

Siobhan Redican: As you are aware, one of our school Mum's Siobhan Redican tragically passed away earlier this term. As you can imagine, this has been a very difficult time for Tony, George, Theo and their family as they navigate life without their precious wife and Mum. As you would appreciate, this has had a significant impact on our staff, learners and parent community. Throughout this grief, it has been so heartwarming to see the outpouring of love, support and compassion from our Suzanne Aubert staff, parents and wider community. On behalf of the school I would like to thank everyone for the way people have reached out to the Redican family and each other by being the heart of Christ at this time of grief. It has been humbling to see the school demonstrating the values of being Christlike, Compassionate and Connected in the spirit of Suzanne Aubert. We sincerely thank all those who attended the funeral and have offered prayers, home help, meals, vouchers, activities, experiences and other assistance for the Redican family. This is compassionate love in action. Tony and the family really appreciate the beautiful hamper of goodies and all the ongoing support.

- **Meal Train:** As previously communicated, the Aubert Whānau Group are in the process of setting up the online meal roster for the Redican family through the Meal Train website. This will enable their family to select meal preferences and days of the week that suit their schedule. Further details about how you can get connected and support this outreach will be communicated in the coming days.
- **Give-a-Little Page:** The Redican family has set up a Give-a-Little page in honour of Siobhan and to ensure her legacy lives on in our wider community. Funds raised will go towards supporting young families in need who are dealing with the grief of losing a child or parent. If you are interested in donating towards this cause or would like to know more detail, please click on the link here:

[Give-a-Little Page - Siobhan Redican](#)



Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Ann Patchett

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Please enjoy this panui which includes important updates and information about learning and life at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School.

Ngā mihi nui

Anthony Mills (Principal-Tumuaki)

REPORTING TO PARENTS ABOUT LEARNING

As you will be aware, we are currently implementing a refreshed national curriculum for literacy and maths. This is a knowledge-rich and evidence-based curriculum which is underpinned by the science of learning and focuses on the mastery of a year level scope and sequence. Alongside, the new curriculum changes are significant shifts in assessment practice and reporting to parents which aim to provide schools and whānau with better clarity around a child's progress and achievement. To support parents in navigating these changes, we will be hosting a Parent Information Hui as below. Come along for coffee and a chat about the changes and how they will affect you and your child's learning.

When: Wednesday 17 June

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Where: Pompallier Centre



HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

In term 2, we are delighted to have welcomed 8 new learners to our Suzanne Aubert Whānau. These tamariki have all joined Whānau Pachoud and Whānau Gordon in the Hikurangi team.



Frankie



Annie



Valentina



Jamie



Noah



Jaxson



Ethan



Ethan

AUBERT KID AWARDS

Congratulations to our recent Aubert Kid Award winners. These learners have demonstrated our 7 C's School Values in their learning and friendships. Kia kaha tamariki!



Indie, Oliver, Demi, Jackson



Havana, Frankie, Mila



Prisha, Adam



Carter

COLOUR FUN RUN

After being delayed due to bad weather in term one, our school Colour Fun Run took place on Wednesday 22 April and was a huge success. Our excited tamariki and school community gathered on the sports field at 2.30 to take part in an obstacle course that included a bouncy castle, slip and slides, egg and spoon races and sack races. There were screams of laughter and delight as runners were sprayed by various neon colours at different points along the way and it was awesome to see the whole community, even our newest learners, getting involved and having so much fun. Following the completion of the obstacle course, our teachers all bravely stepped up to be slimed in gooey green slime due to the fact that fundraising had exceeded \$16,000.

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to Lisa, Addi and the Aubert Whānau Group for all of their hard work and dedication in organising such a fabulous and fun event. Thank you also to Sarah Lewis who designed the awesome obstacle course and the parent volunteers who helped out on the day to make sure our learners had a wonderful experience. We would also like to thank **New World The Sands** for sponsoring our event and all of the other sponsors of our tamariki. This will go a long way towards creating a Sandpit playscape and shade shelter for our school.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2026

It was another very successful Book Week at Suzanne Aubert recently. Our tamariki were very excited to see the library transformed into a book fair garden ready to house the Scholastic Book Fair for the week. Our Whānau classes all had the opportunity to visit the fair and write out a wish list to take home to their parents. Many of them returned in the mornings and afternoons, accompanied by their parents or grandparents, to purchase items from their wishlist.



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the book fair and for all of the wonderful families and parishioners who purchased a book to donate to the Suzanne Aubert school library. A total of \$4,874 was spent at the fair over the week which equates to more than \$1,700 in book vouchers for the school library. Such an amazing result. It was fantastic to see so many of our tamariki excited about reading and exploring new books. Thank you also to Maria who set up and managed the Bookfair - what a superstar!

As part of our Book Week, we were fortunate to have Kimberley Kearney, local author of 'The Lost Words' book visit our school. She spent time in each of our classes talking about being an author and how her book is all about bringing Te Reo back into everyday use. She ran fun and interactive sessions with our learners where they were taught the Maori words for many fruits and vegetables, animals and other things. Some of our learners were also able to use puppets to act out the story. The children were all highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. A big thank you to Kimberley for giving up her time to visit.



We finished Book Week positively with our annual Book Character Day! The effort that went into the costumes was incredible – from creative homemade outfits to some truly recognisable characters, our school was full of colour, imagination, and fun. Our judges certainly had a tough job selecting winners from each class with so many amazing costumes on display. Our 9 winners of a \$25 voucher to spend at the book fair were Clint as a Little Pig, Matilda as Coco, Jack as Sauce Pan Man, Gwen as Frido Kahlo, Dylan as Toothless the Dragon, Jacob as an Oompa Loompa, Ellie as Winnie the Pooh, Wyatt as Moonface and Ollie as The Tinman from the Wizard of Oz. Sophie, Oliver, Kayden, Cloud, Clay, Aria and Maddy were all awarded Highly Commended. Thanks to everyone for helping make Book Week such a special celebration of reading at our school



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies

Amie-Lee Mills

Dear School Community,

It has been truly heartening to witness the compassion and servant leadership flourishing within our school lately. Our Youth Vinnies group and Special Character Kaiarahi have been living out our values in the most practical and nourishing ways.

The students have been busy in the kitchen, preparing delicious meals for our community freezer to support families going through a challenging time. Their latest creation was a fragrant Pad Thai! Please remember that these meals are here to be used—if your family could use a helping hand, or if you know of another family in our community who needs a meal, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In addition to their cooking, these students have been dedicated to a "ministry of presence" within the school, supporting our kaiako (teachers) in the mornings. From photocopying and laminating to offering a well-timed hot drink, their commitment to service is making a difference in our school culture.



Sacramental Program: First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We are also incredibly proud of our 16 young people who have been diligently preparing to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It has been a joy to watch them grow in their faith journey and they all received the sacraments at Mass on Sunday. Please keep the following students in your prayers:

- Alexander, Albie, Florence, Kylie, Violet, Tori, Havana, Brixton, William, Willa, Harry, Cooper, Dom, Harry, Mila, and Jack



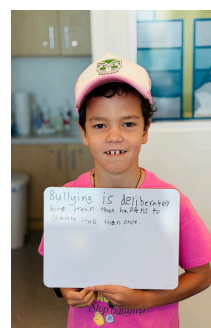
HOLY COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION

PINK SHIRT DAY

At Suzanne Aubert, we believe in promoting Christlike Compassion towards others in the true spirit of Meri Hōhepa. Last week our school acknowledged pink shirt day by dressing up in pink to promote awareness of the importance of anti-bullying.



KEY DATES

TERM 2 2026



**Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School**
Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

DATES	EVENTS
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	Postponement Day for School Cross Country
Thursday 28 May	Year 3-4 Basketball World Cup
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 Posponement Day
Thursday 4 June	Year 5 - 6 Basketball World Cup
Tuesday 16 June	WBOP Cross Country 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

Suzanne Aubert Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

Friday 31 July 2026



**Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School**

Engage - Inspire - Empower Through Christ

We will be hosting our annual
Grandparents and Grandfriends
Celebration at school on

Friday 31 July 2026

Our celebration will include a liturgy, a presentation of student learning and will be followed by a shared lunch. Grandfriends from our Parish have also been invited to support those families whose grandparents can't be there. We look forward to seeing whānau, grandparents and grandfriends all there!

We would be grateful if our learners could please bring a small shared plate for their grandparents to enjoy.

REMINDER: Next Friday 29th May 2026 is a Teacher Only Day

BOARD SHORTS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUZANNE AUBERT BOARD

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whānau,

It's hard to believe that we are into Term 2 of the school year already. The School Board would like to take this opportunity to update you on the year to date, as well as provide you with information about upcoming events on the Board calendar.

Term 1 Reflection:

As you'll all agree, the opening of the Pompallier Centre in February was a great way to begin the school year. It has been wonderful to see the Centre being used for so many different events including Gospel and Celebration Hui, Sunday Mass, the outstanding Holy Week liturgies, school lessons, afterschool practices, and the upcoming Disco. The Board has reviewed and approved the following school policies in Term 1: Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances; Sun Protection; Digital Technology and Online Safety; and Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices. The board has also reviewed and approved the Alcohol Use Policy for the Pompallier Centre.

Term 2 Policy Review:

This term we invite your feedback on policies currently under review ("Current Review" tab in SchoolDocs):

- Swimming Offsite
- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities
- EOTC Risk Management and Assessment

We also invite your feedback on the draft AI Policy. This is a new policy which will help to define the use and implementation of AI at school.

All school policies can be found within the SchoolDocs portal which is on the school website under the "Information" tab. These are important foundation documents that guide governance, management and operations of a school. The policies are reviewed collaboratively between the Senior Leadership Team and the School Board. They are public documents that can also be reviewed by the school community. We always welcome feedback from the community regarding our schools' policies, procedures and strategic direction.

To access:

- 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

Student Achievement:

The Board has approved the purchase of 20 new Chromebooks. Digital literacy is an important part of school life and with roll growth, as well as many of the existing Chromebooks nearing their end of life, there is a real need to add these assets to the classroom. Mid-Year reporting is coming up and this year will look slightly different with the implementation of the new government SMART tool for monitoring, assessment and reporting. There will be a parent hui held this term to explain this new tool and the reporting changes.

BOARD SHORTS



Our Board's primary objective is to ensure every student at our school is able to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Following the release of student results at the end of term 2, the Board will meet to evaluate student progress and achievement and ensure that appropriate strategies and resources are in place to support continued growth and success for all learners. We remain committed to working closely with our leadership team and teachers to monitor progress, celebrate achievements and identify areas where additional support may be beneficial.

Upcoming:

The School's strategic plan is up for renewal at the end of this year. Every school is required to have a 3-year strategic plan which defines the school's vision, goals and direction. The plan sets out how the school will improve student outcomes, reflect community aspirations and meet government priorities. As was previously done in 2023, we plan to hold a community event mid-Term 3 where we hope you will join us for a relaxed and collaborative evening to learn about the school's current strategic plan and provide suggestions and feedback to guide the next 3 years for our school. There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback online.

The current strategic plan can be found on our school website under "[Information](#)"

We would like to thank all school staff, as well as the Aubert Whānau Group, for the continued energy and efforts you each put into our school. Thank you also to all our parents, caregivers and whānau who help out and attend school events, fundraisers and gatherings. We are truly fortunate to have such an amazing community.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jessica Goodhue (Deputy Presiding Member)

REMINDER: Dogs on School Grounds - School Policy

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School values the benefits that interactions with animals can bring to our school community. We encourage appropriate behaviour when interacting with dogs so that students have a positive experience and to reduce the risk of accident or injury.

Guidelines:

Visiting dogs must have no history of aggression towards people and must be fully trustworthy in a school environment. Owners bringing a dog on to school grounds must follow the guidelines below. Disability assist dogs and support/therapy dogs are welcome at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School and may be allowed inside school buildings.

- Dogs must be on a leash held by an adult, and kept reasonably close to the adult.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be muzzled on school property.
- Dogs are not allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.

We report any stray dogs to animal control, and follow our lockdown procedure if there is a threat to the safety of students and staff.

Legislation - Dog Control Act 1996



THE AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP

The Aubert Whānau Group would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful school community for the incredible support shown at our recent Colour Run. The Colour Run was an amazing success, full of fun, energy, and school spirit, and we were blown away by the support from our students, families, staff, and wider community.

Our fundraising goal for 2026 is \$30,000, and thanks to your generosity and support, we are already over a third of the way there, having raised more than \$11,000 so far. We have raised enough funds to proceed with the sandscape and are working towards securing a grant for shade sails to cover the sandscape area. We hope to see construction of the sandscape begin soon! We are also continuing to work through the grant process for phase 2 of the senior playground. We look forward to sharing updates with the community as these projects progress. Fundraising from term 3 onwards will go towards our next project which is a pump track - so watch this space!

Pastoral Care

Alongside fundraising, the Aubert Whānau Group also supports a pastoral care team, with many different layers of support across our school community. This includes helping support families within our kura, assisting with community connections, and supporting our Whānau Masses throughout the year.

Our Whānau Masses are a special opportunity for our tamariki, staff, and families to come together in faith and community. Your presence and support mean so much to our students and help strengthen the special connection between home, school, and parish. We are also looking for parent helpers to support with Whānau Masses throughout the term, mainly helping set up the morning tea at mass, and liaising with Ash (school parent) if you will be there or not at the Masses. If you are available to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you. Please email aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz for more information or to register your interest.

Join Us!

If you would like to join the Aubert Whānau Group, we are always open to new members. You do not need to wait until the start of a new year - you are welcome to come along to any meeting or contact us at aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz.

Upcoming Events

- 24th May: Whanau Mass – Cartwright, Moolman, Newlands
- 27th May Cross Country Sausage Sizzle
- 18th June School Disco (see details next page)
- 25th June Aubert Whānau Group Meeting – 5.30pm,
- 26th June Pizza Lunch
- 8th August Bingo Night
- 31st July Grandparents Day Raffle

Stay tuned for more! Remember to check the calendar function on Hero for all school and Aubert Whānau Group events.

Thank you again for helping make these events and projects possible.

Aubert Whānau Group



GARDEN GLOW DISCO

Get ready for a glowing night
of music, fun and magic!



THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2026



5:00PM – 6:30PM



**WHERE: POMPALLIER CENTRE
(SCHOOL HALL)**



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BEST GLOW OR
MAGICAL OUTFIT!**



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BEST DRESSED!**



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THROUGHOUT
THE NIGHT!**



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ENTRY ON
THE DAY**



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GLOWING FUN WITH FRIENDS!**

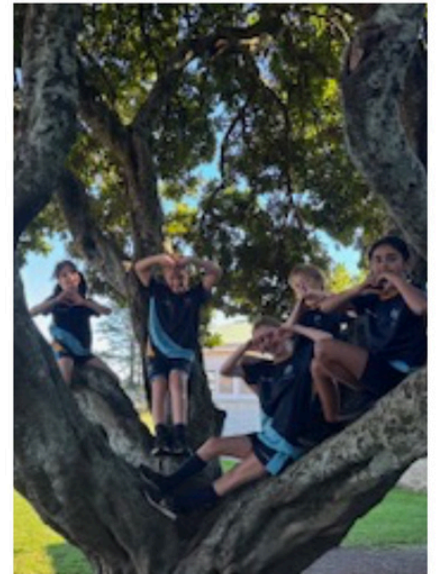
SPORTS UPDATE

The winter sports season has started with over 100 of our Suzanne Aubert learners participating in Netball, Basketball and Hockey. Our year 6 basketball team is playing in the A grade for the first time on a Friday night and we have the Basketball World Cup competitions coming up in June. Whānau classes have been practicing cross country running in the build up to our school cross country which will be held at the Wairakei Reserve on Wednesday 27 May. This is a great way to get warmed up for learning on those colder Autumn / Winter mornings. A massive thank you to all of our parent coaches, managers and umpires. Without your support, we would not be able to have so many of our children participate in the local sporting competitions. Below we have a selection of netball photos taken at the games over the weekend.



THE AMAZING RACE

On Thursday, 36 of our year 5 and 6 tamariki took part in the Amazing Race at Wharepai Domain. Organised by Sport Bay of Plenty, it is a fantastic event where children in groups of 6 compete against other local primary schools in a series of events that can be physical, mental and creative. Points are awarded for teamwork, sportsmanship, and successfully completing the tasks. Our learners all had a fabulous time, made even better by the beautiful Bay of Plenty weather. Thanks to Mrs Mills, Linda and the parent team managers for enabling so many of our year 5 and 6 students to take part.



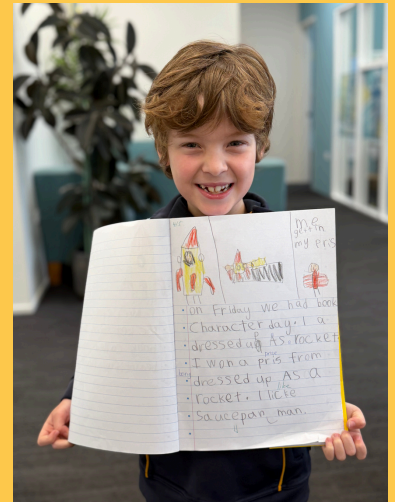
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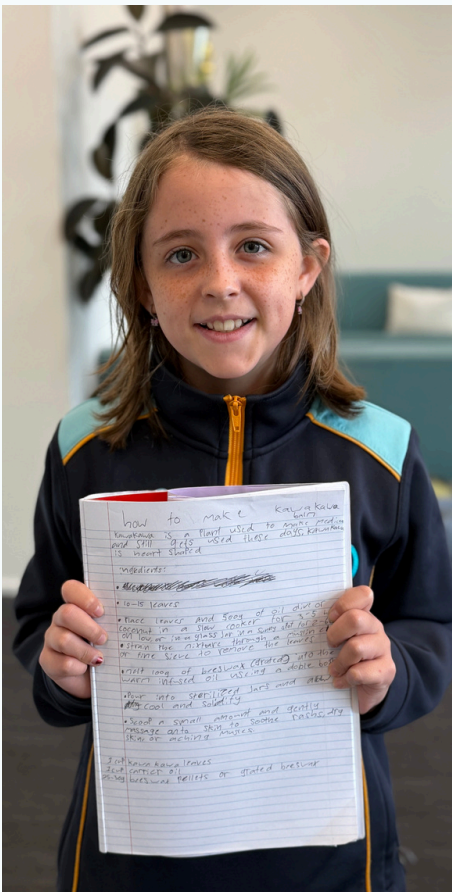
Aubert Authors!

BOOK CHARACTER DAY OLIVER PEDERSEN (YEAR 1)

On Friday we had Book Character Day. I dressed up as a rocket. I won a prize for being dressed up like a rocket. I liked Saucepan Man.



HOW TO MAKE KAWAKAWA BALM ESME JARVIS (YEAR 5)



How to make kawa kawa balm

KawaKawa is a plant that was and is used to make medicine. KawaKawa is a similar color to this background is shaped like a heart and is very special to me and many other people.

Ingredients:

Pick 10-15 KawaKawa leaves ideally with holes in them.

place the leaves and 500g of oil (olive or coconut) in a slow cooker for 3-5 hours on low, or in a glass jar in a sunny spot for 2-6 weeks.

melt 100g of beeswax (grated) into the warm infused oil using a double boiler.

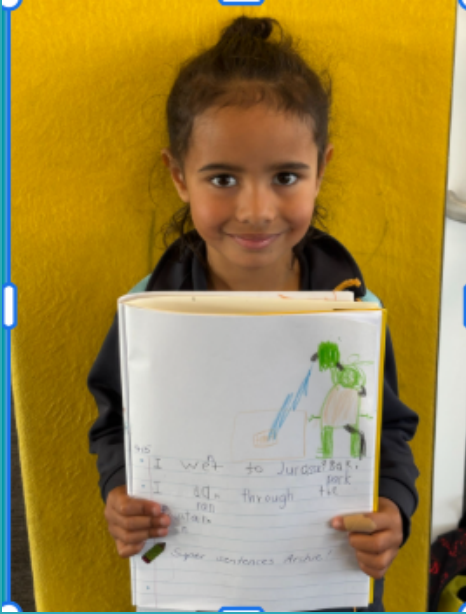
pour into sterilized jars and allow to cool and solidify.

scoop a small amount and gently massage onto skin to soothe rashes, dry skin, or aching muscles.

the end!!!



Aubert Authors!



JURASSIC PARK ARCHIE KANIUK (YEAR 0)

I went to Jurassic Park.
I ran through the fountain.

WHAT SUPERHEROES ARE ACTUALLY LIKE ELLA GRAHAM (YEAR 4)

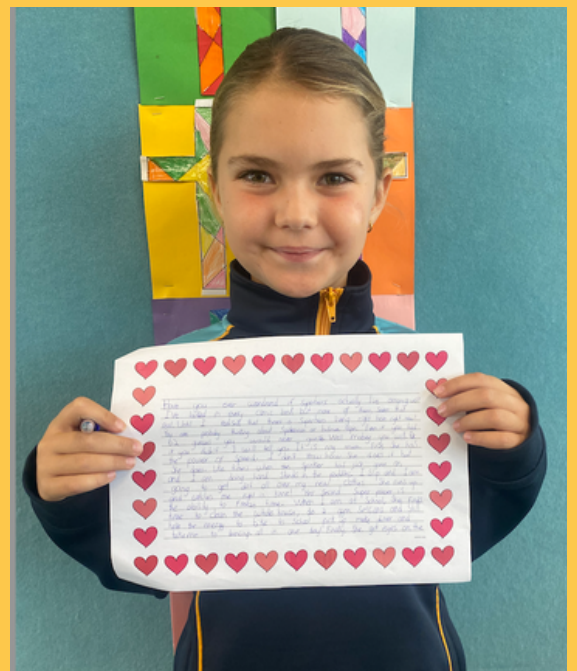
Have you ever wondered if superheroes actually live among us? I've looked in every comic but none of them seem that real. Until I realised that there is a superhero living right here, right now. You are probably thinking about Spiderman or Batman. Nope! Even if you had 62 guesses, you would never guess. Well maybe you will ok. If you didn't, I will tell you. It is my mum!

First she has got the power of speed. I don't know how she does it, like times when the sprinkler has gone wrong and I am doing handstands in the puddles. I slip and I am going to get it all over my news clothes. She runs up and catches me right in time!

Her second super power is the ability to freeze time. When I am at school, she finds time to clean the whole house, do 2 gym sessions and still have the energy to bike to school pick up, make dinner and take me to dancing. All in one day!

Finally, she's got eyes in the back of her head. Weird, I know! She knows whatever I am doing every single day.

I love my mum. She is the best and she makes my life the best.



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