



The Aubert Oracle



**Suzanne Aubert
Catholic School**
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Message from our Tumuaki WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2024

Tena koutou katoa whānau. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Hata Meri Hōhepa - te Kura Katorika o Papamoa. It is with great pleasure that I share with you our 50th edition of the Aubert Oracle! It is encouraging and rewarding to look back and reflect over 50 issues of our school newsletter which has shared the many highlights and significant milestones in the foundation journey of our school. It is these special moments and events and that make up a part of the legacy of Suzanne Aubert Catholic School - a legacy that you can all be proud to be a part of. The concept of 'Whakapapa' teaches us that when we are part of a whānau or community, each of us are revealed in turn and has an impact on the journey and history of that group. We all have our 'time in the sun' and have an important part to play in this legacy. While there are many, here are just some of the key milestones as we reflect over our 50 issues of the Aubert Oracle:

- Seeing our new learning community coming together for the blessing and opening of our school
- Strengthening of our special Catholic character and the ongoing partnership with our Parish
- Our values and signature learning practices coming alive through many learning opportunities
- Continued growth in our school roll and staffing which continues to bring diversity to our whānau
- The design and construction of our junior and senior playground
- The memories of uniting together as a community during Covid lockdowns
- The joy, hospitality and culture building of our many schoolwide celebrations and feast days
- The inception of our Aubert Whānau Group and their many successful fundraising events
- Expansion of our sports programme and having such positive representation at interschool events
- Development of our school sports uniform and the ongoing sponsorship of Coastal Pet Vet
- The variety of EOTC opportunities including senior camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimais

As we reflect on the previous 50 editions of the Aubert Oracle, we wonder and imagine what the future holds for our next 50 editions? As a learning community, it is exciting that we will continue to create this vision together as we grow the legacy of our school.

Ngā mihi nui, Anthony Mills (Principal - Tumuaki)



HAERE MAI TO OUR NEW LEARNERS

At the start of term 3 we welcomed seven new learners into our Suzanne Aubert Whānau. Joining our new entrants in Whānau Pachoud and Whānau Cartwright are Isabel, Cian, Pedro, Gwen, Remy and Reagan. We are also excited to have Sadie joining Whānau Newlands in Year 4. Sadie's cousin Lucy is in Whānau Swart-Mills and she joins us from Golden Sands. Welcome to the Aubert Family tamariki!



Pedro



Gwen



Reagan



Cian



Remy



Isabel



Sadie

WELCOME TO THE BOARD DEEARN! OUR NEWLY APPOINTED PROPRIETOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

We are also excited to welcome Deearn Strawbridge as our newly appointed Proprietor's Representative on our School Board. Please see Deearn's bio below:

A little bit about me: I am the wife of Stuart and the Mama of 5 cool humans. We love the sea! So when we are having down time, it's usually by, or in the ocean. Business has been a focus for me over the past 15 years. I have an Honours degree in Visual Arts and have a passion for preservation and Fine Art practice. I also studied Sociology and Human Development, which has been a valuable asset for many aspects of my life. Since converting to the Catholic Faith I have become interested in sacred art practice. This interest has naturally brought about a love for our rich Catholic traditions and the desire to intentionally implement a more liturgical living within our home. I am so honoured to have been appointed proprietor's representative. Living out Catholic character in our everyday life is so important to me as a mother. It is an absolute honour to be appointed to help nurture and steward that Catholic Character within our own amazing little school.



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: Violet, Mila, Ashton and Orlando



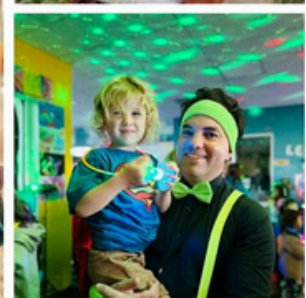
Cooper, Angel and Amreen



Tara and Sophie

TE RĀ O TUMEKE TUMUAKI DAY

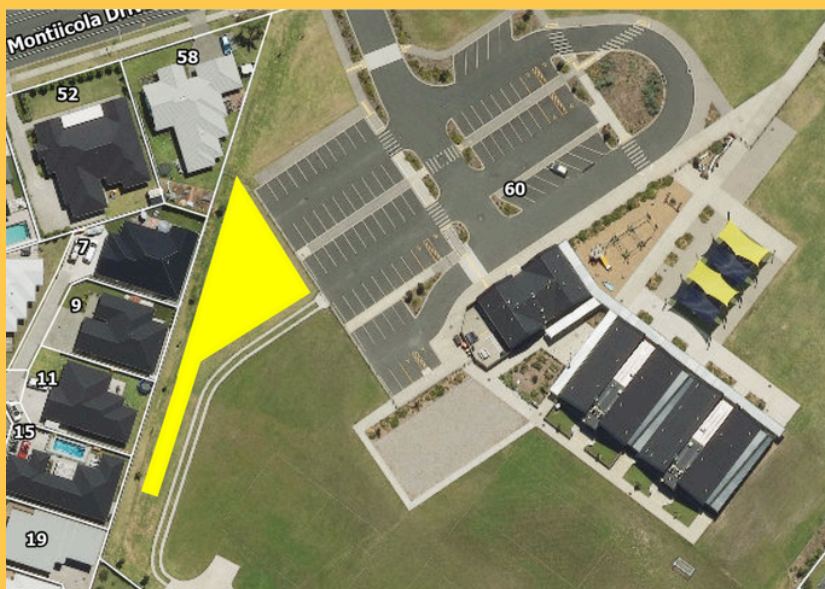
Wednesday 31st July was Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki day, a time to acknowledge and show appreciation for our wonderful Tumuaki, Mr Mills. Our staff surprised Mr Mills with a shared morning tea and a video reflection from some of our foundation learners who have known him since our kura opened in 2021. They shared their thoughts on 'What makes Mr. Mills a Tumeke Tumuaki?' highlighting his unique qualities and the personal impact he has had on them. On behalf of our kura, we want to take a moment to acknowledge and show our appreciation for all that Mr Mills does as the leader of our school. His dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have a profound impact on both the staff and students and his leadership creates an environment where everyone feels valued and inspired to strive for excellence. We are grateful for the guidance, support, and the countless hours invested in making our school a better place.



SUZANNE AUBERT ORCHARD GROVE

At Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, we facilitate an extensive gardening programme which includes designing, growing and harvesting edible and herbal plants. Our tamariki also explore how to prepare food from the garden and learn about the ways we can encourage growth through composting, worm farming and pest management. Our facilitator Nina Henderson from PiPS (People and Plants in Schools) works closely with our learners every week to grow their understanding of plants and gardening.

We are very excited to inform you that we are currently planning our next project - to plant an orchard grove in our school grounds. This grove will be an orchard of 20-30 fruit trees including: apple, pear, plum, peach, lemon, mandarin and feijoa. It will be located on our school site in the western vacant area beside the driveway to the caretaker's shed (see yellow area on the map below). We are currently seeking donations of fruit trees from our school community for our orchard grove. These have been provided from local nurseries and will be available to reserve at school. This is a wonderful way for your whānau to leave a legacy for future generations. Our community planting day will be at **11am on Wednesday 4th September**. Please see the attached notice for more details about how you and your whānau can get involved in this awesome project!



STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT IS UNDERWAY!

It is exciting to see our stage 2 development underway! The construction fencing has been assembled, the worksite is set up and the contractors are busy preparing underground services. The first part of this stage is the construction of our new learning hub which includes 3 large classrooms, a library, 2 breakout rooms and additional toilets. It is great to see this expansion going ahead to help support the rapid growth of our school roll. This phase of building is due to be complete in January 2025 ready for the beginning of the new school year. The second phase of stage 2 will be the development of the multi-purpose community hall which will commence early in the new year. Please see the notice sent earlier this term for more detail about this development.



'WEAVING OUR WORLD' LEARNING FOCUS

This term, our learning concept is: 'WEAVING OUR WORLD'. This concept connects to our living and learning principles: CREATIVITY (AUAHATANGA) and COLLABORATION (MAHI TAHI)

Our guiding whakatauki is:

Ko te mahi ngātahi me te auahatanga ka puāwai te iwi.

Through collaboration and creativity, the people will blossom.

This concept provides an exciting provocation for learning this term as our tamariki explore opportunities to understand world cultures through the lens of creativity, innovation and collaboration. Each learning team is focusing on different elements of world cultures including art, food, games, sport, music and language. This has been explored in the context of the Olympic Games and how this event brings diverse cultures together in unity. This concept is integrated across the curriculum and will include a variety of opportunities for our learners to develop horizontal connections through Religious Education, literacy, maths, Te Reo Maori, technology, arts and physical education.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW

Last term, we had our Catholic Character Review which is a triennial evaluative process across every Catholic school in Aotearoa New Zealand. The review team from the Hamilton Diocese conducted the external review which takes a close look at special Catholic character across the school. During this process the reviewers observed classroom practice, reviewed documentation and interviewed students, staff, whānau and Board members. The review culminates in an external report which includes areas of strength and areas to develop for the future across special Catholic character. Our new report is now linked to our website. Please click the link to read the report here: [Catholic Character Review](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR

At the end of this term, Mr Mills and Mr Piermarini will be travelling overseas on an international study tour along with a group of Principals and Deputy Principals from 8 local schools. They will both be travelling to Gold Coast, Australia on 7 September and Mr Piermarini will return on 15 September. Mr Mills will then continue to travel along with the Principals group to Dubai and the UK. He will return on 27 September (last day of term). The focus of the study tour is to explore the pedagogies, innovative practice, learning culture, educational leadership and operations of a wide variety of high performing schools based in Australia and England. This tour is funded by the Ministry of Education who recently awarded Principals across New Zealand additional funding for professional learning and wellbeing. Please note that during week 8 while both Mr Mills and Mr Piermarini are away from school, Ms Waddel will be in the Acting Principal role. During week 9-10, Mr Piermarini will then take up the responsibility of Acting Principal while Mr Mills is still away. Please direct any correspondence during this period to Ms Waddel and Mr Piermarini accordingly.



Special Catholic Character

A Message from our Director of Religious Studies



Dear Whānau,

I hope and pray you and your loved ones are well this season and keeping warm during these winter months. As we journey through this season, it's a wonderful time to draw closer as a family and strengthen our spiritual lives together.

Celebrating the Assumption of Mary

This Thursday marks the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a significant holy day in our liturgical calendar. Here are a few meaningful activities you can do as a family to honour Mary the Mother of Jesus on this special day:

- **Attend Mass Together:** If possible, attend a Mass as a family to celebrate the Assumption. It's a beautiful way to connect with our faith community.
- **Family Rosary:** Dedicate some time to pray the Rosary, reflecting on the mysteries of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven.
- **Create Marian Art:** Encourage your children to draw or craft something inspired by Mary. This can be a fun, creative way to engage them in the meaning of the day.
- **Read a Story About Mary:** Share a story or a passage from the Bible about Mary's life and discuss her role as the Mother of Jesus.
- **Offer a Special Meal:** Prepare a special family meal in honor of Mary, incorporating foods traditionally associated with her, like grapes or herbs.



Creating a Sacred Prayer Space at Home

I'd also like to encourage you to consider setting up a sacred prayer space in your home. This can be a simple yet powerful way to foster a prayerful environment for your family. Take inspiration from the **Strawbridge whānau** here at our school, who have created a beautiful, dedicated space in their home where they gather for prayer and reflection (see photo below). A sacred space can include a small table with a Bible, a candle, and perhaps an image of Mary or a crucifix. It's a wonderful way to make prayer a regular and cherished part of your family's routine.



Whānau Mass: Connecting Our Community

Three times per term, we come together for our Whānau Class Mass, and I encourage you all to join us. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with other families, share in our faith, and enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee and some morning tea afterwards while the children play on the playground. These gatherings are a reminder of the strength and unity within our school community, and it's always a joy to see families coming together in prayer and fellowship.

Thank you for your continued commitment to nurturing the spiritual life of our school. Let's continue to support one another as we journey together in faith.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amie-Lee Mills (Director of Religious Studies)

🌟🎤 Suzanne Aubert's Got Talent Shines Bright! 🎤🌟

Aubert's Got Talent was held on Tuesday 6 August and we were treated to some outstanding performances from our tamariki. Our students displayed a wide range of talents, from singing and dancing to kapa haka, drumming and hula hooping. Their courage and creativity truly showcased the incredible potential we have in our Kura. The judges had a truly difficult time choosing the top acts due to the enormous amount of talent on display. We would like to congratulate all of our tamariki who performed and also a big congratulations to our top acts:

Year 2 and 3: Zoey, Millie, and Violet



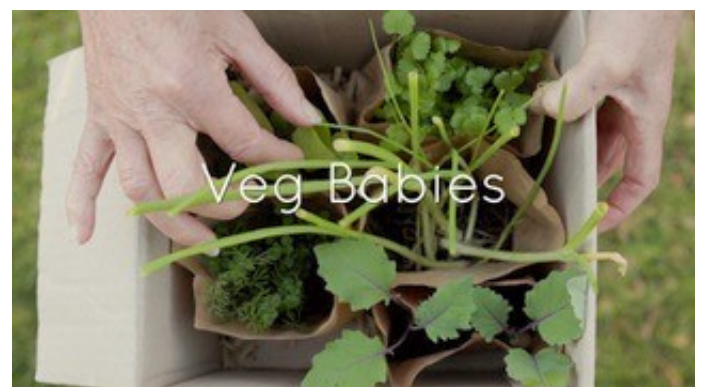
Year 4-6: Thea, Mikey, Maddie and Manaia



These talented Year 4-6 students will be representing Suzanne Aubert at the interschool Pāpāmoa's Got Talent competition in Week 6. We are incredibly proud of you all and can't wait to see you shine on the bigger stage!

VEG BABIES – SEASONAL SEEDLINGS TO YOUR DOOR

PiPS, the organisation that runs the awesome garden programme in our school, is launching an initiative to help make growing food at home easy. Veg Babies is a curated box of seedlings that arrives monthly to your door, designed so you can have a variety of herbs and veges producing all year round in a small space in your backyard. It will include interactive weekly short videos to show you and your kids tips and tricks to help along the way.



They've just launched a crowdfund campaign to get it off the ground. Donate and receive a subscription to try it for your family, or to pay it forward to another family (first box arrives October 15) Go to www.pledgeme.co.nz and search Veg Babies.

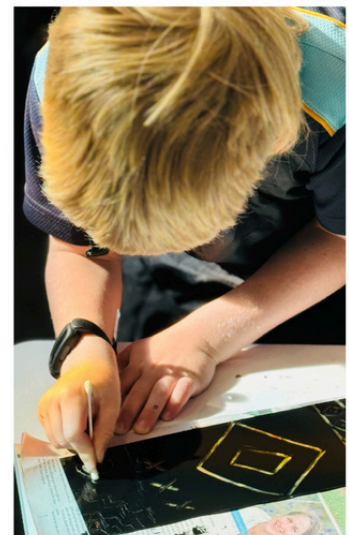
WHĀNAU PACHOUD - CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF LEARNING

Whānau Pachoud recently celebrated a significant milestone: 100 days of school! Throughout this journey, we've been diligently counting using 10s frames, each day explaining our thinking and recognising how many dots we see. To celebrate, we made crowns and indulged in ice cream adorned with hundreds and thousands and lollies shaped like the number 100. We also counted in 10s with chocolate fingers, adding a delicious twist to our learning. Our celebrations included playing "Would You Rather?" comparing sets of 100, and playing the "Race to 100" game. So much fun and learning were had, and we are incredibly proud of how much our students have grown in their learning over the past 100 days!



ART GALLERY VISIT TO HIKURANGI

As part of our inquiry, "Weaving Our World", Angie from the Tauranga Art Gallery came to visit the Hikurangi classes. She brought in many resources and talked about some local artists. She took us through the process of printmaking and we made our own prints using Māori patterns as our inspiration. Our art had two parts to it. The second part involved drawing our faces with Posca pens onto transparent paper. We then lay the faces over the top of our prints. We are looking forward to sharing our Artwork with our school and whānau.



DUMPLING MAKING

A huge thank you to Angel's Mum, Joyce, for coming in and teaching Whānau Swart-Mills how to make dumplings from scratch! Our class are currently learning about China, and it was wonderful to have such an authentic experience. Joyce's special method of cooking dumplings was a hit with everyone. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated! 谢谢你!



WEAVING OUR WORLD

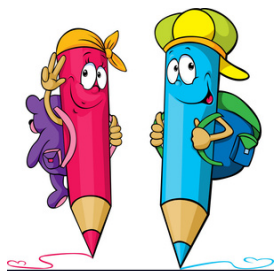
The Hikurangi teachers showed us that learning is not just for our tamariki! They were fortunate enough to have Andrea from 'Kiwi Homesteaders' come after school to teach them the tikanga (protocol) around harvesting harakeke (flax) and how to use it to create a putiputi (flower). This ties in nicely to our inquiry for this term, 'Weaving our World'. They cannot wait to share their new learning with the students through the rest of the school.



'BLING YOUR BOOTS' DAY - RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Last week we celebrated 'Bling Your Boots' day where our tamariki (and staff) were all encouraged to come to school wearing boots to raise money for Riding for the Disabled. Gumboots, fancy boots, shiny boots, sparkly boots, Ugg boots. We could even get creative and 'bling our boots'! The kaiako of each class then selected the most spectacular pair of boots in their class to win a \$10 Whitcoulls Voucher. Congratulations to our winners - Cian, Gwen, Kayden, William, Elijah, Wyatt, Atli and Marcus. Special mention also to Mr P and Mr Mills who went above and beyond, to Sophie for her amazingly "blinged" out boots and also to Keira for her very original design. All in all, we raised \$191.00 for Riding for the Disabled. This awesome not for profit organisation provides goal-based horse-riding activities that increase the ability, independence and confidence of people with physical, intellectual and social challenges. Our school currently has students involved in this programme and we are very happy to support their wonderful cause!





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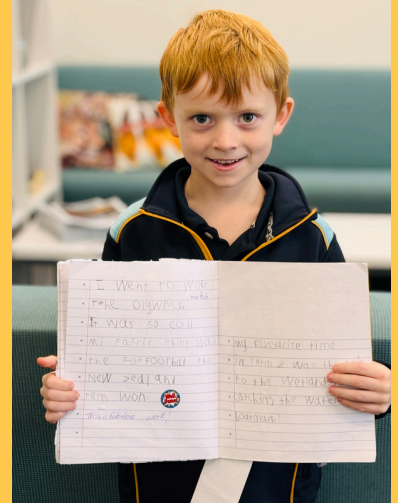


Orlando Mills (Year 0)

I played rugby.
I got the ball,
I ran fast.

The Olympics Brody Cartwright (Year 1)

I went to watch the
Olympics. It was
so cool. My
favourite thing
was the football.
The New Zealand
team won.

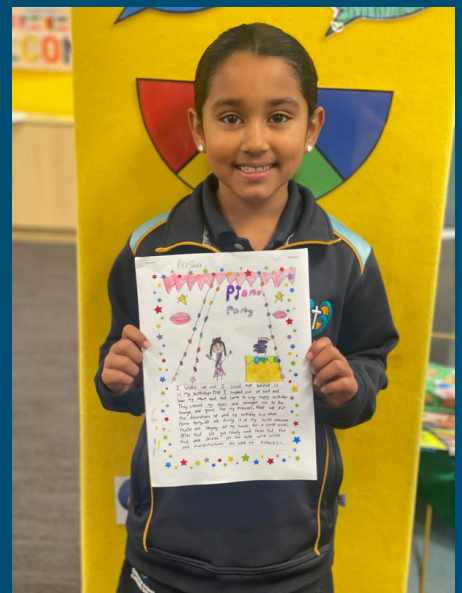


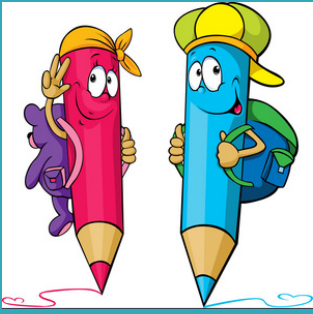
Pyjama Party

by Prisha Bhasin (Year 3)

I woke up and I could not believe it was my birthday! First, I hopped out of bed and saw my mum and dad coming to sing happy birthday. They closed my eyes, took me to the lounge and gave me my presents. Next, we put the decorations up as my birthday was a neon pyjama party. We are doing it at my house because people are staying at my house for a sleepover. After that, we got ready and then put the food and drinks on the tables with lollies and marshmallows as well as kebabs. Everything looked amazing, especially the decorations.

Finally, people started coming. We took photos with my friends. I wore a crown and makeup with a thing that said birthday girl. We started the games. First, we did the limbo and it was so hard but I passed. Next, we did pass the parcel. I got a pink lip balm. We only had six toys so one person did not get anything. Next, we did musical statues. We were dancing the night away. Some people left and then me and my other friends had a sleepover. We stayed up all night but we fell asleep in the end.





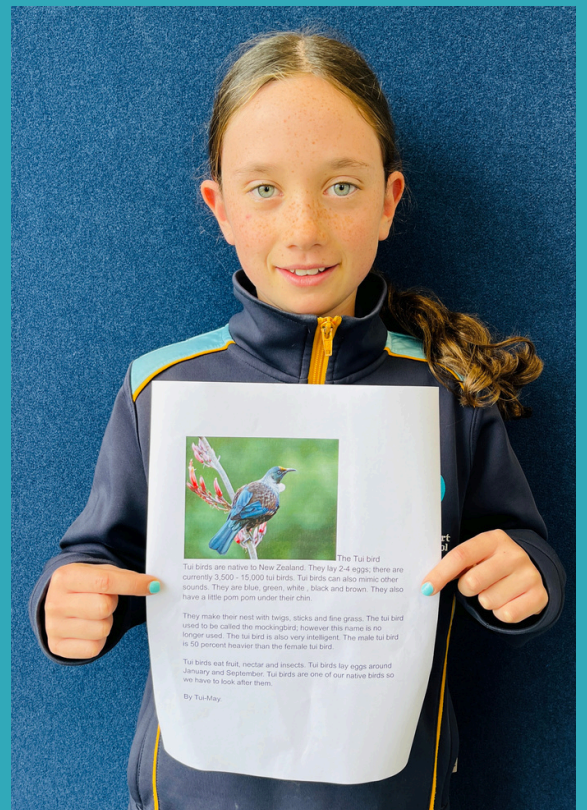
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The Tui Bird
Tui-May Blackburn (Year 5)

Tui birds are native to New Zealand. They lay 2 - 4 eggs; there are currently 3,500 - 15,000 Tui birds. Tui birds can also mimic other sounds. They are blue, green, white, black and brown. They also have a little pom pom under their chin.

They make their nest with twigs, sticks and fine grass. The Tui bird used to be called the Mockingbird, however this name is no longer used. The Tui bird is also very intelligent. The male Tui bird is 50% heavier than the female Tui bird.

Tui birds eat fruit, nectar and insects. Tui birds lay eggs around January and September. Tui birds are one of our native birds so we have to look after them.



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SPORTS UPDATE

Term 3 started and we were straight back into our winter sports codes, netball and basketball. We have a number of other upcoming sporting events including netball tournaments for our year 5 and 6 teams, a Winter Sports Tournament with the Papamoa schools cluster on Friday 25 August (years 5 and 6) and a Girls Playing Sports day on Friday 20 September

NETBALL

Reports from our netball coaches and managers are that our tamariki are playing hard, showing great teamwork and practising all the skills they have learned so far this season. A number of our teams have had to play with no or only one reserve and the girls have been giving it their all. It is awesome to see so many of our tamariki playing on a Saturday and we are grateful to our coaches and managers who allow this to happen.

Our year 5 and 6 netball teams both played in the Western Bay of Plenty Netball tournaments held on 7 and 14 August. On both occasions, the sun was shining and our girls had a great time, both coming away with some wins, some losses and a draw.



BASKETBALL

The Year 4 team boys have all improved significantly in their second year playing basketball. They have made huge strides this season dropping only one game (loss) to finish top of the table after the regular season. They won their quarter final and now advance to the semi final with lots of confidence and a genuine opportunity to go all the way and pick up some silverware.



WHAT'S ON TERM 3 2024

DATES	EVENTS
Friday 23 August	Winter Sports Tournament (Year 5 and 6)
Tuesday 10 September	Aquatic Survival Skills at Fulton Swim School (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 28 August	Interschool Chess Tournament (Years 1 - 6)
Friday 20 September	Girls Playing Sports (Years 5 and 6)

SPORT BAY OF PLENTY VISIT

Whānau Pachoud and Whānau Cartwright were so lucky to have Bev Hari from Sport BOP come to visit and share lots of fun sporting activities. We jumped and leaped from hoop to hoop, flipped cones to win Olympic medals and had a go at running relay races. We collaborated and completed the activities in small groups and had so much fun! Thanks to Bev. We can't wait for you to come back and visit again.



VELOCITY REGIONAL DANCE COMPETITION

A couple of our tamariki competed in the Velocity Regional Dance Competition yesterday, achieving some exciting results. Lauren placed second for her contemporary solo and placed in the top 6 for her jazz solo.



Kayley also competed and won her events as part of a group called The Dazzlers who compete in competitions throughout NZ. They have also qualified to compete in the international finals in the Gold Coast, Australia in January 2025. These successes come with a lot of practice and hard work and we are very proud of the girls' efforts.



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THE AUBERT WHĀNAU GROUP

CHRONICLES OF TIME TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for The Aubert Whānau Group's 2024 Trivia Night - "The Chronicles of Time". Tickets are limited so get in quick! They can be purchased online through **Kindo**.

Dress up from an era in history and come and join us for fun, laughter and a trivia night with a twist! Platters will be provided, and its BYO drinks and vessel. The winning team will take home a \$300 prize, with plenty of other prizes up for grabs. There will also be silent and live auctions for a wide range of prizes. We are currently looking for donations of prizes for these auctions. If you can help out with this, please email aubertwhanau@suzanneaubert.school.nz. Thank you for your support!

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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 T3 2024:

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

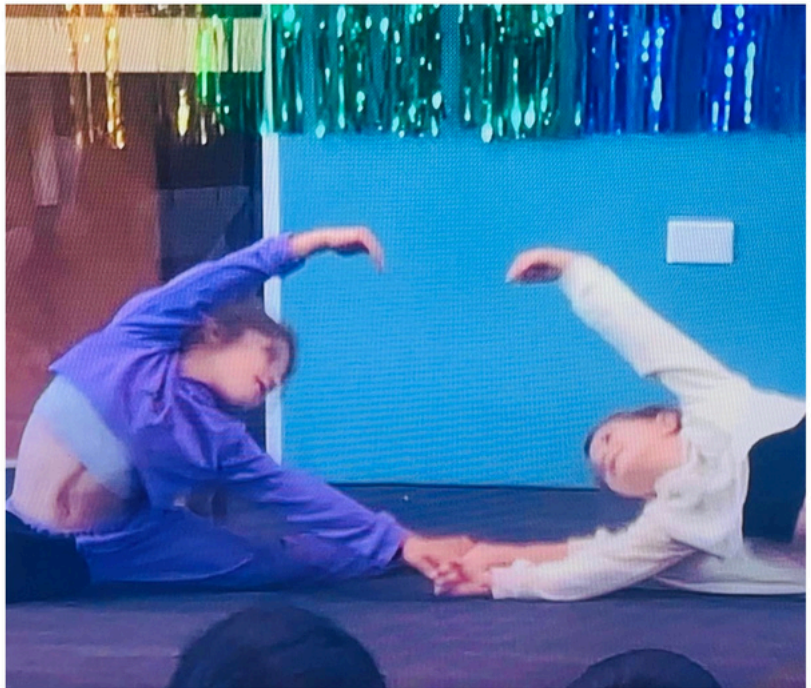
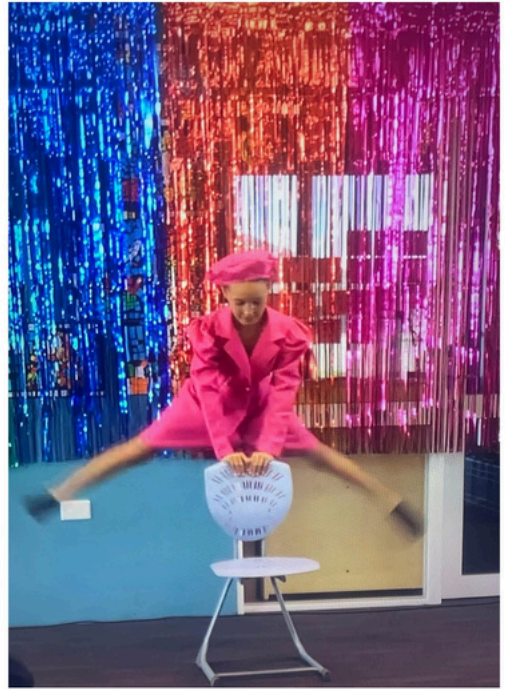


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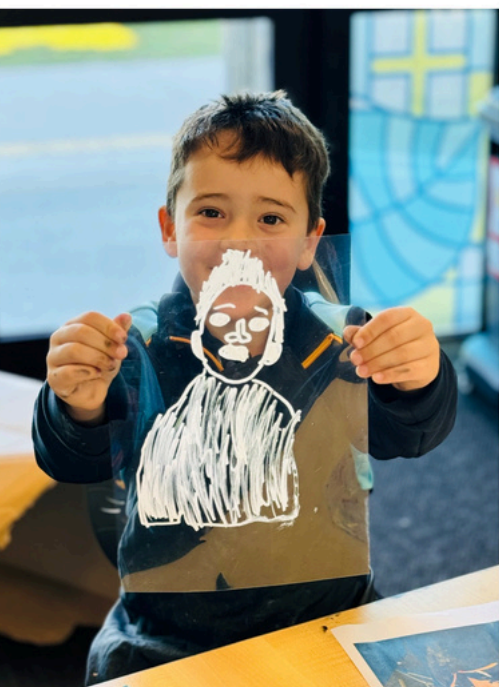
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ART GALLERY VISIT



BEGINNER CLASSES RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Future Gymnastics Tauranga is a Rhythmic Gymnastics based club offering both recreational & competitive programmes.

Our beginner classes aim to improve basic gymnastics skills, as well developing fine motor-skills through use of hand-held equipment (hoop, ball, clubs, rope & ribbon), coordination, flexibility, confidence and self-esteem.

Rhythmic Gymnastics classes are perfect for kids who love dance & movement. All children will have the chance to perform routines to music learnt during classes each term.

CLASS TIMES:

Tuesday:
4.00pm - 4.45pm (5-6 years)

Wednesday:
4.00pm - 5.00pm (7+ years)

Thursday:
4.30pm - 5.30pm (7+ years)

COST:

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LOCATION:

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