



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

Kiaora folks,

Incorporating hands-on activities into the school curriculum not only enriches learning experiences but also provides pupils with valuable life skills. This term, in Rumā Mangō, pupils have been learning how to use hand tools to create model waka hourua (traditional Polynesian catamaran style boats). By creating model waka, pupils can better understand Māori traditions, craftsmanship, and navigation.

This hands-on Aotearoa Navigation Social Science project has allowed pupils to engage with the history of the early Polynesian settlers in a way that books or videos alone cannot provide. It fosters a deeper appreciation for the Māori worldview, their respect for the environment, and the art of navigation that guided their ancestors across the Pacific.

Learning how to use hand tools, such as small saws, knives, clamps, files, hammers, hole punches, pliers and cutters teaches students essential practical skills. These tools allow children to create, while improving their hand-eye coordination and dexterity. As they work through the stages of building their model waka, they learn the importance of patience, attention to detail, and perseverance. These experiences help to build confidence, as they can take pride in their creations, knowing that they made them with their own hands.

Building a model waka is not just about following instructions—it encourages pupils to problem-solve and think critically. They may encounter challenges, such as shaping pieces of wood or ensuring the structure holds together properly. These challenges stimulate creative thinking and teamwork, especially in a collaborative environment. As pupils work together to figure out solutions, they develop communication and collaborative skills that will benefit them in other aspects of their education and later in life.

In a world of mass production, learning traditional craftsmanship promotes an appreciation for quality over quantity. Pupils gain an understanding of the effort, skill, and time that goes into creating something by hand.

Helping our kids build a deeper understanding of their heritage and encouraging them to be practical will encourage them to be someone who values cooperation, creativity and sustainability. Grab some kids tools or use your own during the School Holidays. Enjoy the sharing of the skills you have!

Mā te wā

Jared Roddick (Deputy Principal)



Calendar of Events

7 th April	Raffle Tickets Returned please.
11 th April	Last Day of Term
Class Assemblies (Friday 2.30-3pm)	
21 st March	Rūma Paua
28 th March	Rūma Wheke
4 th April	Rūma Mangō
Boating Timetable Rūma Pāua & Rūma Mangō (Thursdays)	
10 th April	1pm - 3pm
Public Holidays in term time for 2025	
King's Birthday	June 2 nd
Matariki	June 20 th
Labour Day	October 27 th

Futsal Results

Port Chalmers White won 8-1 against Andy Bay Purple, and Reuben was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Black lost against Fairfield Chargers, and Max (Ravensbourne) was named player of the day.

Port Chalmers Red won 18-1 against Trinity CC 7 Boys Strikers, and Toby was named player of the day.

PTA Easter Raffle

We are asking for donations of Easter treats please for our next fundraiser please. These may be left at the office.

Raffle cards were sent home to families last week. Please return the card and money to the office by Monday 7th April.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th April.
Thank you.



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

Tapu - sacred, not to be touched, to be avoided because sacred, taboo

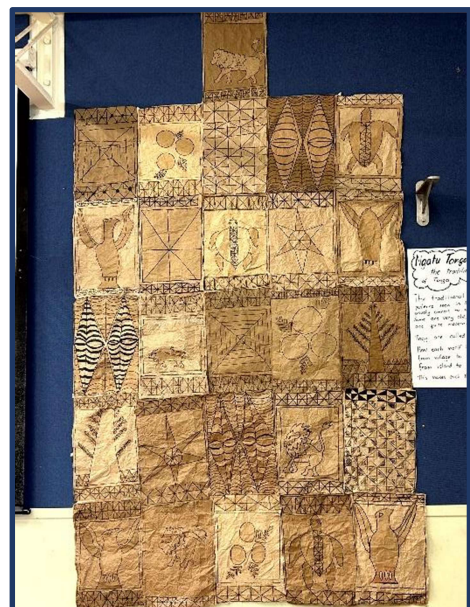
Tiaki - to care for, look after, guard (kaitiaki - guardian, trustee)

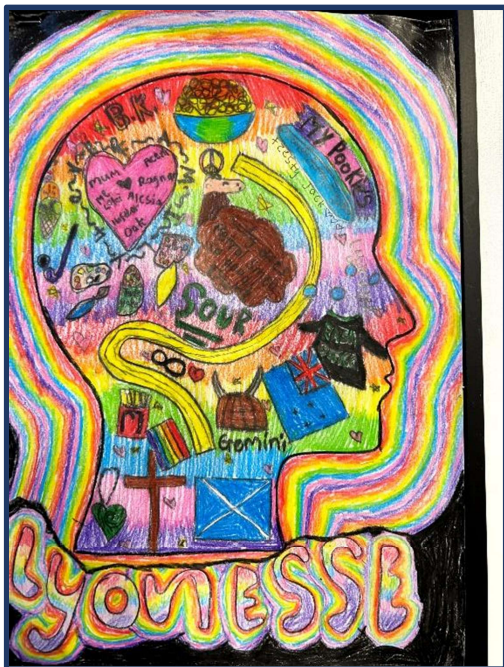
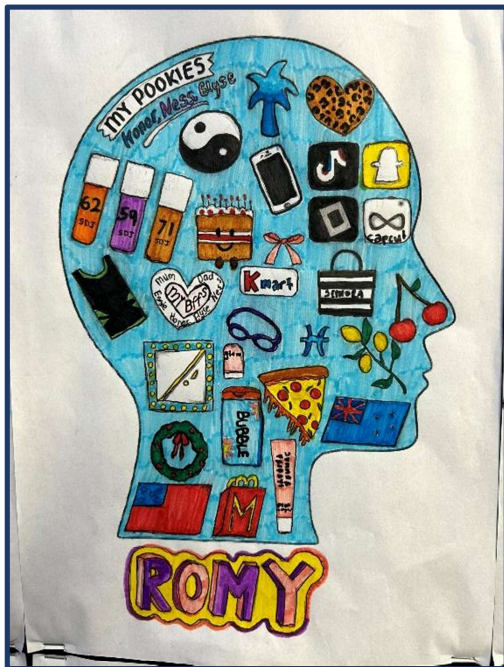
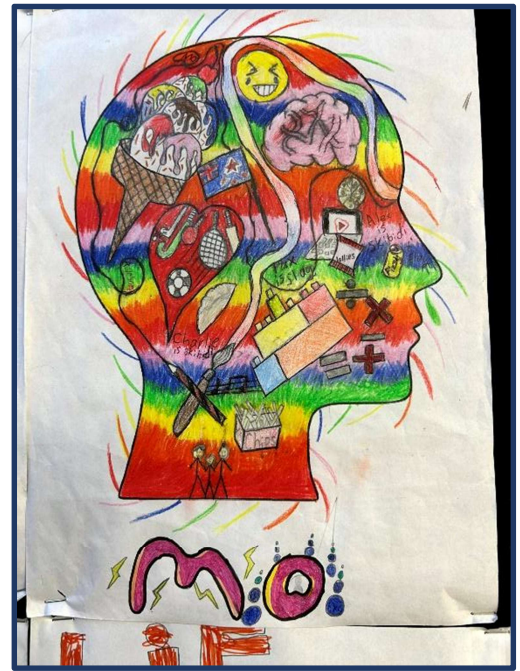
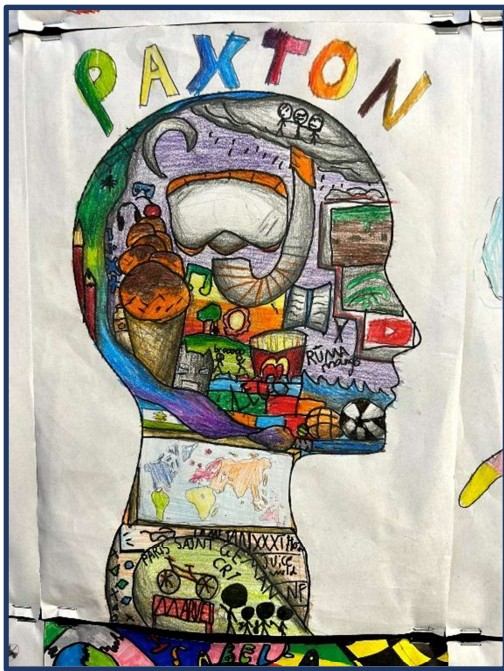
Taonga - treasured possessions or cultural items; anything precious

Family Works - help to have a warmer, dryer home and reduce power usage

Here at Family Works, Presbyterian Support Otago we have a free service called EnergyMate. An EnergyMate coach can come to your home, give you some tips on how to have a warmer, dryer home, use your appliances efficiently, help you to read and understand your power bill and ensure you are on the best power plan for you and your whānau. To find out more or book in a session with one of our EnergyMate Coaches please phone 0508 396 678 or email us on energy.mate@psotago.org.nz

Artwork from Rūma Mangō





STEINER SCHOOL FAIR

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

**Sunday
4 May 2025
11am - 2pm**

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

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**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

NGĀ TAONGA TĀKARO

*Holiday
Programme*

17 APRIL

YEAR 5-8
STUDENTS

9AM — 1PM

OTAGO GIRLS' HIGH
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
41 TENNYSON STREET

TICKET PRICE

\$20.00 /PERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION,
SPACES ARE LIMITED



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FOOD & DRINKS | SATURDAY 12TH APRIL | 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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










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

TO BOOK PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE
OR EMAIL
PRINCIPAL@RAVENSBORNE.SCHOOL.NZ



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

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