



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
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Message from our Tumuaki

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of Term 4! It has been an exciting and memorable final term of learning for 2025. Our roll continues to grow as we welcome new learners and families to our learning community. This term, it has been positive to see our tamariki immersed in our learning inquiry 'My Sacred Self' where they have been exploring how they are made in God's image and likeness. They have been learning about the human body and its functions, body hygiene, managing emotions and keeping safe in the community. Some other recent highlights from this term are:

- **Pompallier Centre:** It has been exciting to see the progress and development of our multi-purpose facility the 'Pompallier Centre' this term. The contractors are adding the footpaths and fencing and the final fitout is currently being completed inside the building. Completion is not due until mid to late December so our official blessing and opening will take place early in Term 1. We will keep you posted about date and details in due course.
- **All Saints and All Souls:** This term we launched the month of November with our All Saints and All Souls Liturgy to acknowledge our faithful departed who are in eternal rest with God in Heaven. Thanks to those families that supported our liturgy and annual Memorial Book of Remembrance.
- **Year 5-6 Camp:** Our Year 5-6 learners had a positive annual camp experience at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimai Ranges this term. This was an awesome opportunity to demonstrate our values of courage, collaboration and compassion while participating in a range of exciting challenges including bush walks, high ropes, rock climbing, abseiling, zipline, kayaking, rafting and laser tag.
- **Athletics:** It was great to see our learners demonstrate courage, collaboration and a competitive spirit at our schoolwide athletics competition this term. This was a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to showcase the running, jumping and throwing skills they have been developing as part of our PE programme.
- **Principals for the Day:** This term saw the Cartwright whānau (Joe, Brodie and Ella) step up to the challenge of being Principals for the Day. They had this opportunity through winning the auction at our Term 3 Bingo Night. Our 'Principals' did a wonderful job leading our school Celebration Hui, handing out awards and supporting Mr Mills with leadership responsibilities.

Please enjoy this panui which includes important updates, information and highlights about our school in Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)



HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

We are excited to have welcomed eight new learners to Suzanne Aubert Catholic School at the beginning of Term 4 and three new learners this week. Seven learners have joined Whānau Thornton in Hikurangi and three learners have started in Mangatawa and Kopukairoa. We are also thrilled to welcome back Monroe who has returned to Suzanne Aubert after a couple of years living in Auckland. Nau mai haere mai e te whānau.



James



Tristan



Ayla



Clint



Dusty



Brooklyn



Jackson



Dusty



Beau



Layla



Monroe

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: susanneaubert
- 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 a regular 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.

In Term 4, the following policies are under review:

- Bullying and harassment
- Behaviour management
- Searches, surrender and retention of property
- Minimising physical restraint
- Stand down, suspension and exclusion
- Staff wellbeing and safety

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.



Lui, Leon, Levi



Gustavo, Cloud, Isaac



Ella, Cheyenne, Olly



Isla, Dusty, Tahlia



Mila-Rose, Tatum, Alfie



Brooke, Hailee, Xavier (abs)

Our "Aubert Kids" were very spoiled on Friday when they joined the staff for a delicious morning tea provided by **Nando's Bayfair**. Each child received their own little picnic of a chicken burger and chips and the staff were also lucky to be provided some yummy chicken wings and chips. A big thank you to Nandos Bayfair and to Simon McGill for organising. It is certainly worth living up to our "7 Cs!"





Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

Kia Ora Whānau,

This month opened with the celebration of 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 children enjoyed a beautiful Liturgy on Monday. We have created a Memorial book for our Suzanne Aubert community with the names of those that have passed, and we will continue to pray for these people over the month. Feel free to keep adding names for our prayers and share these amazing people with our extended Meri Hōhepa whānau.

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 life 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, 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 and it is well worth an online search to find out about their inspirational circumstances, faith and life. 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 becoming a Saint with her life and legacy. Take time this month to have a look into the Saints and their lives.



Giving Back Christmas Tree

Advent is coming! To support the parish's Advent project the 'Giving Back Tree' we are collecting presents this month for those less fortunate. The presents will be given to St Vincent de Paul later in December and are distributed to families in need in our local community. We have begun collecting presents and these can be placed under the Christmas Tree which is now up in the administration block. If you are able, we encourage you to please donate new toys, books, games and non-perishable treat food. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Sacramental Programme 2026

Parents you are invited to enrol your children into the Sacramental Programme beginning in February 2026.

Children who are Baptised catholic and over the age of 8 years who have not yet received Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin their lessons on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

Parent Information & Enrolment Evenings

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 7pm

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER at 7pm

(These enrolment evenings will be held at St Thomas More church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd.)

Note: Parents only need to attend ONE of these evenings to enrol their children. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

If you require further information please contact:

Heidi at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE - YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Our Year 5 and 6 tamariki had an incredible time on school camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimais recently. Some of the amazing activities included kayaking, rock climbing, rafting, zip lining, archery, and even laser tag. Our tamariki also had loads of fun competing in team challenges against their peers. A real highlight was groups performing their own skits. Even some of our parent helpers performed and there was plenty of laughter, creativity, and fun all around! A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers, and the staff at Ngamuwahine who've made this experience possible. What an amazing adventure and a week full of memories our tamariki will never forget! One of our year six learners, Isaac Francis, shares his experiences below:

Camp 2025

Breathing heavily, as I walked to the flying fox my legs felt like jelly. It really felt like I was going to pass out. I was the fourth person in my group to do it. Well I was watching my group up top of the flying fox. I really didn't want to do it but then I got told it was me next.

Climbing up the ladder slowly my heart felt like 100 drums beating at once. Everyone started cheering me on and the instructor said I was nearly up top and that's when I was about to do the impossible for me.

The instructor told me to go, my hands were sweating then I jumped. I screamed for about 10 seconds and then I felt the air on my face which made me calm down. It felt like I just put a fan in front of my face. Well, I was going down the flying fox.

I did it! I didn't believe I could. Then I did it two more times doing really fun actions in the air. I was really really proud of myself after I did it because I would never have done it ever but it was my last year I got to enjoy it.

When it was bedtime, I felt so proud I nearly couldn't sleep because I was so so happy.



YEAR FOUR DAY CAMP

What a day of excitement, collaboration, and problem-solving for the Year 4 students at their Day Camp on Friday! The morning started with an Egg Drop Challenge, where groups of students had to design and build a protective capsule from limited materials. Their ingenuity was amazing—a massive 8 out of the 10 groups had a successful, un-cracked landing! Following that there was an Amazing Race! Students, in groups of five, completed a variety of 10-minute challenges, earning points. The Cup and Claw challenge demonstrated just how well they can collaborate to achieve success. The afternoon was all about getting wet and cooling off with the slippery slide, water gun play, and sponge relays! A huge thank you to all the students for their energy, and a special shout-out to our fantastic helpers: Linda Oxenham, Sammy Jarvis, and Manserrat. We couldn't have done it without you! We are proud of every student for their enthusiasm and positive attitude!



NORTHERN BRAVE VISIT

Thanks to the Cartwright Family and Aubert Whānau Group, our Kura was delighted to have six players from the North District Cricket Northern Brave Women's and Men's teams visit earlier this term. Our tamariki had the opportunity to ask the players questions about their cricketing experiences and found it very interesting that even professional cricketers enjoy ice cream and chocolate!

Following the Q&A session, the Cartwright family, who won an auction at our recent Bingo Night, got to face off against the Northern Brave players and the Suzanne Aubert Whānau were thrilled to see a couple of sixes soar right out of the school grounds! Joe also showed off his bowling skills with his classmates and the pros loudly cheering him on. The ND players then joined our learners for some cricket skills rotations, offering tips, encouragement, and plenty of high-fives along the way. It was a fabulous and fun afternoon for everyone involved!

A huge thank you to Fergus Lellman and Robbie O'Donnell from the Northern Brave Men's team, and Tash Wakelin, Kayley Knight, Nensi Patel, and Holly Topp from the Northern Brave Women's team for generously giving up their time to visit our school — we're sure there will be a few more young cricketers signing up this season.



MANGATAWA BEACH EDUCATION TRIP

What an AMAZING day for the tamariki of Mangatawa at Pāpāmoa Beach! A huge thank you to the awesome team at the Pāpāmoa Surf Club for hosting our Beach Education day. We had a full day packed with fun and absolutely vital learning, including lots of great tips on how to keep ourselves safe at the beach. The learners putting their knowledge into action by creating and performing hilarious safety dramas and an epic sand building competition (the creativity was next level!). Capping it all off was a well-deserved and supervised swim in the ocean!

A massive, heartfelt SHOUT OUT to all the incredible parents who helped make this trip happen. Whether you were driving the cars, helping with supervision, or jumping right into the water with us- your time, energy, and support mean the world! We truly couldn't do this without our amazing village.



ATHLETICS DAY

We could not have asked for better weather on 5 November for our school athletics day. The sun was shining as our learners, staff and parents gathered in the morning for our 60m and 100m sprint races. There were some tightly fought races, including the parent / teacher race where Mrs Mills and Whaea Vanessa almost had a photo finish. It was awesome to see all of our tamariki giving it their all, both in the sprints and in the field events. Congratulations to all of our place getters for each event and for our senior students who have qualified to compete in the Papamoa Clusters next week. A big thank you to Mr Moolman for organising such a fabulous event (right down to the sunny weather), the Aubert Whānau Group for the Sausage Sizzle and Juicies, all our parents and grandparents who came along to support and of course our tamariki for trying their best and cheering their schoolmates along. Also thank you to Deearn Strawbridge for the awesome photos, please see the end of the Oracle for more.



SPORTS UPDATE

Term 4 means a return to summer sports and once again we have a large number of our tamariki representing Suzanne Aubert in Rippa Rugby, Touch Rugby and Flippa Ball. Our largest group of representatives are in the year 1-2 Rippa Rugby grade at Gordon Spratt where we have four teams - the SACS Blues, SACS Highlanders, SACS Crusaders and SACS Hurricanes. Along with the SACS Steamers in the Year 3-4 grade and SACS Chiefs and SACS Warriors in the Year 5-6 league, we pretty much have all NZ super rugby territories covered. The interest in Flippa Ball has grown so much that we have entered two year 3-4 teams into the Flippa Ball Competition on Sundays at Papamoa Pools and also have three of our year 6s, James, Imogen and Brooke, playing in the St Mary's Water Polo team in the Intermediate Water Polo League on Friday nights. Touch Rugby on a Thursday night, is also popular with three teams involved, including a large number of our year 3, 4 and 5 boys and a mixed year 6 team. Our year 5 and 6 teams also had the opportunity to play in the Western Bay of Plenty Touch tournament recently which saw our superhero Mr Moolman running between fields to coach both teams on a sticky hot Papamoa Friday!



TEACHER vs PARENT TOUCH TOURNAMENT

The Parents vs Teachers touch tournament was a brilliant morning of sunshine, teamwork, and community spirit. Four teams took to the field, playing with determination, plenty of skill, and a wonderfully positive attitude. The sidelines were just as lively, with sausages sizzling on the barbecue and refreshing juices proving to be a crowd favourite. A big thank you to Brendon Hannah at Ray White Papamoa for supplying the sausages, to Rodney Phillips and Cons Kleanthous for organising the teams, and to the Jarvis family and Aubert Whānau Group for running the sausage sizzle. Laughter, encouragement, and friendly competition filled the day, creating a warm and memorable event for everyone involved. Congratulations to the parents team, who proudly took home the trophy once again! Next year will be the teachers turn!



ATHLETICS CLUSTERS

Following our recent school athletics, a large group of our year 5 and 6 students qualified to compete at the Papamoa Athletics Clusters Competition. Congratulations to all students who participated, particularly to Angel Goh who placed 3rd in Discus, Brax Matulino who placed 3rd in High Jump and Max Phillips who placed 3rd in Long Jump. They will represent the Papamoa Cluster at the upcoming WBoP Clusters.



KEY DATES

TERM 4 2025



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DATES	EVENTS
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	Board Meeting at 5:30pm
Thursday 11 December	Advent Twilight Market at 4pm
Friday 12 December	Year 6 Graduation Trip
Monday 15 December	End of Year Prize Giving and Graduation (5.30pm at Golden Sands Baptist)
Tuesday 16 December	Meet 2026 Whānau Teacher (9-10:30am)
Wednesday 17 December	Last Day of School (School Finishes at 12.30pm)

TERM DATES 2026

Whanaungatanga Day - Mon 2 February

Term 1: Tues 3 February - Thurs 2 April

Term 2: Mon 20 April - Fri 3 July

Term 3: Mon 20 July - Fri 25 September

Term 4: Mon 12 October - Wed 16 December

Public Holidays 2026

TERM ONE

Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day (week 1)

Friday 3 April - Good Friday

TERM TWO

Monday 27 April - Anzac Day (week 2)

Monday 1 June - King's Birthday (week 7)

Friday 10 July - Matariki (During School Holidays)

TERM THREE

Nil

TERM 4

Monday 26 October - Labour Day (week 3)

Teacher Only Days to be Advised

ADVENT TWILIGHT MARKET

Mark your calendars! Our much-loved School Advent Market is happening - **Thursday 11 December, 4:00–6:30pm**. Come along and enjoy a fun-filled evening with face painting, golf simulator, food trucks, kids' stalls, raffles and entertainment. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the year together and support our school community. All proceeds raised will go towards enhancing learning experiences and resources for our students. We can't wait to see you there!



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ADVENT TWILIGHT MARKET

★ **KIDS STALLS, FACEPAINTING, FOOD TRUCKS, AND MORE!** ★

★ **SAVE THE DATE, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND COME ALONG FOR A JOYFUL EVENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!** ★

DECEMBER 11TH

4.00PM TO 6.30PM

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY



ATHLETICS DAY



YEAR 5 / 6 CAMP



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Connect with nature all day through intentional experiences and free play

Are part of a small, caring group

Build confidence, resilience, curiosity, creativity and so much more

Have fun and make friends

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Te Puna & Mount Maunganui

"Kathy, you've had such a positive impact on our daughter's life since joining Nature School...It's been life changing for her after years of struggling in the mainstream school setting...The way you run the programme and nurture the young people in your care is so wonderful. We appreciate you"

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visit: [naturelibrary.co.nz](https://www.naturelibrary.co.nz)

EST. 2017 | Kathy Broadhead MEd BSc PGDip



NATURE KIDS Summer Bookings Open

At Nature Kids we are all about connecting with, learning in and loving nature, self and others ♥

Our days are filled with fun, friendship, curiosity, creativity, exploration, adventure and connection.

Bookings open for Summer -
December & January:

🌻 December 18th | 19th | 22nd

🌻 January 5th to 21st

🌻 In Mount Maunganui

🌻 9am to 3pm daily

🌻 Small groups only

🌻 Safe & Supportive space

🌻 Afternoon drink & fruit

🌻 Nature Crafts

🌻 \$65 per child / day

Learn more or book:

<https://www.naturelibrary.co.nz/school-holiday-programme...>

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Even better — every box purchased helps grow the PiPS Garden Programme, supporting hands-on learning in your school gardens, helping tamariki learn where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to care for Papatūānuku.

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