

Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School Mural

We would like to inform you about an internal mural that is being painted down one side of the learning centre at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School by former student Sam Allen who is based in the Incubator at the Historic Village. The learning centre is used for many different reasons including staff meetings, sharing professional practice, teaching students, community and parent meetings and the development of the Te Ao Māori local curriculum. The centre is often referred to as a meeting house and is architecturally similar to that of a whareniui.

In discussion with the staff at the school we feel that the mural should reflect the Iwi, Hapū and the multi-cultural diversity of the school. The opportunity to create some artwork that would involve our students and wider community enables us to create something really authentic from the heart and centre of our learning community.

Ōtūmoetai translated means of the sleeping tide, part of the schools karakia is 'Te tai timu, te tai pare', the low tide and high tide. The area has many stories linked to the tide and ocean and how the Patiki or flounder fish swam along the shores and river inlets in the outlying areas. The school is surrounded by birds like the Tūī which link strongly to Kinomoerua. The school and area are rich in visual imagery, storytelling and cultural identity that we plan to use to link together to form creative opportunities

School Karakia

Mai I te rangi ki te whenua.
Mai I te pae maunga ki te
pae moana.

Ko te tai ora...
te tai timu, te tai pari.
E tūhonotia ai
te mauri ō te tangata.

Ko te muka tāngata
Ko te muka wairua
Ko te muka e here nei
I a tātou katoa
ki te ao hurihuri
ki te ao mārāma e ...

Tihei Mauri ora

From the heaven to earth.
From the mountain ranges to
the sea horizon.

'Tis the tide of life
that ebbs and flows.
and connects
the life essence of humanity.

The strands of the physical.
The strands of the spiritual.
The strands that bind
us all,
to this world,
to the world of enlightenment.

Proposal by Sam Allen (Artist and former student of Ōtūmoetai Intermediate) for the Learning Centre.

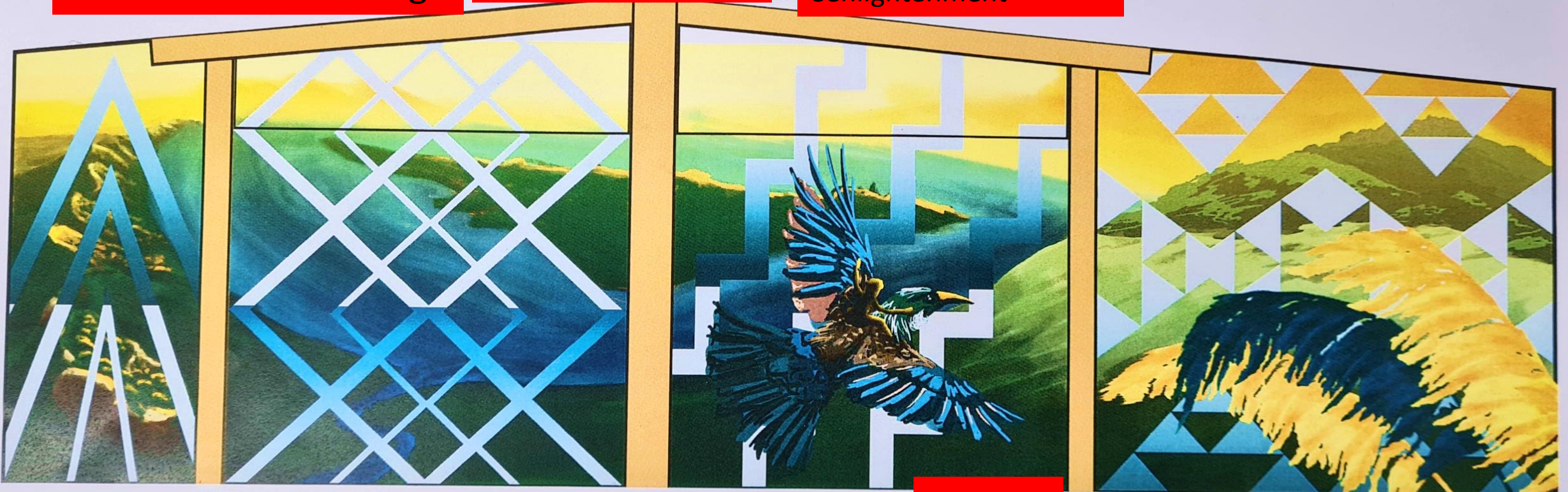
Ascending to the pinnacle of success

Kaimai mountain range

Matakana Island

Poutama –
Steps to higher success/
enlightenment

Stories and nature
that reflect our land



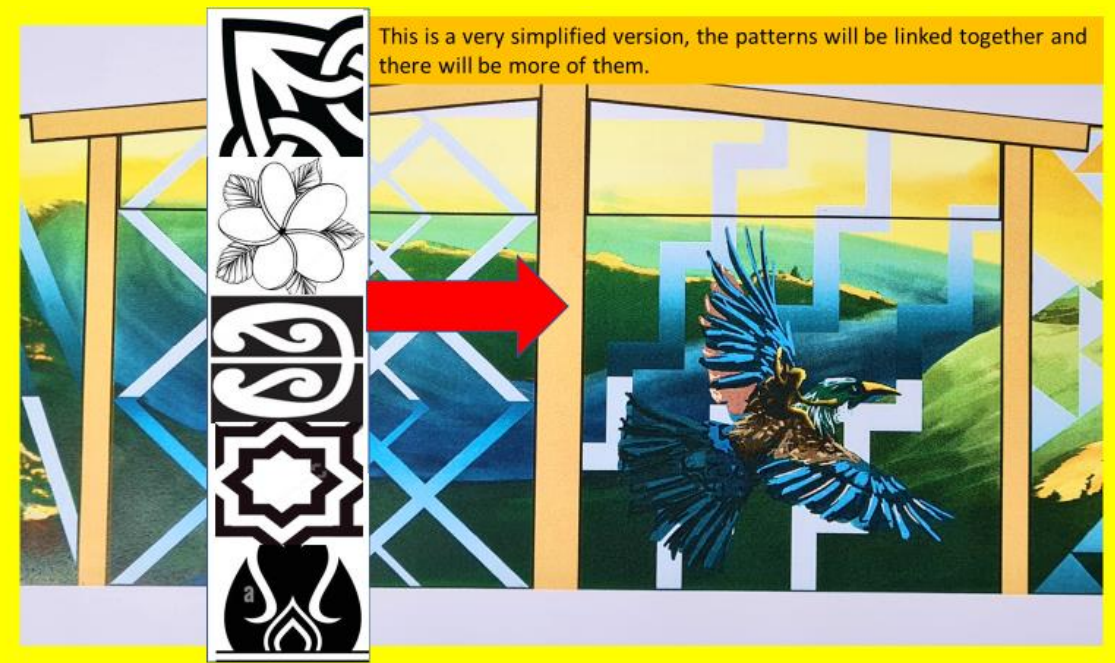
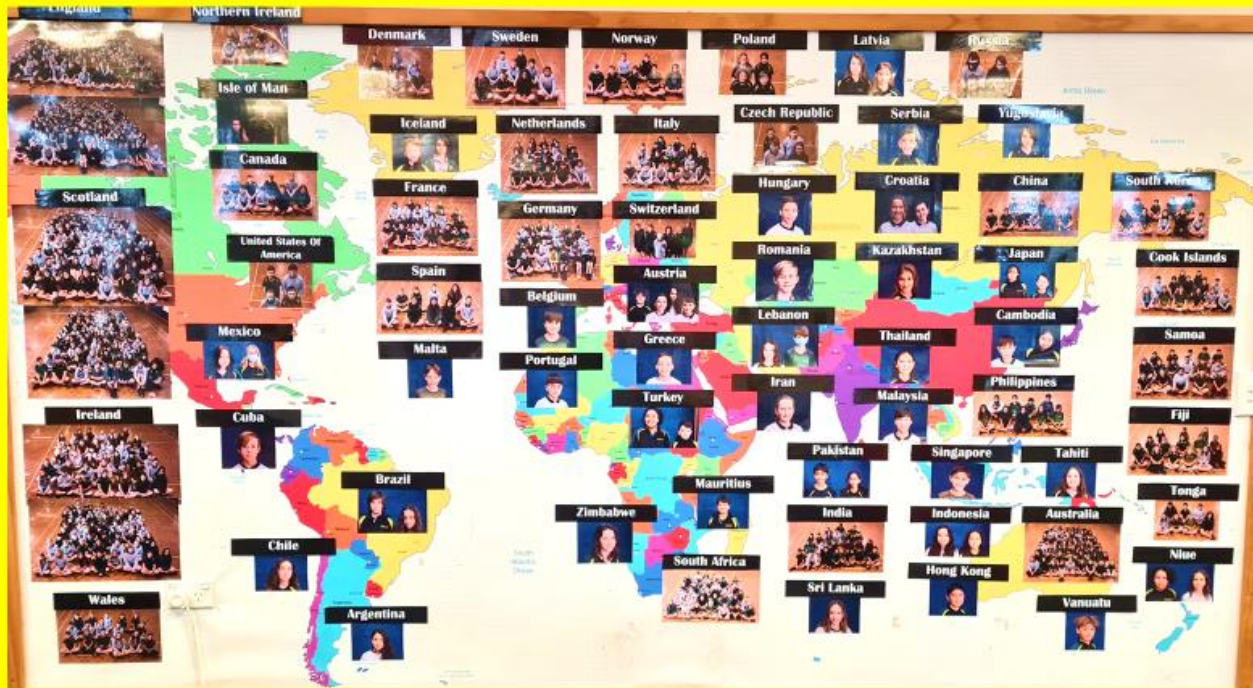
Tututuku panels

Patiki/flounder fish patterns

Tui bird

Mauao

The Cultural diversity of the school will be reflected in the mural



Students will be discussing the mural in class with their teachers. They will be working on ideas for the 3 Pou's that will be framing the mural.

