



# The Aubert Oracle



Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School  
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## Message from our Tumuaki

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. This term we have been exploring our concept of **Kaitiakitanga**. Our learning is scientific in nature and connects to our school value of 'Curiosity'. It is guided by the whakatauki:

**Toitū te Marae a Tane-Mahuta, Toitū te Marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te Tangata**  
**If the land is well, and the sea is well, the people will thrive**

We have been focusing on exploring the natural habitats in our local environment and identifying the species that live there. This includes the opportunity for our teams to take the learning into the 'outdoor' classroom to be immersed in these **local environments**:

- Hikurangi (Year 0-2) - Wairakei Wetlands (Wednesday 5 June)
- Mangatawa (Year 3-4) - Rocky Shore in Maketu (Thursday 23 May)
- Kopukairoa (Year 5-6) - Native bush at Otanewainuku (Monday 1 July)

Thank you to our kaiako for your organisation and whānau for supporting these events so that our learners can have the best EOTC experiences. We are also very privileged to work with Bay Conservation Trust who have helped coordinate these opportunities. These excursions have also provided the opportunity for our learners to demonstrate Kaitiakitanga by conducting clean ups of these habitats to ensure they remain sustainable for future generations.

- Our science this term is also being enhanced through the use of our **House of Science** kits. These are provided to the school to support learners in accessing the science curriculum through practical hands on experiences. We are grateful to Cam and Amanda Graham who have sponsored our school to have access to these kits for Terms 2-3 this year.
- For Religious Education, our learners have also been exploring the relationship of the Holy Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They have been developing their understanding through St Patrick's analogy of the **3-leaved shamrock** and the **3 changing states of water**. This is an example of how we integrate our RE learning across the curriculum.
- Other highlights this term have been our Book Character Week where learners showed wonderful creativity and our cross country which saw great examples of courage and compassion.

Please enjoy this panui of highlights so far this term.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)





## HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

In term 2 we have welcomed 9 new tamariki into our Suzanne Aubert whānau. In cohort 3, on the first day of term, John, Orlando, Manrose, Effie and Charlie joined Mrs Pachoud and Mrs Cartwright in the New Entrants. On 4th June, our week 6 cohort started, and we welcomed Mila, Penelope and Taya to the new entrants.



John



Orlando



Euphemia (Effie)



Manrose



Charlie



Penelope



Mila



Taya

In addition, we are delighted to welcome Nevaeh (Year 6) who has joined Whānau Moolman. Nevaeh joins us from St Joseph's Primary in Stratford having relocated with her family to the sunny Bay of Plenty.



Nevaeh

## HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW STAFF

We are also excited to welcome three new staff members to our School this term. Mr Kevin Piermarini has joined us as Deputy Principal, along with Kate Oldham and Joseph Millar who have joined the Learning Support team as Learning Assistants. All of our new staff and learners were welcomed to our Suzanne Aubert learning community through a Mihi Whakatau and Gospel Hui held on the first day of Term 2 or on the 4th June. Our new team members and learners received a blessing and special taonga as part of their welcome. Please see our whānau notice earlier this term for a detailed profile of each of our new staff members.



Kevin Piermarini



Kate Oldham



Joseph Miller



# 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!



L - R: Dylan, William, Geovana, Carter



L - R: Manaia, Olive, Imogen, Lucy

## CONGRATULATIONS

It has been a very exciting and blessed time for our Suzanne Aubert whānau with a number of our families welcoming new babies. We have a number of excited siblings at school delighted to talk about the new additions and as a community we would like to congratulate these families on their new beautiful blessings!



Breanna Claire, sister to  
Aviana and Clauí



Amariah with her baby  
sister, Tallulah Moon,



Aria with her baby  
brother, Dawson



Jasper, baby brother to  
Florence and Lewis



Chelsea with her new  
baby brother, Elias



## MANGATAWA ROCKY SHORE TRIP

Last week our Mangatawa learners had an incredible day exploring the rocky shore in Maketu! We dived into discovering the fascinating marine life that calls our rocky shore home, gathering data to learn which species are common and which are rare. The excitement didn't stop there! We found an awesome playground to enjoy and, after lunch, we rolled up our sleeves for a beach and rocky shore clean-up. This was a fantastic way to show our kaitiakitanga for our precious marine life. Next week at kura, we'll be categorising the rubbish we collected and adding the data to the Litter Intelligence website to help keep our environment free of litter. To cap off our adventure, we had a blast building sandcastles in teams. Thank you to Mrs Mills, Mr Newlands and Mrs Swart for your organisation and our amazing parents for supporting with transport and supervision. We truly value your support!





## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK AND BOOK CHARACTER DAY

In the first week of Term 2, we celebrated Book Week which was an opportunity to promote a love for reading and quality literature. We held a Garden Themed Book Fair where children could come along and "Catch the Reading Bug." Each of whānau classes spent time at the fair and took home a wishlist of their books. The book fair was well supported by both families and parishioners and resulted in the school earning over 700 reward dollars to spend on library books and classroom readers at Scholastic Books. We were also privileged to welcome two local authors Mr Mac and Nicole Miller to share with our learners their love of creating stories. Book Week concluded on Friday 3 May with our annual Book Character Day. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity and the joy of reading! Congratulations to all our learners and the support of whānau who put in an incredible effort to bring their characters to life at school. We held a parade which was judged by Mr Piermarini and Maria. Congratulations to our winners from each whānau class and highly commended who all received a voucher to spend at our Bookfair!





# Special Catholic Character

## A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Kia ora whānau

We recently celebrated Pentecost, bringing with it the end to our Easter season. It is hard to believe that it has been over 50 days since we celebrated Easter. The word Pentecost actually comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. At Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the apostles in the upper room as a mighty wind and tongues of fire. It is the birthday of the Catholic church, because after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit the apostles went out and began preaching the good news of Jesus.

Celebrating this feast day is a wonderful way to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Catholic church! I love Sunday feast days, because it usually allows a little extra time to be devoted to celebrating. Celebrating a Feast Day doesn't have to be elaborate or time consuming. In our home a celebration usually includes creating a little display (with religious icons or pictures), some type of themed food and a book/prayer/discussion. I find themed food helps build a little excitement and draws them into the learning/prayer focus.

### Simple Ways to Celebrate

Below are a collection of super easy and fun ways to celebrate this feast day at home. Choose one or combine a few to celebrate with your Whānau.

#### Dress Liturgically

Of course attending Mass is the first way to celebrate! Red is the liturgical color for the feast, and wearing red is a great way to get into the spirit of the day. It can also be a great conversation starter with your kids!

#### Set the Mood with Music

Pentecost is focused on the Holy Spirit, so create a playlist that is all about the Holy Spirit! You can have it playing as you get ready for Mass or fix a meal. Music that falls into this category that I love:

- Holy Spirit – Francesca Battistelli
- Holy Spirit Come - Hillsong Worship
- Oceans - Hillside United
- Breathe on Us - Kari Jobe
- Fullness - Elevation Worship
- Here as in Heaven - Elevation Worship

#### Have a Colouring Session

If you have kids (or adults) in your home that love to colour here are a few colouring pages that I like. Play some music and pull out the felts! [Here](#) are some fun free colouring pages.



#### Call Upon the Holy Spirit

Here are some special prayers to the Holy Spirit that would be perfect for the day or any time that you feel you need the Holy Spirit's strength in your life.

#### [Litany of the Holy Spirit](#)

#### [Veni, Sanctus Spiritus](#)

#### [Novena to the Holy Spirit](#)

This is often said on the 9 days leading up to Pentecost, but I can't imagine there is a bad time to start a Novena.

Blessings always,

Amie-Lee Mills



## OUR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION LEARNERS

Please pray for our learners who will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on:

**Sunday 16 June at St Thomas More Church at 10am.**

These learners and their families have been busy this term attending preparation to learn about the importance of this special step in their faith journey. Please continue to keep Matthauss, Sarah, Zoe, Izzy, Isabelle, Tara, Kahn, Kaius, Benji, Kingston and Mateo in your prayers at this time. You are warmly invited to come along and support them for this celebration!



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

### **Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

**Have you or someone you know asked about 'Becoming a Catholic'?**

**Do any of these describe you?**

- . Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church?
- . Are you a baptised catholic who has not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- . Are you married to a catholic and attend Mass, but would like to know what steps you can take in becoming Catholic?
- . Would you like to better support your children at a Catholic school.

**You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic faith. Our program runs weekly on Thursday nights at 7:00pm commencing on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the St Thomas More church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mount Maunganui. Come and join us.**

Please express your interest by contacting Heidi Nield (Faith Formation Coordinator) 5754807 Ext 6 or Email: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)



## HIKURANGI FIREWISE VISIT

Last Thursday, our Hikurangi learners had a visit from Fireman Dan from Firewise. The learners thoroughly enjoyed the visit with one of our learners Brixton summing it up in his writing: "Today a visitor came. His name was Dan. He came to talk about fires. I learnt about smoke rising up. Harry, Ashton and Oliver dressed up as firemen. They looked cool!" Thanks to Dan and Firewise for such an interesting visit.



## COMPASSION MUFTI DAY

### BRAZIL FLOOD RELIEF

🇧🇷 'Que Deus te abençoe' 🇧🇷

🇦🇺 'May God bless you' 🇦🇺

This was our message of hope and support for all those who have been affected by the recent floods in Brazil. Our Compassion mufti day funds from today are going towards the flood relief cause. Over 150 people have lost their lives and over 300,000 people have been displaced from their homes in this tragedy. Our thoughts, prayers and support are with our Brazilian community at this time. Thank you to all our whānau for your support and generous donations towards this cause. Our kura raised a total of \$241.





# CROSS COUNTRY 2024

Congratulations to all our learners who demonstrated such courage and compassion in running the cross country last Monday at the Wairakei Reserve. It was a great showcase of physical skill, sportsmanship, resilience and a positive attitude. Thank you to all whānau who came to support the run.

A special thank you to all those who made the event such a great success:

- Mr Moolman for your organisation
- 4 Square, Fresh Choice and Property Brokers for kindly supplying the food and refreshments for our learners.
- Aubert Whānau Group volunteers (PTFA) for helping with the sausage sizzle and drinks
- Dearn (Tui and Willa's Mum) for being chief photographer
- Jamie Bassett for supplying the gazebos
- All parent volunteers who helped with marshalling and walking supervision to/from school

## PLACINGS

(In order of 1st, 2nd 3rd)

**Year 0 Girls**

**Adelia, Brooklyn, Manrose**

**Year 0 Boys**

**Archer, Orlando, Braxton**

**Year 1 Girls**

**Isla, Edie, Estelle**

**Year 1 Boys**

**Hugo, Luhan, Alfie**

**Year 2 Girls**

**Mila, Havana, Ella**

**Year 2 Boys**

**Harry, Liam, Brixton**

**Year 3 Girls**

**Zoey, Lucy, Quinn**

**Year 3 Boys**

**Romeo, Adam, Sam**

**Year 4 Girls**

**Kayley, Lauren, Clau**

**Year 4 Boys**

**Brax, Kahn, George**

**Year 5 Girls**

**Tui-May, Sieni, Izzy**

**Year 5 Boys**

**Jacob, Lewis, Marcus**

**Year 6 Girls**

**Kaydence, Nelle, Geneva**

**Year 6 Boys**

**Domenico, Kaius, Mattha**





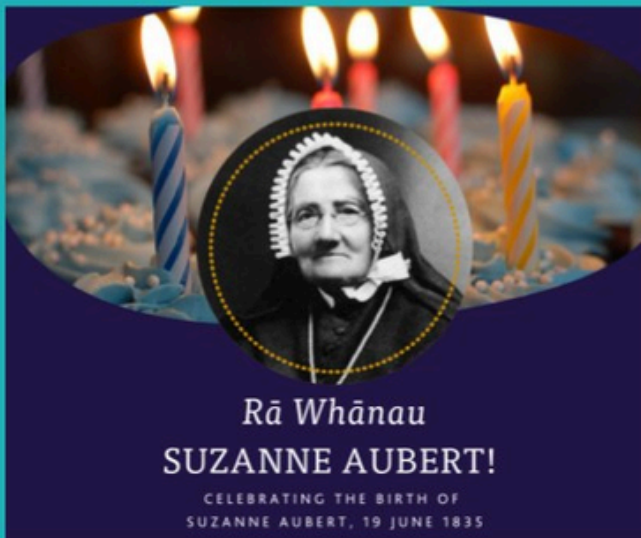
# TERM 2 DATES 2024

DATES	EVENTS
Tuesday 4 June	Papamoa Cross Country Clusters
Thursday 6 June	Fresh Moves Rehearsal at Baycourt (Year 4-6)
Monday 10 June	Funky Fun Day (Whānau Miller and Zillwood)
Wednesday 12 June	Orientation Meeting for New Families at 9am
Thursday 13 June	Year 3-4 Basketball World Cup
Tuesday 18 June	Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Clusters
Wednesday 19 June	Rugby 5 Tackle
<b>Wed 19 - Fri 21 June</b>	<b>National Catholic Education Convention (School is closed)</b>
Thursday 20 June	Year 5-6 Basketball World Cup
Thursday 26 June	Bay of Plenty Cross Country Clusters
Thursday 27 June	Aubert Whānau Group Meeting 5.30pm
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Matariki Public Holiday (School is closed)</b>
Wednesday 3 July	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
Wednesday 5 July	Last Day of Term 2

**A reminder that school is closed from Wednesday 19 June - Friday 21 June. All staff are attending the Catholic Education Convention in Wellington.**



## SUZANNE AUBERT BIRTHDAY MASS



You are warmly invited to our Parish and School Mass next Sunday to celebrate Suzanne Aubert's Birthday!

**Sunday 9th June 2024 at 10:00am**  
**St Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**17 Gloucester Rd, Bayfair**

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. The learners will wear mufti for the Mass.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





## SPORTS UPDATE



The winter sports season has kicked off with Suzanne Aubert having 4 basketball teams and 5 netball teams representing our kura in the local competitions. We also have a large number of our year 1-2 tamariki playing in the Fun Sticks Hockey League. We also had 24 of our senior students take part in The Amazing Race run by Sport Bay of Plenty and our year 5 and 6 learners participating in the Catholic School's Sports and Cultural tournament on Friday 31 May. There are lots of exciting things to get involved in this term so please keep an eye out for notices and google forms coming out on Hero.

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Wednesday 3 July	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

## BASKETBALL

Our Y4 boys team, SACS Lakers, have had a great start to the season. The team is very fortunate to have Sa Luatua coaching again and are continuing to build on skills developed last year. The boys are great listeners and turn up to trainings and games ready to go! Their skills are improving each week and they have started off the season with a couple of great wins, showing an awesome display of teamwork in both games. The SACS Breakers (Y5-6) have also had a great start to the season, continuing a wonderful winning streak every Friday night. Thank you to Rodney Phillips for your wonderful support and motivation as coach.



## NETBALL

The netball season has also started well for our five Suzanne Aubert netball teams with the Future Fern teams all having their first game last Saturday. Thank you to all our coaches and managers for their hard work and support in making sure that our tamariki get to play netball.





## THE AMAZING RACE

Despite the persistent rain, The Amazing Race competition took place at Memorial Park on Thursday with 24 of our year 5 and 6 learners taking part. The Amazing Race consists of a range of physical and intellectual problem solving tasks where teams have to navigate themselves towards various points and complete activities or solve clues. The learners all had loads of fun and showed some great team-building, collaboration and problem solving skills.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRAFFIC SAFETY KAIARAHİ

Have you seen our new give way sign? This sign shows that vehicles need to give way to all pedestrians (Cyclists, scooters, walkers, skaters, and people in wheelchairs). Please remember to give way when you are entering AND exiting the drive way. Thanks for keeping everyone safe! From The Suzanne Aubert Travel Safe Team (written by Nelle Goodhue).

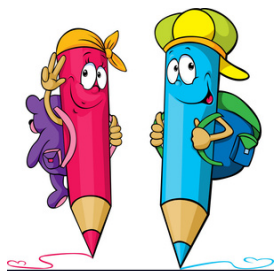


## STRIKE PERCUSSION

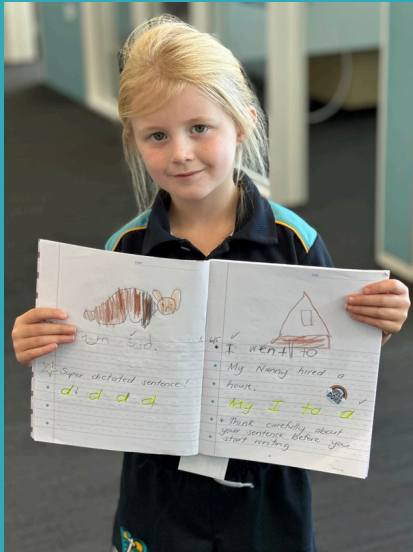
Our year 3 - 6 cohort were thrilled to have had Strike Percussion perform at our school last week. Such an amazing and energetic performance that had everyone tapping their feet and clapping along. Thank you to the three talented musicians for sharing your music with us and Mrs James for organising the visit!



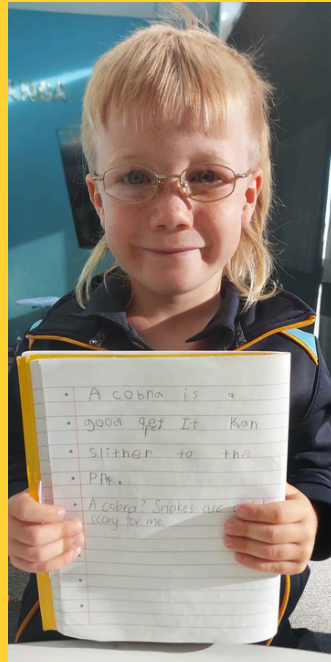




# Aubert Authors!



This is Sid  
by Delilah Clark (Year 1)



The Cobra  
by Harry Egan (Year 2)

A cobra is a good pet.  
It can slither to the park.

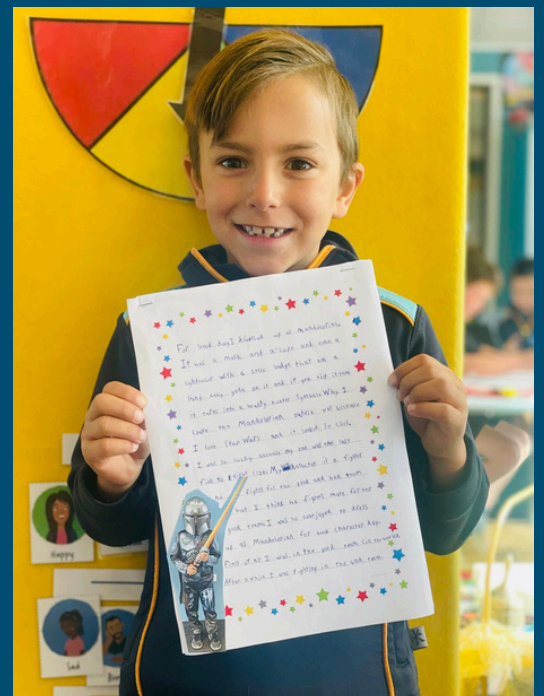


## Book Character Dress Up by Ezra Badenhorst (Year 3)

For book day I dressed up as Mandalorian. It has a mask and a cape and even a light saber with a little badge that has a shiny baby yoda on it. If you tilt it then it turns into a bounty hunter symbol.

Why I chose the Mandalorian outfit was because I love Star Wars and it looked so cool. I was so lucky because my one was the last five to eight size. My book character is a fighter he fights for the good and bad team. But I think he fights more for the good team.

I was so overjoyed to dress up as a Mandalorian for book character day. First of all I was in the good team in the book. After a while I was fighting in the bad team. Then I thought he was a super cool character.







# THE AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP

We are thrilled to share with you an exciting lineup of events organized by our Aubert Whanau Group for the upcoming months. Your participation and support make a significant difference, and we can't wait to see you at these fun-filled gatherings. Mark them in your calendar!

## Family Movie Night - Wednesday 3rd July

The Aubert Whānau Group are hosting a movie fundraiser night of Despicable Me 4 at Luxe cinemas, 4 Golden Sands Drive, on Wednesday the 3rd July. There will be two screenings: 3.30pm and 5.30pm. If you would like to enjoy a cozy evening with a screening of this upcoming family favourite, you can purchase tickets on [Eventbrite](#). Tickets are \$15 each + booking fee or \$23 + booking fee which includes a souvenir minion key ring that you can collect on the evening.

Come along for a fun filled evening with lots of laughs as we watch what the minions get up to next. All proceeds will go towards the Suzanne Aubert Senior Playground. Limited tickets available so get in quick!

## Doughnut Friday - Fri 14 June, 12.30pm

**Location:** School Playground

Celebrate the end of the week with a delicious treat!



## Aubert Whanau Showcase - Friday 14 June, 2.30pm

**Location:** School Grounds

We invite all parents, teachers, and friends to join our Aubert Whānau Chairperson and team for a brief 15 minute showcase update after school. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and be kept up to date with all the exciting projects we have planned.

## Brand New Event Night... Term 3 (Date TBC)

We are thrilled to soon unveil a brand new event to the school calendar, taking place during Term 3. You won't want to miss this one!

## School Disco - Term 3 (Date TBC)

Get ready to dance the night away at a return for School Disco! Students from all Year levels are invited to join us for an evening of music, dancing, and fun. We'll have a live DJ, and fantastic light shows. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase, and we encourage everyone to come dressed in their favourite party outfits inline with the theme of the Term.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we make our school community vibrant and strong.

## AUTUMN RAFFLE

The Autumn Raffle with the three hampers of goodies donated by Four Square Papamoa was drawn on Friday May 7th. Three of our families were the lucky winners. A big thank you to Four Square Papamoa for donating the hampers, the Francis Family for organising and the Aubert Group for running the raffle. Congratulations to the school families that won!





## 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 & procedures. Our school policies and procedures are available for all to view. 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

### Policies Under Review T2 2024:

- Employer Responsibility Policy
- Appointment Procedure
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time



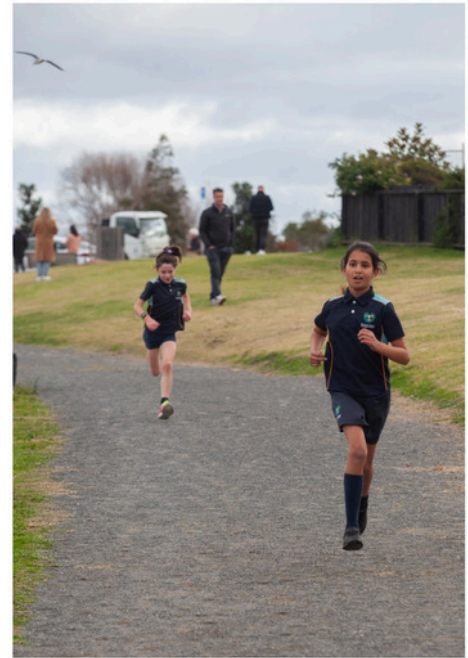
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Check out our facebook page for ongoing deals and promotions so you don't miss out!



## SUZANNE AUBERT CROSS COUNTRY



Thank you to Deearn Strawbridge for the Photos of our recent school cross country



## BOOK CHARACTER DAY





Hi Folks,

# Looking to buy or sell?

List your home for sale with  
me, **nominate Suzanne Aubert  
Catholic School** and when your  
home sells – **I'll donate \$500!**

**Give me a call to find out more**

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OR 0210840697 <https://celestemusicdance.wixsite.com/celeste>  
Up the Mountain we go - empowerment - achieving our goals



Celeste Dance after school dance classes, adults preschool too, PJazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop \$40  
for 4 week intro package. \$120 per term.

Timetable: <https://celestemusicdance.wixsite.com/celeste/celeste-dance-1>  
021 0841 0697 dancer.amanda11@gmail.com Music/singing lessons available too.