

The Aubert Oracle



Message from our Tumuaki

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Kia ora koutou e te whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. We reached the end of our third term of 2025 and it was an exciting term of learning as we engaged in our inquiry focus on **Nature's Tiny Helpers**. This science and arts inquiry connected with many of our school values the 7Cs but had a particular focus on curiosity and collaboration. I was very proud of all our learners and our wonderful team of kaiako who all worked incredibly hard to celebrate this learning inquiry together. While there were many highlights, here a few to reflect on:

- **New Entrant Roll Growth:** We are very blessed to have had Miss Thornton join our team last term and it has been exciting to see her New Entrant class grow. These new learners have shown wonderful courage as they have adapted to their new school environment.
- **Kapa Haka:** It has been positive to see our Aubert Kapa Haka being established this term under the leadership of Matua Tumanako Farrell. It was exciting to see our learners and staff grow in their knowledge of Te Ao Maori including Te Reo, tikanga, haka, karakia and waiata. We look forward to establishing our formal Kapa Haka Roopu this coming term who will represent our school at future events and celebrations.
- **Pompallier Centre:** It has been exciting to see the progress last term with our multi-purpose space 'The Pompallier Centre'. The roof is on, the lining and cladding is going up and the wiring is getting installed. It is on track to be complete by early December. The Pompallier centre is going to be a positive and state of the art facility for our school, parish and wider local community.
- **Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:** It was heartwarming to see so many of our precious grandparents and grandfriends come to celebrate this special day. Our learners connected with their grandies, presented their learning, shared in a beautiful lunch and created special memories.
- Aubert's Got Talent: We had 27 acts enter into our annual Aubert's Got Talent competition last term. We were so proud to see the courage of our learners as they shared their talents with the school audience through the performing arts. A special congratulations to our finalists who represented the school at Papamoa's Got Talent: Zoey Dewing, Kayley Badenhorst, Lauren Hutchinson and our Hitmen Fuse drummers Clay, Elijah, Harrison and Ollie.
- Aubert Choir: It was exciting to see the Aubert choir represent our school at the Tauranga Music Festival last term. Under the guidance of Mrs James they performed with courage, collaboration and creativity on the Baycourt stage!

Wishing all our school whānau a very blessed and relaxing school holidays with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back for an exciting final term of 2025!

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)



HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

We are excited to have welcomed nine New Entrant learners to Suzanne Aubert Catholic School in Term 3. These learners have all joined Whānau Thornton in the Hikurangi team. We also welcomed Jordie who has recently moved back to New Zealand from the Gold Coast. Jordie has joined Whānau Wilton in Mangatawa.











Noé

Margot

Lucas

Coby

Levi











Isabella

Billie

Chloe

Matilda

Jordie

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 and procedures. These documents are for the Board, staff and school community. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. Please spend some time reading and becoming familiar with them. They can be accessed via School Docs:

- 1) Click on the link to School Docs here
- 2) Search for Suzanne Aubert Catholic School
- 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

Policy Review

As school whānau, you have an opportunity to contribute to the review process of these policies. This appears in the 'Current Review' tab along the top menu bar. To provide feedback about policies within a review cycle, click the red magnifying glass icon and follow the instructions for adding your feedback. This data is sent through to the leadership team and Board for subsequent review.

This term the following policies are scheduled for review:

- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Child Protection
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

1st Day of Term 4 - Monday 6 October

AUBERT KID AWARDS

At Suzanne Aubert we promote our school values (the 7C's). Our learners aim to demonstrate these principles in their learning and their relationships with others by being: (1) Christlike, (2) Compassionate, (3) Curious, (4) Collaborative, (5) Creative, (6) Connected and (7) Courageous. Congratulations to the students below who all received awards at our latest Celebration. Hui.



Lachie, Noé, Tristan



Addison, Ashton, Isla



Brooke, Luke, Sarah, Maddy



Brooklyn, Billie, Lucas



Isaac, Elise, Willa



Imogen, Lucy, Sadie



Mila, Trevor, Coby



Ruairidh, Archer, Alyssa



Isabella, Tori, Mateo

This term we had an extra special Aubert Kid's Morning tea. Our learners who had recently received Aubert Kid Awards for demonstrating our 7Cs were treated to morning tea provided by Nandos Mount Maunganui. Each child received their own little picnic box with a burger, chips and chicken wings. There was even enough left over for the teachers. A big thank you to Simon and the team at Nando's for their amazing generosity!

















Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

Kia Ora Whānau,

I wanted to share a reflection with you all and update you on some of the wonderful work happening in our school community.

Mary, the Mother of our Church, is a saint I admire the most. She lived so many different roles in her lifetime, and when she was asked to do something I struggle to comprehend, she said 'Yes' with complete faith and no doubt. Mary is an incredible role model for us all, showing us how to look out for the good of others, as we see in the story of the Wedding at Cana. She stood strong and faithful during hardship, staying at the foot of the cross, and as an ordinary woman, she became the mother of our Church. Her example of humility, courage, and faith is a beautiful guide for us all at this time as we approach October - the Month of the Holy Rosary.



Our Community in Action

Our Young Vinnies team has been busy planning a very special collection for the winter. To help Tauranga's homeless this term, they have been gathering beanies, backpacks, gloves, scarves, and blankets for our Winter Drive. We want to extend a massive thank you to our incredibly generous school families for the wonderful donations! Your support for Winter drive has been our overwhelming. All of these items have been donated directly to families and the homeless in our community who need them most. These small acts of kindness make a huge difference, and you have shown our tamariki what it means to be a caring and compassionate community.

As Suzanne Aubert once said, "Above all things, let us be kind." Her mission was to help the poor and the sick, and through your kindness, you are helping us be a shining light just as she was.



Our Special Character Kaiarahi team worked hard over Term 3 towards a variety of projects. One recent highlight was when they cooked a huge batch of butter chicken to add to our school freezer. These meals are available for families in need. Please reach out to me or the Aubert Whānau Group if you know of a family who could use some support. We are here to help in any way we can.



A Resource for Your Family



I also wanted to share a resource that my own family has loved. FORMED.ORG is an amazing site to explore for videos, stories, and prompts to support with prayer and deepening your faith. We are blessed enough to be able to use the Parish's account to sign in and access these resources.

There are many options available on the site, including a streaming channel dedicated to kids. All you need to do is follow these simple instructions:

- 1.Go to www.formed.org/signup
- 2. Type in All Saints by the Sea Parish
- 3.Create a new account.
- 4. Use the Parish Code: GNQDK3

You just need to register your own details to have access to everything.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amie-Lee Mills Director of Religious Studies

GRAND PARENTS AND GRAND FRIENDS DAY

Last term we celebrated Grandparents and Grandfriends Day. This is an annual celebration to acknowledge the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim who were Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. It was a special day to connect with our grandparents and grandfriends who travelled from afar to be with us. We celebrated prayer liturgies, shared learning from this term and enjoyed a shared lunch. The photo booth proved to be very popular with many families creating special memorable moments together!

Many thanks to Deearn for your awesome photography. Thanks to Megan from Hands on Tauranga for supplying a wealth of fun artefacts from the Tauranga Museum Collection, which we used for our photo props. Thanks to the Aubert Whānau Group for supporting the raffle and shared lunch. We really appreciate your generous support!



















PAPAMOA'S GOT TALENT

We are so proud of our amazing tamariki who shone so brightly on the stage at Papamoa's Got Talent recently. Congratulations to Kayely who graced the stage with her own beautiful and unique dance. To Zoey for her super creative and fun balloon dance. To Lauren, who took home the Emerging Talent Award with her sharp and energetic jazz dance. And to our incredible Hitmen Fuse drummers – Elijah, Clay, Ollie & Harrison who wowed the crowd and won Best Musical Instrument Performance!

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported our tamariki, got them to rehearsals, and cheered them on. It was also awesome to see so many of our Suzanne Aubert whānau in the audience too. Ka pai team – you were AMAZING!









AUBERT'S GOT TALENT

What an incredible day of talent, courage, and creativity witnessed at our own Suzanne Aubert's Got Talent performance! It was truly amazing to see all the incredible abilities our tamariki shared with the kura. Thank you to all our wonderful families for supporting your children and helping them get to this place. A huge thank you also to our fantastic panel of judges: Maria Mooney, Quintin Moolman, and Dani Archer. We know it must have been a very difficult choice! We would like to congratulate our four top acts who made it through to compete Pāpāmoa's Got Talent.















Our top acts were

- Kayley, with her stunning dance solo
- Zoey, with her creative solo dance
- Lauren, with her amazing jazz dance solo
- Our very own Fuse drumming group, The Hitmen—Elijah, Clay, Harrison, and Ollie

BOARD SHORTS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUZANNE AUBERT BOARD

Kia ora learners, family and whānau,

As we end Term 3, it's a great moment to share a few updates from your School Board. Our kura is now in its fifth year, and we've just completed our first operational review by the Education Review Office (ERO). Feedback was highly complementary, and we are now able to publish the final report. We'd like to acknowledge the outstanding effort by our senior leadership team, and teaching staff, in preparing for this important milestone — their mahi was recognised by the ERO reviewers.

School Board Elections: Thank you to all the candidates who stood in the elections and who were willing to put themselves forward to support the school community. Thank you also to all school whānau for voting - we really appreciate your support as voters!

Gratitude and Acknowledgement: We extend heartfelt thanks to our outgoing board members, whose contributions have strengthened our school's foundation. Your leadership and dedication have left a wonderful legacy. Highlights include:

- Enhanced health, safety and wellbeing practices, including a comprehensive gap analysis and mid-year review with progress update and plan forward
- Three full years of policy development and review through our Policy Committee, with many improvements adopted school-wide

Policy Review - Your Voice Matters: This term, we invite your feedback on policies currently under review:

- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Child Protection
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

Community insight helps shape practical and thoughtful approaches for our kura. We'll keep you updated in future terms as the policies cycle through the review process.

Student Achievement Update: We've recently reviewed mid-year progress and achievement data — the first under the new revised curriculum. While comparisons to previous years are challenging due to the change, we've previously seen value in reporting student progress alongside achievement. Though not formally required, we plan to recommence this approach in our end-of-year reporting, as it offers richer insights into learning journeys.

Exciting Developments on Campus: It's been fantastic to welcome our new Pohutukawa learning hub this year, and we're eagerly anticipating the completion of the new multi-purpose space later in the year. This facility will bring opportunities to gather and celebrate through music, performing arts, and cultural expression. Funding opportunities for the fit-out are underway, and we are incredibly grateful for the very generous support we have received from school families and businesses so far.

As always, thank you to everyone who organises and attends school events, fundraisers, and whānau gatherings. Your time and energy continue to strengthen the bonds across our school community.

Ngā mihi nui, Rodney Phillips Presiding Member Suzanne Aubert Catholic School Board



THE AUBERT WHANAU GROUP

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the whānau survey last term. The top fundraising priority selected was shade systems, which aligns with the intentions of both the Board and the Aubert Whānau group.

Our fundraising for the remainder of the year will be focused on short, medium, and long-term goals:

Short term:

- A loose parts shed for outdoor play equipment has already been funded through last term's Knowledge-a-thon.
- Proceeds from this term's Chocolate Fundraiser will go towards a new basketball hoop for the Pompallier Centre

Medium term:

• Funds raised from the Bingo Night, Disco, and grant applications will contribute towards a new Sandscape for play.

Long term:

• Shade systems for over playgrounds, sandscape and eating areas.

Pastoral Care

Do you know someone in our school community who may need support? Please reach out if you're aware of a family in need. aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and involvement – every bit of support makes a difference for our tamariki. Stay tuned for Term 4 events.

If you'd like to get involved with the Aubert Whānau Group or have any questions, email us at <u>aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz</u>

Term 3 Fundraising Activities

It has been a busy term for our Aubert Whānau Group with a number of activities taking place, including a Winter Wonderland Disco, Chocolate Fundraiser, pizza / sausage sizzle lunches and the Bloom and Bingo night

Winter Wonderland Disco!

The Winter Wonderland Disco was a big hit with our tamariki. It was great to see them all on the dance floor, enjoying the music played by our very own DJ AIMZ. We had some incredible displays of dancing skills and the children loved all the colourful glow toys available to purchase. There were some awesome costumes on display as well, with a special mention to our Dancing Gorilla and Disco Penguin.



Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone for getting behind the chocolate fundraiser and selling chocolates. Almost \$4,000 was raised to go towards installing a retractable basketball hoop in the Multi Purpose Hall the Pompallier Centre.

Bloom and Bingo Night

Our Bloom and Bingo Night was a fantastic evening with a big turnout from our school community. The Aubert Whānau Group did an amazing job with the organisation, and there were some incredible prizes up for grabs. A massive thank you to the many generous families and local businesses who donated towards these prizes – the raffles were especially popular!

In addition to our amazing Whānau Group and sponsors, we would also like to thank Gavin Bisman, our brilliant MC, Simon for his enthusiastic bingo calling, Wayne Oliver from Ray White for being our auctioneer, Rata for her photography and the Pap House for being such a welcoming and hospitable venue. In addition, we would like to thank Brendon Hannah for his ongoing support of our school's fundraising ventures

It was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming together to support the school. Thank you once again to everyone involved for making the night such a memorable and successful event.

























SPORTS UPDATE

It was a great term of winter sports with our netballers and basketballers playing with great energy and determination. With a total of 6 netball teams and 3 basketball teams playing in the local

competitions, Suzanne Aubert was well represented.

Earlier in the term, Tauranga Netball held Western Bay of Plenty Netball tournaments for teams from years 4 to 8. Our year 6 team, SACS Magic played on July 23rd, winning all their games bar one and coming away in second place in their division. Our year 3 / 4 had the opportunity to play a couple of weeks later, along with our four year 5 students who are part of the Te Manawa o Papamoa and Suzanne Aubert mixed Year 5 team.









The SACS Celtics Year 5/6 Basketball Team finished the season on a high, with a great win! It has been a great building season this year, with most of the team being Year 5 so adapting to a step up from last season, and it has been awesome to see all the boys improve their skills each week and gain confidence to transfer what they learn at practice into the games! The last 3 games everything fell into place and the boys got their games on and finished the season with a late flurry, winning 3 from 3! A massive thanks to Sa Luatua for coaching the team and to all the parents for their support with not only getting boys to training and games, but helping out when required when Sa was unavailable and for scoring.

Bring on the 2026 season!

The SACS Mystics netball team had an amazing season improving their skills under the excellent and caring guidance of our wonderful coach Jen North. They worked so well as a team, supporting each other on the court and from the sidelines when on the bench. Everyone had a standout season - it's amazing to see how much they have developed and to see first hand how much they just love playing the game!

Our year 3 / 4 basketball team, the SACS Breakers, had a fabulous season, making the finals of the C grade. It was a tight game with our boys giving it their all, but ending up with a 4-6 loss. Second place is an amazing achievement. A big thank you to Elspeth who has coached the team throughout the season.













SPORTS UPDATE

SACS Magic played in their grade final at the end of the season, going down 9-10 to GSS Magic at the final whistle. They were trailing 3-9 at the start of final quarter and thanks to great teamwork and sharp shooting; they scored 6 goals in the last quarter to be so close to taking the win.

The team had the best attitude with laughs when things didn't go as hoped and cheering each other on when things went well. They were also missing Tūi and Zoey for the final.

A huge thank you to Taryn and Kim for another season of outstanding coaching and incredible development of our girls in their netball skills, but also their really important soft skills. The girls trained hard all season, played like a true team and are very proud to take home the trophy for second, in their final year playing together at SACS.



Te Puke Gymsport Competition

Our gymnastics squad took part in the annual Te Puke Gymsport School Festival, competing alongside 95 Year 3-4 athletes representing twelve Western Bay of Plenty schools in a variety of gymsport codes. They displayed great courage as they stepped onto the competition floor, and collaboration as they cheered each other on. We came away with amazing results, proving once again that Suzanne Aubert gymnasts are amongst the top in the region!

Tumble

- Mila 1st Place
- Esmée 2nd Place

Flyers - Novice Artistic Gymnastics

- Lucy Rutgers 2nd overall
- Suzanne Aubert 1 (Milly, Havana, Quinn, Lucy) 3rd team
- Suzanne Aubert 2 (Kylie, Ella C., Ella G.) 4th team

Elementary - Competitive Artistic Gymnastics

- Esmée 2nd overall
- Mila 3rd overall











Aubert Authors!

Maddie Egan (Year 0)

I went to the snow.



Noah Saglia (Year 1)

The bouncy castle was fun.



Brooklyn Buresova (Year 1)

I went to my cousin's house.



Gwen Baars (Year 1)

On the weekend I went to Fiji. I had a birthday on the plane.



A poem by Atli Perrott (Year 6)

I heard the wheels rolling while I was going fast
I heard lots of kids having fun and talking
I saw my friends on their scooters having a good time
I felt the air on my body while I was riding
I felt the scooter deck spinning in the air
I wondered if I could do a tail whip?
I wondered if I would hurt myself?



SPEECHES

This term, our students have been developing their public speaking skills, and it was great to see them present their speeches in front of their classmates. Thank you to Mr. Piermarini and Mrs. Mooney for judging. Congratulations to our winners, Imogen Rutgers and Harrison James, who represented our Year 5 and 6 whānau at the clusters event.



RDA BOOTS DAY

Tauranga Riding for the Disabled (RDA) held their annual Boots Day to raise funds for their equestrian therapy programs earlier in the term. Here at Suzanne Aubert we recognised this great charity and our tamariki and kaiako came to school wearing their blinged up boots. Each class voted and chose a winning pair of boots. Mr Mills was also judged a winner for his spectacular, "Nature's Engineers" themed boots. The winners all won a chocolate bar (to coincide with our chocolate selling fundraiser). We are excited to say that we raised \$244 which has been donated to RDA.





































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Teacher in the Paddock offers an after school programme where children can be with nature, the farm and family life. Albie and Violet were lucky to be there this week during lambing season and had the chance to feed a baby lamb.

KEY DATES



TERM 4 2025

DATES	EVENTS
Monday 6 October	1st Day of Term 4
Friday 10 October	Hotdog sales for lunch - Aubert Whānau Group
Wednesday 15 October	BOT Meeting
Thursday 16 October	NZ Shakeout 2025 - Earthquake Drill and Tsunami Hikoi at 9.30am
Sunday 19 October	Whānau Mass - Whānau Zillwood and Mills (8.30am)
Wednesday 22 October	Northern Districts Cricket Gathering and Sausage Sizzle at school (2pm)
Thursday 23 October	National NZEI Primary Teachers and Principals Strike Action (School is closed)
Monday 27 October	Labour Day - Public Holiday (School is closed)
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Oct	Year 5 and 6 Camp at Ngamuwahine
Sunday 2 November	All Souls Day Whānau Mass - Whānau Pachoud and Wilton (8.30am)
Sunday 2 November	Parents vs Teachers Touch Tournament (after Mass at 10:30am)
Tuesday 4 November	Young Vinnies Off Site Leadership Meeting, 8.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 5 November	School Athletics Day and Sausage Sizzle
Friday 7 November	School Athletics (Postponment Day)
Tuesday 11 November	Athletics Clusters
Wednesday 12 November	Beach Education - Mangatawa (Year 2 and 3)
Wednesday 12 November	BOT Meeting
Thursday 13 November	Athletics Clusters (Postponment Day)
Sunday 16 November	Whānau Mass - Whānau Newlands, Waddel and Cartwright (8.30am)
Wednesday 19 November	New Parent Orientation Session, 9am - 10.30am
Thursday 27 November	Orange Day (Travel Safe team and Road Patrollers)
Sunday 30 November	Whānau Mass - Whānau Moolman and Thornton (8.30am)
Wednesday 3 December	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 17 December	Last Day of Term (School Finishes at Midday)
Dates to be confirmed	 Pompallier Centre - Blessing and Opening Final Celebration Hui - Graduation and Prizegiving Advent Twilight Market

GRANDPARENTS DAY - OUR TAMARIKI HAVING FUN IN THE YESTERYEAR































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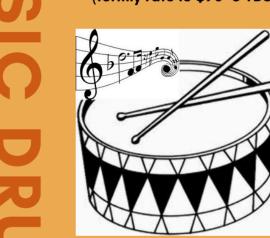






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