



The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School
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Message from our Tumuaki

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2023

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It has been an incredible first term of learning at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School for 2023. Our learning theme of Whanaungatanga has presented a positive opportunity to connect with school whānau throughout the term and strengthen the learning focused partnership between home and school. It has also been special to bring the term to a close with our Holy Week liturgies which is a time to walk alongside Jesus in his final moments and prepare our hearts for the joy of the Easter Resurrection.

Our Suzanne Aubert Strategic Plan has recently been reviewed and updated through a consultative process with staff and Board. This 3-year plan provides a vision and strategic direction for our school through a set of goals and actions to prepare our learners and community for a future educational landscape. We encourage you to spend some time checking out the newly updated Strategic Plan which can be found linked on our school website [here](#). We look forward to the opportunity to facilitate a face to face consultation process between learners, whānau and school and additional data gathering in Term 2-3. We will keep you updated about this in due course.

Our current Strategic Plan for 2023-2025 is led by our Catholic Character, embedded in our school vision, supported by the school values/principles (7Cs) and includes the following 3 strategic goals:

1. **SCHOOL CULTURE - MANAAKITANGA:** Create a positive and supportive school culture that celebrates identity, empowers learning, values hauora and promotes a sense of belonging.
2. **LEARNING - AKO:** Design learning that promotes curiosity, inspires innovation, develops agency, responds to the needs of the learners and ensures educational success for all tamariki.
3. **COMMUNITY - WHANAUNGATANGA:** Foster learning focused partnerships with our Catholic community, whānau, iwi, local and global community.

Please enjoy this panui of highlights from our last few weeks at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School. From all the team at Suzanne Aubert, we wish you and your whānau a very blessed Easter and safe holiday. Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Throughout Holy Week, our learners have presented a series of liturgies and dramatisations about Jesus' journey to the cross including the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. Congratulations to our tamariki and kaiako for preparing such prayerful and thought provoking presentations. Thank you also to our school whānau for your support with costumes and attendance.



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Palm Sunday - Hikurangi

On Monday, our Year 0-2 learners presented the Palm Sunday liturgy to share about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Jewish people welcomed him with joy by waving palm branches and singing their song 'Hosanna in the highest!'.



Washing of the Feet - Staff

On Tuesday our staff presented the Washing of the Feet liturgy to reflect on the moment Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before their Passover meal. Jesus did this as an example of servant leadership and was demonstrating compassion in action to his followers.



The Last Supper - Mangatawa

On Wednesday our Year 3-4 learners shared their beautiful liturgy and dramatisation to celebrate the Last Supper. This is a time for us to reflect on Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples and how they spent time praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is a moment tinged with sadness and anticipation as Jesus knew the suffering he was about to face the next day.



Stations of the Cross - Kopukairoa

On Thursday our Year 5-6 learners hosted the Stations of the Cross to reflect on the events of Good Friday. This was a dramatised depiction of Jesus' final moments towards his crucifixion and death on the cross. This was presented in the form of the traditional 14 stations and tells the narrative of Jesus' final suffering and emotional experiences with his family and disciples.



AUBERT KID AWARDS

Congratulations to our Aubert Kid Award winners. These learners have demonstrated our 7 C's in their learning and friendships: Christlike, Curious, Compassionate, Collaborative, Courageous, Creative and Connected. They will join the staff for their shared morning tea as a special treat this term. Kia kaha tamariki!

Our award recipients for this week are L-R: Millie Rohrlach-Balle, William Lewis, Amreen Kaur, Cam Price, George Ferguson, Aviana Vergara, Ethan Stewart and Corin Jackson



As it is the last week of term, our Aubert Kid award recipients over the past five weeks joined the staff for morning tea in the staffroom on Wednesday 5th April. We were joined by some delighted learners who thoroughly enjoyed their special treats! Kia kaha tamariki.



 **CHRIST-LIKE**

 **COMPASSIONATE**

 **COLLABORATIVE**

 **CONNECTED**

 **CURIOUS**

 **CREATIVE**

 **COURAGEOUS**

SPOTLIGHT ON SIGNATURE PRACTICES

Welcome to the first 'Spotlight' on our signature learning practices. This is a regular opportunity where we will share learning practices and approaches that are central to our strategic vision and values. Our first spotlight is on our Charism and special Catholic Character which are unique to our school context.



CHARISM AND SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School we aim to promote and strengthen our faith through Prayer, the Religious Education curriculum, liturgical celebrations and the Charism of our school patron Suzanne Aubert - Meri Hōhepa.

CHARISM

Our learners develop an understanding of the unique patronage of our school in Suzanne Aubert - Meri Hōhepa. We learn about her life, her mission and the legacy she has left behind. Charism is also an opportunity to explore the vision, values (7Cs) and identity of our school. Compassionate service is a key practice within our Charism.



RE CURRICULUM

Our learners explore the NZ Religious Education Curriculum (NZREC) - 'To Tatou Whakapono - Our Faith'. This progression based curriculum explores four key themes: God, Good News, Our Story and Being Church and is woven within five cross themes: Grace, Holiness, Justice, Wisdom and Prayer. At Suzanne Aubert, the RE Curriculum is inquiry based and integrated across learning areas.



LITURGY

Our learners develop an understanding of significant events in the church's liturgical calendar through special celebrations. We learn about saints' feast days and the liturgical seasons through liturgies and dramatisations. We also begin each week with Gospel Hui to explore the scripture and how it impacts our lives.



PRAYER

Our learners develop an understanding of the importance of prayer in their lives. We aim to deepen our relationship with God by exploring a wide range of forms of prayer including traditional prayer, Rosary, meditation, praise and worship, prayerful art, sculpture, blessings, prayer journalling and prayer through nature.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Kia ora learners, family and whānau,

What an eventful year 2023 has proven to be so far. Wasn't it incredible to see the community response to the weather events, especially in the hardest hit areas. It was lovely to see the generosity and thanks to all from our school community who contributed to the aid effort.

As term one comes to a close, I just wanted to provide a brief update on some of the key items that our School Board has been focussed on, and also look forward to what's to come.

As we closed out 2022, our school's senior leadership team ran a strategic planning session with the Board to review our strategic plan, this is an important document fundamental to the school's future direction and one that needs to be submitted to the Ministry of Education annually. The refreshed plan is more concise than previous versions and is a worthwhile read, we'll make sure this is made available on the school's website, I encourage everyone to take a look. Later this year, we will commence a more comprehensive review, this is timely, now we're in our third operational year. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to provide your own feedback and suggestions, to have your say on our school's future strategy.

We were lucky enough to have Ngā Pōtiki's Colin Reeder join us after one of our meetings, it was nice to hear the local kaupapa and introduce ourselves. We'd like to strengthen our partnership with Ngā Pōtiki iwi. We'll look forward to meeting again, working to identify more opportunities, where we can collaborate and strengthen our ties.

The Board has also worked to establish a sub-committee, focussed on policy reviews, we have a responsibility to review all school policies, over time, on a regular cycle. The dedicated sub-committee allows for these reviews to be more comprehensive. Please remember that we always welcome feedback on policies in the current review cycle, you can find these details, and submit feedback on School Docs, see the Aubert Oracle for further details of upcoming policies for review.

It's pleasing to see our Board continues to work together collaboratively, with energy. In the year ahead, with a growing roll, plus the new learning hub and multi-purpose space to look forward to, I'm glad to see our school is well placed to support our learners. Anthony, the school's senior leadership team, and wider group of teachers and staff, have made a fantastic start to the year, packed with sports, arts and cultural events, special thanks to all of you who arrange, and attend these events to further connect our school community.

Nāku iti nei, nā
Rodney Phillips
Presiding Member, Suzanne Aubert Catholic School Board



DENTAL VAN - TE U O TE RANGI

The dental van has been relocated and is now located at
Te Manawa o Papamoa School ,
72 Te Okuroa Drive
Papamoa 3118.



PTFA CHAIRPERSON - AMBER KEDIAN

Firstly I'd like to start off with thanking our two outgoing executive members of our first PTFA, for their service. Diane Berghan our Vice Chairperson and Pip Phillips our secretary, thank you for your service and we are so glad to still have you as part of our wider PTFA.

Our PTFA AGM this term was well attended and it was great to see some fresh faces! We are excited to build off the platform of our first year. Please feel free to pop along to any of our meetings listed below, we can't wait for another great year of events and connection with our school community.

We are really looking to the following fundraising events this year. More specific details to come soon:

Term 2

- Movie night at Tivoli Cinema
- School Disco

Term 3

- Knowledgeathon
- Quiz Night

Term 4

- Twilight Advent Market Day



2023 PTFA MEETING DATES

Our PTFA meet at 5.30pm on Thursdays in week 3 and 9 each term. Notice of the meeting venues will be announced closer to the time. Dates for our meetings this year are as follows:

- 11 May
- 22 June
- 3 August
- 14 September
- 23 October
- 7 December

Additional meetings are often held for preparation and organisation of key fundraising events.

2023 PTFA EXECUTIVE

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 30 March, the following PTFA members were elected as Officers of the Executive:

Chairperson - Amber Kedian

Deputy Chairperson - Lisa Nalder

Treasurers - Victoria Dawson and Dee Bassett

Secretary - Mo McReynolds

We also welcome the following new members to our PTFA: Pete Harrington, Jatinder Kaur, Katuscia Prezioso, Alessandro Bressi, Agn s Peyron, Mo McReynolds and Victoria Dawson.

EASTER CUPCAKES

We would like to say thank you to Mary Macazo from Mac and Bakes for generously offering to make Easter Cupcakes for our school community and to donate all funds raised to our Senior Playground Fundraiser. The cupcakes look amazing and I am sure will be very much enjoyed on Easter Sunday.



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen

HOLY WEEK

This week is Holy Week, a week of commemoration leading up to our most special and Holy time in the Church, Easter. Easter begins on Easter Sunday and is a whole 6 weeks of celebration leading to Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. Holy Week began to be celebrated about 600 to 1000 years after the death of Jesus and acknowledges the events that lead to Jesus' Crucifixion and eventual Resurrection.

Holy week begins with **Palm Sunday**, (beautifully portrayed by Hikurangi on Monday) which is Jesus' entry to Jerusalem when he was waved and celebrated as a king. This same crowd that cheers and worships him on Sunday will condemn him to death on Friday. Holy Tuesday is not a major day of celebration but the events of Tuesday are when the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jewish people got together to hatch the plan to arrest and persecute Jesus. Maundy Thursday, the day of the Last Supper (demonstrated by our Yr 3-4 learners on Wednesday). Jesus sat down to eat with his disciples. An act we remember every Mass with communion. Jesus shared his bread and wine with everyone. He told the disciples that it was more important to serve someone else than to be served. He lovingly washed the feet of his disciples. After the meal was over, Jesus went to a garden to pray. Guards appeared a short time later and he was arrested.

Good Friday is the crucifixion and Passion of Jesus (shared in our Yr 5-6 Stations of the Cross) where he was falsely accused and put to death for our sins. It is a time to mourn but is called Good Friday because it is also a time to celebrate as this was the moment that Jesus gives us eternal life by taking our sins as his own. We celebrate a Mass at 3pm on Good Friday as this is the moment Jesus is believed to have died on the cross. Holy Saturday is the acknowledgment of Jesus being placed in the Tomb and is marked with a vigil waiting for Easter Sunday and the moment that Jesus comes back to life (when we receive chocolate eggs and bunnies as symbols of this new life).



All Saints by the Sea

Easter Mass Times

We warmly invite you to attend our Easter masses. Please see Mass times below:

St Thomas More Church, Mt Maunganui

- Holy Thursday - Thurs 6th April 7.30pm
- Good Friday - Friday 7th April 3pm
- Easter Vigil - Saturday 8th April 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday - Sun 9th April 10am & 5pm

St Patrick's Church, Te Puke

- Holy Thursday - Thurs 6th April 6pm
- Good Friday - Friday 7th April 3pm
- Easter Vigil - Saturday 8th April 6pm

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School

- Easter Sunday- Sunday 9th April 8.30am


St Peter's Church, Maketu

- Easter Sunday- Sunday 9th April 11.30am



EXPLORE AT HOME: PRAYER AND WITNESS CHALLENGE

In this week's prayer and witness challenge we explore the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Pray	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<p><i>Give us strength, we pray, To walk faithfully with Jesus, Even when the road we walk is rocky Even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness And even when we feel betrayed.</i></p> <p><i>You, Lord, are always faithful. We stumble, we become lost, But you are steady and sure. Give us the grace to endure our troubles, And reveal to us the glory of your kingdom, Through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.</i></p>	<p>Watch this video</p> <p>Watch this Easter video as a family. What does Jesus' sacrifice mean for us today and what can we do to respond to this gift that God has given us?</p> 	<p>Create your own Hot Cross buns to celebrate and remember Jesus dying on the cross. Traditionally Hot Cross Buns were shared on Good Friday. That is why the cross is on the top.</p> 



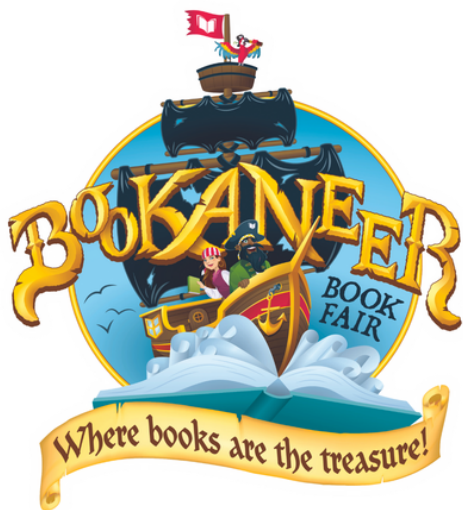
At Suzanne Aubert, we use SchoolDocs as a portal to host our policies & procedures. They can be accessed via School Docs:

- 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

Term 2 - Policy Review

Our upcoming Policies for review in Term 2 are as follows:

- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Process
- EOTC Supervision
- EOTC Planning and Review
- EOTC Communicating with Parents
- EOTC Staff Competence
- EOTC Coordinator
- EOTC Event Approval and Next Steps



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 see an exciting first for our school. We will hold our first Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair has an exciting range of books at great pricing, as well as some posters and stationery. Every book sold contributes to spending money the school has with Scholastic, which we will use to support our new school Library. The Book Fair will be held from 26 April to 5th May in the admin and Boardroom during our school book week celebrations. The fair is open for business from 8.15-9.00am and then again from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Come in and enjoy having a browse! We look forward to seeing you. If you feel you would be able to help selling the books during the book fair please contact Maria in the office.

WINTER UNIFORM

Our Board and leadership team have recently reviewed our uniform policy as part of our Term 1 Policy Review cycle. This policy will be updated to include a more specific set of expectations for uniform across the school year. In Terms 2-3 we move towards winter uniform which includes our polo shirt, shorts/skorts, blast fleece and requires the following footwear:

- Navy socks or stockings
- Black shoes (lace-up, buckle or velcro).

These shoes need to be comfortable for our tamariki and allow for active learning and play (see examples below).



KEY DATES - TERM 2 2023

- **Teacher Only Day:** Monday 24 April (Term 2)
- **ANZAC Day:** Tues 25th April (Term 2)
- **First Day of Learning Term 2:** Wednesday 26th April
- **Book Week:** Wednesday 26 April - Friday 5 May
- **Book Character Day:** Friday 5 May
- **Catholic Schools Sports and Cultural Exchange:** Monday 1st May (Rotorua) Year 5-6 only
- **The Amazing Race:** Friday 12 May, Te Puna Quarry (Year 5 and 6 only)
- **Pink Shirt Day:** Friday 19 May
- **School Cross Country:** Tuesday 23rd May (postponement date Thursday 25 May)
- **Papamoa Cluster Cross Country (Year 4 - 6):** Tuesday 30 May (Postponement Thurs 1 June)
- **King's Birthday - Public Holiday:** Monday 5 June
- **Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day:** Tuesday 6 June (School is closed)
- **BOP Cross Country Clusters (Year 4 - 6):** Tuesday 13 June (Postponement Thurs 15 June)
- **Funky Fun Sports Day:** Dates TBC (Year 3-4 Only)
- **Learning Conferences:** Wed 21 - Thurs 22 June
- **Suzanne Aubert Birthday Mass:** Sunday 25th June
- **Fresh Moves Dance Festival - Baycourt:** Wednesday 27 - Thursday 28 June (TBC)

Kia ora Whānau,

SPORTS UPDATE

What a busy yet successful Term 1 we've had. Students have been really busy with their Rippa Rugby and Mini Polo games and training sessions. All teams did really well and did our school proud at the different events. A big thank you to all our parent helpers for allocating time to coach and support the teams throughout the term.

We also had our first Swimming Sports event that took place in week 5. This was a really big success and we had 8 students progress to the Pāpāmoa Cluster event. There was some strong competition at this event and our students did really well. A big congratulations to Laon Seo and Amelia Chooi who qualified for the WBOP Swimming Event. Laon qualified for the 25m Freestyle, 25m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle. Amelia qualified for the 25m Breaststroke.



SPORTS INFORMATION TERM 2

Looking ahead, Term 2 is going to be a very busy term. We have sent out a Google Form for learners to register for Netball, Basketball, and Hockey. Teams have been registered and team details will be sent out shortly.

Some other sporting opportunities which we would like our tamariki to take part in are below. Please let me know if your child is interested in any of the following events:

- BOP Primary & Intermediate Climbing Competition: Rocktopia - Tuesday, 2nd May 2023 (email Quintin directly - qmoolman@suzanneaubert.school.nz)
- Rotorua Mini Marathon (more information here) - Friday, 5th May 2023 (email Quintin directly - qmoolman@suzanneaubert.school.nz)
- The Amazing Race Inter-school Challenge (Year 5 and 6) - Friday 12 May 2023 ([complete this Google Form](#))
- WBOP Primary Football Festival (Year 5 and 6) - Wednesday 24 May 2023 ([complete this Google Form](#))
- Funky Fun Day (Year 3 and 4) - Monday 19, Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 June (Date TBC)

BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 5-13 YRS

COST \$39 PER CHILD PER DAY

APRIL INTAKES

AQUINAS COLLEGE	9AM - 3PM
Wednesday 12 th Friday 14 th Monday 17 th Tuesday 18 th	
TRUSTPOWER ARENA	9AM - 3PM
Thursday 13 th Wednesday 19 th Thursday 20 th Friday 21 st	

RACHEL GWERDER
Director of Development
Tauranga City Basketball Association

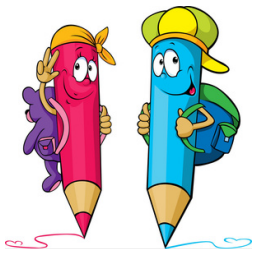
☎ 07 572 1272
📞 021 874 490

✉ development@tauranga.basketball

Please follow the below link to register players
<https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/holiday-programmes/holiday-programmes>
If you have previously registered a player please use your existing login and password.

Ngā mihi nui

Mr Quintin Moolman - Active Learning Kaiarahi



Aubert Authors!

Candy the Puppet
By Catie Espino (Year 4)

My puppet is really grey and has three eyes. The last eye is on a pom pom. I made a bow-tie looking thing with two buttons on it. I put a pom-pom and I found a letter red box with an X on it, I put a small pipe cleaner. I found a pom-pom inside the box. I couldn't find a red pom pom so I used a blue pom pom instead. My puppet is really clever and clumsy sometimes when he is alone. He is a boy dog. He likes eating, wherever I give him one treat he just wants more. He also likes dancing and playing sports his name is Candy, because he likes treats and candy when he eats. He likes to talk a lot. He is 7 years old. His favourite game to play is "Fetch". His last eye is just a toy to play with when he moves around. He also likes ice-cream when it gets hot. He has magical powers, he can fly, he can teleport, he can read people's minds!

He hides his bone that he chews all day under my tree, it should stink! I am going to put on some ears on him very soon. He likes to roll in mud too, just like a pig. Probably because he watches too much T.V! But after all he is still a cute dog!



BIG WHEEL WEDNESDAY

It has been great to see our learners enjoying Big Wheel Wednesday at Suzanne Aubert. Every Wednesday lunchtime, our tamariki can bring their bikes to school to ride. Thanks to Mr Moolman and the Active Kaiarahi for setting up our track and obstacles each week. This is yet another great lunchtime opportunity for our students to be active in their learning.





COASTAL
PET VET
P A P A M O A

At Coastal Pet Vet we endeavour to provide both the best animal health care and exceptional customer service to the local community.

We provide all forms of medical and surgical treatments for your beloved pets.
Check out our facebook page for ongoing deals and promotions so you don't miss out!

FUNSTICKS PROGRAMME

8 & 5 WEEK HOCKEY PROGRAMME



AN AWESOME PROGRAMME FOR ALL OUR TAMARIKI IN YEARS 1 & 2!

THIS PROGRAMME WILL BE FOR ONE HOUR A WEEK AND THE COACHING IS PLAYER CENTRED SO THAT OUR TAMARIKI CAN LEARN BY ACTIVELY DOING.

FUN & ENJOYMENT - LEARN BY DOING - FRIENDS - GAMES
DEVELOP SPORT MOVEMENTS

BLOCK ONE: TERM 2 FROM 1 MAY - 24 JUNE

BLOCK TWO: TERM 3 FROM 24 JULY - 26 AUGUST

LOCATION: VARIOUS DAYS AND TURFS AROUND THE AREA

COST: \$30.00 BLOCK 1 & \$22 BLOCK 2

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO
[WWW.TGAHOCKEY.CO.NZ/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT](http://WWW.TGAHOCKEY.CO.NZ/COMMUNITY%20ENGAGEMENT)

friends



AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS

Help PIPS get more equipment for your school gardens by beautifying your garden and the community.

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support of your in school garden programme. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year.

We have some great choices here - why not try them all! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's & Holland's best growers. PIPS will make a least 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order.

To order: Fill in the google form link below by: 30th March 2023
Delivery: From 10th April 2023

Thank you for supporting PIPS – your in school garden programme
Enquiries to: Clare Rodgers – pipstauranga@gmail.com

To Order please: Follow the link below and make payment via internet banking into our bank account with your name and school

<https://forms.gle/xyK3znn2TyUASVZ36>

Our bank account number is:

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**Daffodils -
Earl Fragrant Mix
7 for \$12**



**Anemone –
St Brigid (Doubles)
10 for \$7.80.**



**Daffodils
Earlicheer
5 for \$9.90**



**Tulips
Mixed
10 for \$10.70**



**Freesias
Mixed
10 for \$10.90**



**Sweet Pea
Early Multiflora
20 seeds \$ 5.20**



**Ranunculus
Rainbow Mix
10 for \$7.00**



**Dutch Iris
Super Mix.
7 for \$9.30**



**Sparaxis
Harlequin Mix
7 for \$9.00**