



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
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## Message from our Tumuaki

MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. As Term 1 comes to a close, we reflect on a positive and memorable term of learning at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. A few key highlights have been:

- **Blessing and Opening of the Pompallier Centre:** After a long phase of planning and development, the Pompallier Centre was officially blessed and opened by Bishop Richard at the start of the term. This facility has been very well utilised for Mass, liturgies, performances, schoolwide hui and sports, and has become a significant hub for our school, parish and wider community. We are so grateful for this multi-purpose space and the financial support of our grant providers (TCC and TECT), sponsors and donors who helped make it a reality.
- **Holy Week Liturgies:** Last week our learning teams shared the Holy Week stories as we journeyed with Jesus towards Easter. These beautiful liturgies included authentic dramatisation, musical performances and prayerful reflection. We are incredibly proud of our learners who presented their liturgies with grace, reverence and courage. We also want to thank our incredible team of teachers who planned and prepared their liturgies so wonderfully.
  - **Hikurangi (Year 0-2):** Palm Sunday
  - **Mangatawa (Year 3-4):** Last Supper and Washing of the Feet
  - **Kopukairoa (Year 5-6):** Stations of the Cross
- **Suzanne Aubert Charism:** Our tamariki have been exploring the Charism of Suzanne Aubert as part of their RE and inquiry learning this term. This has included identifying her historical travels and key people and milestones in her life. This is part of a larger schoolwide year-long inquiry into the life of our patron and her legacy. Next term we will be taking a science focus on the native plants and herbal medicines (Rongoā) that she developed for those in need. We also look forward to Term 3's Performing Arts focus which centralises on our school production to tell the story of Suzanne Aubert and her legacy.

Please enjoy this panui which includes important updates, information and highlights about Term 1. Wishing all our school whānau a very blessed Easter season and safe term holiday.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal-Tumuaki)



# HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

## Hikurangi (Year 0-2): Palm Sunday



## Mangatawa (Year 3-4): Last Supper & Washing of the Feet



## Kopukairoa (Year 5-6): Stations of the Cross



# KEY DATES

## TERM 2 2026



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DATES	EVENTS
Monday 20 April	1st Day of Term 2
Friday 24 April	Anzac Liturgy at 11am
Tues 28 April - Fri 1 May	Childrens' Book Week and Book Fair
Friday 1 May	Book Character Day
Sunday 3 May	Whānau Mass 8.30 - Pompallier Centre (Whānau Gordon, Zillwood, Mills)
Tuesday 12 May	The Amazing Race (Year 5-6) (Postponment Day Thursday 14 May)
Friday 15 May	Full School Photo
Sunday 24 May	Whānau Mass 8.30 - Pompallier Centre (Whānau Newlands, Cartwright, Moolman)
Tuesday 26 May	Strike Percussion Performance
Wednesday 27 May	School Cross Country at Wairakei Reserve
Thursday 28 May	Postponment Day for School Cross Country
Friday 29 May	Teacher Only Day (School is closed)
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday (School is closed)
Tuesday 2 June	Papamoa Cluster Cross Country
Thursday 4 June	Papamoa Cluster Cross Country Posponment Day
Tuesday 16 June	WBOP Cross County Clusters
Sunday 21 June	Suzanne Aubert Birthday Mass 8:30am - Pompallier Centre (Waddel, Pachoud, Thornton)
Thursday 25 June	Learning Celebration (time to be confirmed)
Friday 3 July	Last Day of Term 2

## AUBERT KIDS

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. Kia kaha tamariki!



Oscar, Sienna, Milana, Ayla

Dusty, Violet, Addison

Quinn, Lachy

# SPORTS UPDATE

This term has flown by and the summer sports season is now over for term one. It was great to have so many of our Suzanne Aubert tamariki represent our kura in both Rippa Rugby and Flippa Ball.

Our Year 3 - 4 flippaball team, SACS Stingrays, had a strong season, winning all of their games and finishing on Sunday with an 11-3 win against Omanu Dolphins. Our year 5-6 team, SACS Makos, were playing up in the next grade this term and showed lots of courage and resilience playing against some tough teams week to week. They also finished on a high with a draw against the Te Manawa O Papamoa Tritons. We are now looking forward to the winter sports season with six basketball teams and 7 netball teams all playing in the local competition.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Harry in year 6 who competed in the Western Bay of Plenty & Waikato Athletics champs in Hamilton recently. Harry placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in boys 100m relay, receiving bronze medals in both events. He came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400m final, after missing out on the bronze medal in a photo finish. Harry also qualified for the final of the 200m after winning his heat. Well done Harry!



## BOOK CHARACTER DAY 2026

We are excited to be celebrating our annual Book Week for our second week back next term:

**Tuesday 28th April to Friday 1st May**

This is an exciting opportunity to promote a love for reading and the joy of being immersed in quality literature. During this time we will be hosting a guest author, holding the annual Book Fair, having guest readers and entering competitions.

To celebrate this special week we will be holding **Book Character Day on Friday 1st May.**

This is an opportunity for our learners to dress up as their favourite book character. Be as creative and imaginative as you can! There will be prizes available for the best dressed character from each Whānau class!



## PILGRIMAGE AND STUDY TOUR

During week 7 of Term 1, Mr Mills attended a pilgrimage and study tour in Sydney in Australia alongside primary school Principals from the Hamilton Catholic Diocese. This was a unique opportunity for spiritual formation, professional learning and strengthening education leadership networks. The tour included:

- **Mary Mackillop Retreat:** A prayer retreat and pilgrimage with the Sisters of St Joseph to learn more about the Charism of Mary Mackillop and the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.
- **Google Education:** A visit to Google Headquarters to learn more about AI in education and explore the impact of leadership on organisational culture.
- **School Visit:** A visit to Marsden Road Public School alongside the NZ Minister of Education to see best practice examples of explicit instruction and the science of learning in action. The visit included a panel with other local NSW Principals discussing implementing an explicit instruction approach.
- **Maths Conference:** A Maths Conference alongside other Australian Principals and education leaders focusing on explicit instruction in maths, maths fluency and the wider science of learning pedagogy.

It was a highly valuable professional learning opportunity which will support the strengthening of our school Charism and the consolidation of Suzanne Aubert's implementation of explicit instruction in teaching and learning.



## WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

A friendly reminder that in Term 2-3 our school uniform shifts to winter uniform expectations. This is guided by Board policy and includes:

- Polo shirt and shorts/skorts
- Blast fleece
- A change in footwear from sandals to:

**Navy blue socks/leggings /tights and black shoes.**

Please note these shoes need to be all black. Please make contact with the office or SLT if you have any questions.



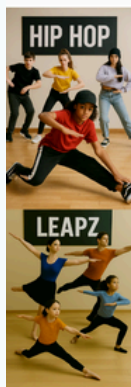
# AJS CELESTE DANCE "HAVE A GO" CLASS

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April during the school lunch break, Amanda from AJS Celeste will be running a free dance session in the Pompallier Centre. All who are interested are welcome to head along and "Have a Go." Amanda will be starting dance and music class in the Pompallier Centre after school in term 2 and will be handing out flyers with further information to those children who attend the trial on the day. If you think your child would be interested, please remind them to go along at 12.30pm on Tuesday 21 April or for more information contact Amanda on [dancer.amanda11@gmail.com](mailto:dancer.amanda11@gmail.com).

# Dance.Music.Classes

Have A Go Day : Suzanne Aubert  
Tues 21st April 12.30 - 1.00

Hi I am Amanda and I am taking some FREE GIFT classes to see the interest for some classes Term 2 Tuesdays 2.45 pm



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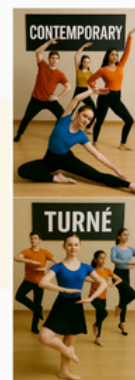


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CONTEMPORARY & FLOOR



CONTEMPORARY

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\$125 p/term each genre  
all ages, stages, m/f  
[dancer.amanda11@gmail.com](mailto:dancer.amanda11@gmail.com)  
021 0841 0697

Also avail Choir 125/term  
Vocal/Guitar coaching \$40 or \$35 p/half hour for termly booking



VOCAL LESSON



GUITAR LESSON



KIDS CHOIR



ADULTS CHOIR



## AQUINAS COLLEGE

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# NETBALL COACHING CLINIC

at the Aquinas courts

Come and train and be coached by the premier netball players and guest coaches!

**Thursday April 16th**  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
Years 5 – 8

**What to Expect:**

- Skills and drills
- Fun games
- Movement and agility games
- Mini Tournament

7 aside games will be organised for the afternoon

**Cost: \$40**  
(Fundraiser for AC Netball)

Your own lunch  
Water bottle

**To Register:**  
Email: [kgilbert@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:kgilbert@aquinas.school.nz)

**Payment Details:**  
AC School Account:  
02 1210 0011888 000  
Reference: Your Name + Netball Hol Clinic

Thank you for supporting AC Netball!

## AQUINAS COLLEGE

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# HOCKEY COACHING CLINIC

at the Aquinas College Turf

Come and train and be coached by the premier hockey players and guest coaches!

**Wednesday April 15th**  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
Years 5 – 8

**What to Expect:**

- Hockey skills and drills
- Fun games
- Game tactics
- Mini tournament

6 aside games will be organised for the afternoon

**Cost: \$40**  
(Fundraiser for AC Hockey)

**To Register:**  
Email: [liesa.m.moore@gmail.com](mailto:liesa.m.moore@gmail.com)

**Payment Details:**  
AC School Account: 02 1210 0011888 000  
Reference: Your Name + Hockey Hol Clinic

**What to Bring:**

- Your own lunch
- Water bottle

Thank you for supporting AC Hockey!