



*Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki
te whānau o te Kura o Kōpūtai
- greetings to all families
of Kōpūtai (Port Chalmers)
School.*

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible learning that has taken place across our kura. From the vibrant investigations in our classrooms to the exciting discoveries made during our Sea Week and the Pacific Navigation Unit, it has been wonderful to witness the growth and enthusiasm of our tamariki.

Learning isn't just about what's written in books or taught in lessons; it's about the curiosity we foster, the questions we ask, and the connections we make with the world around us. I've been so impressed by the way our students have embraced new challenges, collaborated with their peers, and demonstrated resilience when things haven't always been easy. Each and every child has contributed to the rich tapestry of learning that makes our school such a special place.

As the term draws to a close, we also turn our thoughts to the upcoming ANZAC Day commemorations on **Friday, April 25th**. This is a significant day for Aotearoa, a time for us to remember and honour the brave men and women who served our country in times of conflict.

ANZAC Day provides an opportunity for us to learn about the history of New Zealand's involvement in wars and peacekeeping missions. It encourages us to reflect on the values of courage, sacrifice, and mateship, and to appreciate the peace we enjoy today.

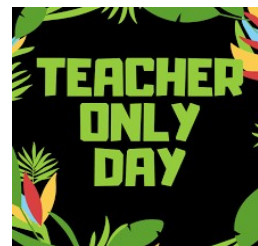
As a school, we will be holding a special ANZAC assembly on Friday the 2nd of May at 2:30 pm. We encourage you to also take some time as a whānau to discuss the significance of this day with your children. Age-appropriate resources and information can be found online and in libraries.

The term break offers a chance for our students to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with their whānau. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday the 28th of April, ready for another term of exciting learning adventures.

Ngā mihi nui,
Vicki Nicolson
Principal

Calendar of Events

11 th April	Last Day of Term
7 th May 9:30 am & 7:00 pm (Rūma Pāua & Wheke)	Kids Sing (Dunedin Town Hall)
8 th May 9:30 am	Strike Performance
14 th May 7:00 pm	Board Meeting
18 th May 2:00 pm	Hui Whānau
6 th June	Teachers Curriculum Day
13 th June 7:00 pm	Quiz Night
27 th June	Last day of term 2
Public Holidays in term time for 2025	
King's Birthday	June 2 nd
Matariki	June 20 th



Teacher Curriculum Only Day

6th June 2025

The Ministry of Education teacher only day is on Friday, 6th June.

Hui Whānau

He panui nui tēnei ki ngā whānau katoa o tō tātou kura, ā, he pōhiri motuhake tēnei ki ō tātou whānau Māori.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a **hui whānau** here at school on **Sunday, 18th of May, at 2:00 pm**.

This hui is a wonderful opportunity for our Māori whānau to come together, connect with one another, and offer support and encouragement. We believe it is vital to create a space where our families feel a strong sense of belonging, can share experiences, and collectively contribute to the success and well-being of their tamariki within our kura.

This will be a relaxed and informal gathering, a chance to build stronger relationships and foster a sense of community amongst our whānau. We envision this as a kaupapa where you can:

- **Connect:** Meet and kōrero with other Māori whānau from our school community.
- **Share:** Exchange experiences, insights, and aspirations for our tamariki.
- **Support:** Offer encouragement and build a network of support for one another.
- **Contribute:** Share your ideas and perspectives on how we can further strengthen the partnership between our kura and our Māori whānau.

We warmly invite all our Māori parents, caregivers, and whānau members to join us for this important hui. Your presence and your voice are invaluable.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any pātai, please don't hesitate to contact Vicki at the office.

Futsal Results

Port Chalmers White won 2-1 against MHS Arsenal, and Arthur was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Black lost 5-2 against Tahuna Liverpool, and Flynn was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Red won 4-3 against Dunedin Steiner Pigeons, and Rex was named player of the day.

Congratulations to our three futsal teams for their outstanding season! We're incredibly proud of the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by each and every player.

A big shout out to the coaches and parents for their dedication by training and providing transport every week.

Highlanders Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming some of the Highlanders rugby team to our school tomorrow. They will share some time with Rūma Mangō teaching skills and playing some games. If you have any Highlanders gear that you want to wear, please do.

Technology Fees



Just a reminder that Technology fees for Years 7 & 8 are **due by the end of this term**. We encourage parents to consider paying this off, as \$5.00 a week soon gets this paid. Technology costs are for the materials that will be used in module groups that have a take home component. It is not a donation to the school.

School Cell Phone

Please, do not ring the school cell phone as we use it only for texting. If you need a message passed then please ring the office on 472-8685. Thank you.

Te Reo Māori

[Poto](#) short
[Puke](#) hill
[Roa](#) long
[Roto](#) lake; inside
[Tai](#) coast, tide
[Wai](#) water
[Whanga](#) harbour, bay

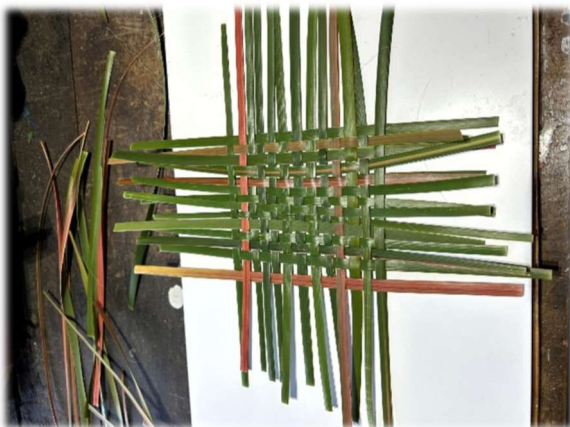
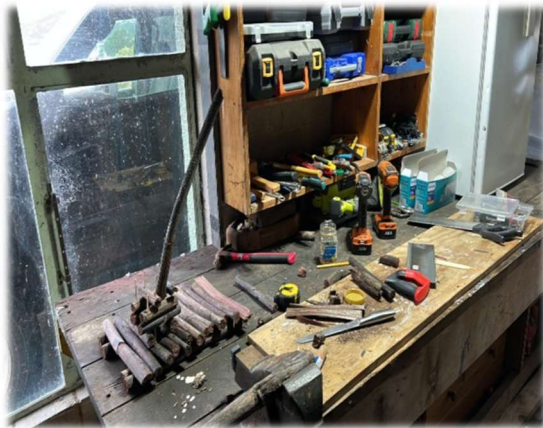
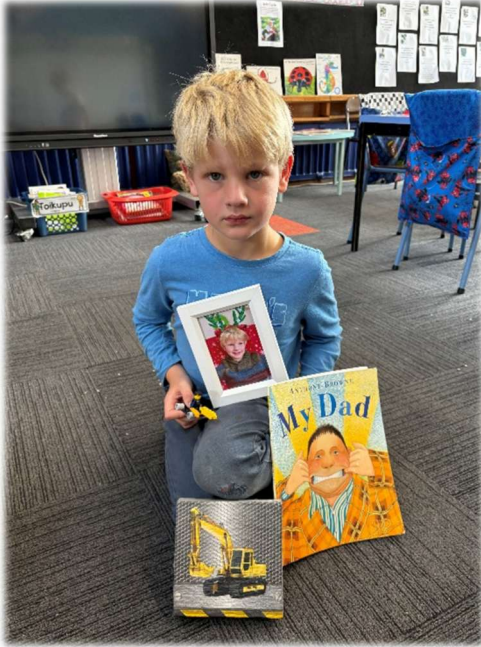
Under Water Adventure

Yesterday, our students embarked on a unique underwater adventure thanks to a visit from Hannah, an expert at the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre. Using immersive VR headsets, Hannah transported the children into the depths of our oceans, showcasing the harsh realities of overfishing and pollution. It was a powerful experience, contrasting the devastating effects of human activity with the vibrant, thriving ecosystems found in protected marine areas. The children were captivated by the clarity of the protected waters and the abundance of sea life, gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of ocean conservation. Hannah's extensive knowledge and the engaging VR experience left a lasting impression, inspiring our students to become advocates for our precious marine environments.



Congratulations to Joanne Hill and Adam
Townsend our Raffle Winners
Thank you to everyone who supported this
fundraiser

Images from this term's Learning






OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY

Friday May 9 to June 13
Fridays

- 6-7PM: 8-10 Yrs
- 7-8PM: 11-13 Yrs

Venue

- Edgar Centre

Price

- \$23 per session/ \$138 for the six week block

Contact details

- Email: otagofutsalacademy@gmail.com
- Phone: 021923190
- Website: www.facebook.com/otagofutsalacademy/





MEET THE ICE FERNZ

SKATE ON THE ICE WITH THE ICE FERNZ, ENJOY FUN GAMES AND PHOTO & AUTOGRAPH OPPORTUNITIES



FOOD & DRINKS

SATURDAY
12TH APRIL

10:00AM - 11:30AM

FREE ENTRY
DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM
SCAN TO REGISTER & SECURE YOUR PLACE

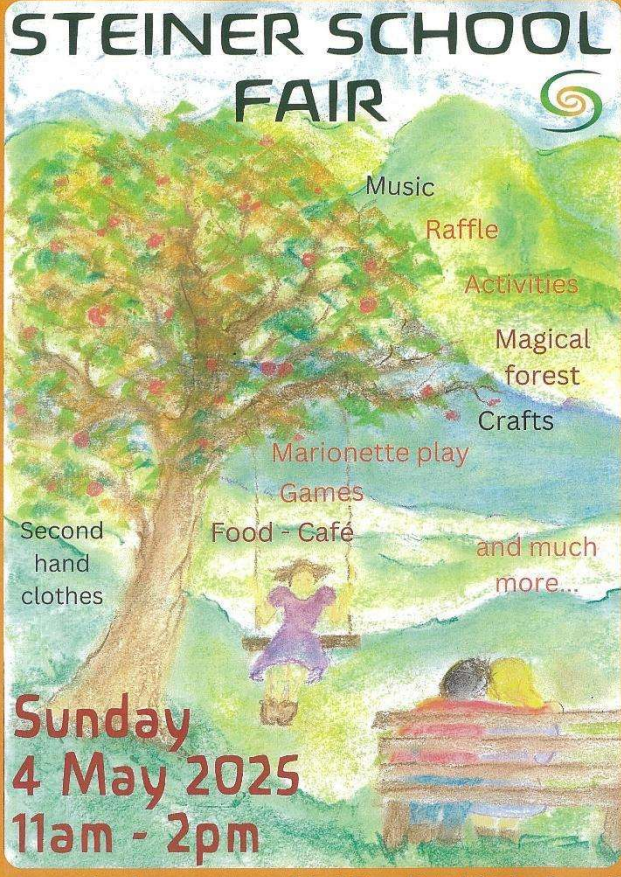









STEINER SCHOOL FAIR



Music
Raffle
Activities
Magical forest
Crafts
Marionette play
Games
Food - Café
and much more...

Second hand clothes

Sunday
4 May 2025
11am - 2pm

Come and enjoy our grounds! 1 Fern Road, Maia, Dunedin

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HARBOUR KIDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME


RAVENSBORNE SCHOOL

14-24 APRIL 2025

8:30AM-5:30PM

MON 14 TUES 15,	MYSTERY GUEST LET'S MAKE A PIZZA. WITH MISS HUNT
Wed 16 Thurs 17	LIVE MUSIC WITH MR WIGGLEY MISS A
FRI 18- MON 21	Closed over Easter
Tues 22 Wed 23	Spelling bee and. Maths with Mrs Hobbs Mystery Guest
Thurs 24 Fri 25	Storytelling with Miss S Closed



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