfway line. Cheyenne jumped off to high five one of the parents. She hopped back on and we paddled as fast as we could. Yay, we got to the finish line - but no rest yet!

To finish we still had to untie the raft apart. We were untying the raft but the boys were catching up and they started to untie their raft too. We were giving up but we untied it as fast as we could. Yay we won against the boys. We were on the way back happy because we won, all I could hear was people talking about winning and my crocs squeaking. I was so happy because we got a swim in the river after the race to cool off it was so cold and refreshing. All that was on my mind was winning that race. It was so fun and that was the highlight of my camp.
by Lauren Price



MANGATAWA DAY CAMP

Our Mangatawa learners had an amazing time at our Year 3 - 4 Day Camp. They set up tents, cooked damper, toasted marshmallows, made sushi, and conquered team challenges and water activities.

Our learners worked collaboratively in their tribes, dressing up in their team colors and selecting team captains. A big shoutout to the Blue Tribe for winning the camp challenge and taking home a delicious chocolate prize! We couldn't have done it without our amazing parent helpers who volunteered their time to cook, set up, and clean up. Thank you for your support! We also want to thank the Aquinas College students who came to assist on Friday. Also, a huge thank you to the Aubert Whānau Group for the donation of sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle on Friday. We're already looking forward to our next adventure!





THE AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

It has been an incredibly busy term for our Aubert Whānau Group. With the term only just beginning, they organised a "Parent's Football Day" which was held after whānau mass on Sunday November 3rd. There was a large turnout of eager parents, keen to show their soccer skills and take part in a friendly Parents vs Teachers tournament. The yellow parents team won the trophy after a tough double round robin competition. Thanks to Leroy, Lisa, Rodney and Mr Moolman for all your organisation and preparation and providing prizes and juicies. Thanks also to Brendon Hannah from Ray White for your support and providing the yummy sausage sizzle. Watch this space for another fun parents vs teachers comp in Term 1 2025.



COLOUR FUN RUN

The next greatly anticipated event for the term, was our inaugural Colour Fun Run which was a great success. The weather was perfect, the learners had an absolute blast, and the community spirit was amazing. It was fantastic to see all of our learners getting involved and the joy they experienced running the obstacle course and getting sprayed with brightly coloured powder and water.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make it possible. A special shoutout to our Aubert Whānau group for organising such an amazing event and for all the parents who volunteered their time and energy to make it such a wonderful occasion. It is also important to acknowledge all of the families, friends, colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances of our school community who sponsored our children in the Colour Fun Run. For a school of our size to raise over **\$24,000** is truly outstanding. We are completely humbled.



Next on the calendar is our Twilight Advent Gala which will be held on **Thursday 12 December starting at 4pm**. Please see the flyer for more information.

SPORTS UPDATE

Our summer sports season is off to a fantastic start! With a total of 12 teams representing Suzanne Aubert Catholic School and participating in touch rugby, flippa ball, and rippa rugby, our students are diving into the action and having a blast. It's inspiring to see everyone getting involved and giving it their all. A big thank you to all our coaches and managers for allowing our tamariki to have this opportunity.



Year 3-4 Flippa Ball - SACS Makos



Year 3-4 Touch Rugby - SACS Flyers



Year 5-6 Flippa Ball - SACS Stingrays



Year 1 - 2 Rippa Rugby - SACS Hurricanes & Blues



WBOP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Marcus Chow who competed in the WBOP Primary Schools tennis tournament at Gordon Spratt on Wednesday 30 October. Marcus competed and came second place in the second division. Kia kaha Marcus.



WBOP TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

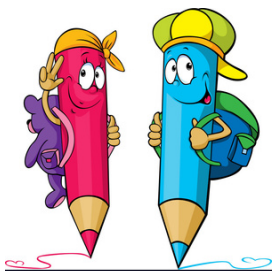
Our year 5 / 6 touch team the SACS Whatitiri competed in the Western Bay of Plenty Touch tournament this term. The team was undefeated, coming away with one win and three draws. As a result, the team ended up in 5th place. A great result and the team had a blast in the hot and humid conditions. Thanks to Phil Blackburn for coaching.



ATHLETICS DAY

What a fantastic Athletics Day we had on Wednesday 6 November. Our tamariki showed amazing courage, collaboration and resilience as they competed in all the athletic events, including high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, cricket ball throw and sprints. We're so proud of everyone's effort and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Moolman our Active Learning Leader for his amazing organisation and Deearn for her awesome photography skills.

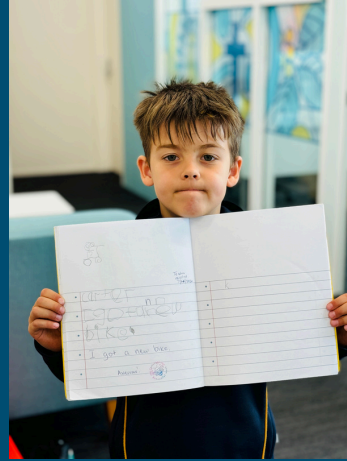




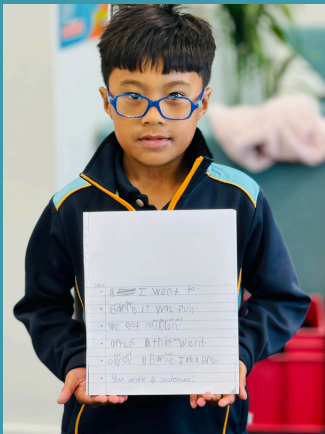
Aubert Authors!



My Weekend
Isla Dagg (Year 1)
I went to the lake.
I went in the pool.



My New Bike
Carter Draper (Year 1)
I got a new bike.



Bayfair
Braxton Vergara-Walters (Year 2)
I went to Bayfair. It was fun.
We got McDonalds and after that
we went out of Bayfair.
I ate a burger.

Granny
Poem by Lilly McGill (Year 3)

Granny
Stedfast, Caring
Smiling, Hugging, Laughing
Adorable like an otter
Lois





JOIN US OUR

Christmas SCHOOL GALA

12TH DECEMBER

4pm - 6.30pm

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GAMES ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

CLASS STALLS

GOLD
COIN
FOR
ENTRY

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policies and procedures are important foundation documents to guide governance, management and operations of a school. At Suzanne Aubert, we use SchoolDocs as a portal to host these policies & procedures. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. They can be accessed via School Docs:

- 1) Click on the link to School Docs [here](#)
- 2) Search for Suzanne Aubert
- 3) Enter the username: suzanneaubert
- 4) Enter the password: empower
- 5) Use the left hand menu or search bar to locate the policies of interest



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GRANDPARENTS AND GRAND FRIENDS DAY



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ATHLETICS DAY



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NGAMUWAHINE LODGE - YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP



COLOUR FUN RUN





PARKOUR PROGRAMME

18TH DEC 2024-31ST JAN 2025

Kick off the school holidays at our action packed Parkour holiday programme. Your child will be on the move all day!

WHAT TO BRING



Please bring shoes, a drink bottle and lots of food for the day. Your child will be active all day.

Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
Hanging Around Hanging around on the bars Christmas Crafts - globe & decoration making	Potion Making Warped wall - master wall running Shower fizz or Sherbet	Kaleidoscope of colours Tramp & Mini Tramp Christmas lollipop making & decorating
Mon 6th	Tues 7th	Weds 8th
Circus Vaults - vaults over lots of things! Mini circus challenges	Kart Day Learn to compete in a speed run! Kart Making	Boot Camp Flipping - learn any flips Obstacle course & Speed run
Mon 13th	Tues 14th	Weds 15th
Time Zone Mastering parkour rolling Time Zone Games with prizes	Villains Mastering Freestyle Parkour Capture the flag with a twist	Solve it! The Parkour Challenge Arts & Crafts
Mon 20th	Tues 21st	Weds 22nd
Paint Day Learn all about parkour wall hangs Outdoor Painting	Fun Run Rolling, swinging and flipping on bar Colour run relays	Competition Day Speed run & Freestyle mini comps Compete your routines
Thurs 9th	Fri 10th	Fri 17th
Candyland Backwards speed runs! Candyland challenges	Under the Sea Forwards & backwards skills Water games & play	Summer fun Vaults & Flow - combining skills Fun games - indoor & out
Thurs 16th	Fri 17th	Fri 24th
Spish Splash Landings, precisions & drops Water games & play	Summer fun Vaults & Flow - combining skills Fun games - indoor & out	Lemonade Day Flipping - learn any flips Making Lemonade

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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Kick off the school holidays at our action packed Gymnastics holiday programme. Your child will be on the move all day!

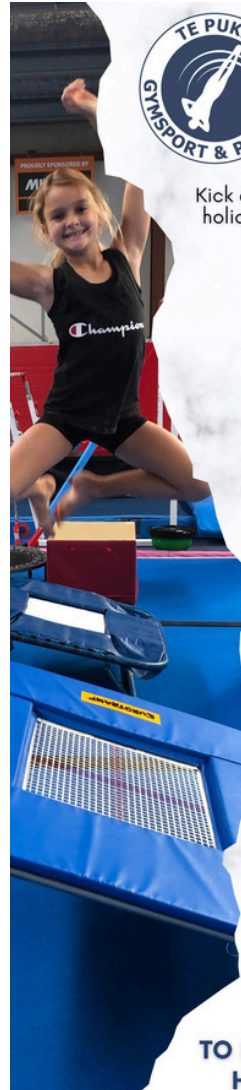
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Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
Hanging Around Hanging on bars, rings, ropes, bars Christmas Crafts - globe & decoration making	Potion Making Leaps & turns with a bit of dance Shower fizz or Sherbet	Kaleidoscope of colours Forwards & backwards rolls to flips Christmas lollipop making & decorating
Weds 6th	Weds 7th	Weds 8th
Circus Give rhythmic a try - ball, hoop, ribbon Mini circus challenges	Kart Day All kinds of vaults - learn power & speed Kart Making	Boot Camp Conditioning challenges Obstacle course & Speed run
Mon 13th	Tues 14th	Weds 15th
Time Zone Vaulting, Mini Tramp & Tramp Time Zone with Prizes	Villains Handstands & round offs Capture the flag with a twist	Solve it! Pair balances & beam Arts & Crafts
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Paint Day Acro Skills Outdoor Painting	Fun Run Rolling, swinging and flipping on bar Colour run relays	Competition Day Connecting skills and learning routines Compete your routines
Thurs 9th	Fri 10th	Fri 17th
Candyland Give it all a go! Candyland challenges	Under the Sea All floor skills Water games & play	Summer fun Front & back handstands Fun games - indoor & out
Thurs 16th	Fri 17th	Fri 24th
Spish Splash Swings & circle ups - bar skills Water games & play	Summer fun Front & back handstands Fun games - indoor & out	Lemonade Day Gymnastics & ballet on floor & beam Making Lemonade

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Parents, you are welcome to stay and watch your child surf, cheer and take photos, or feel free to take advantage of this time to grab a coffee with friends, check out the shops in town, or relax on the beach. Your kids will be well looked after, burn off some energy, have lots of fun and learn valuable ocean and surfing skills.