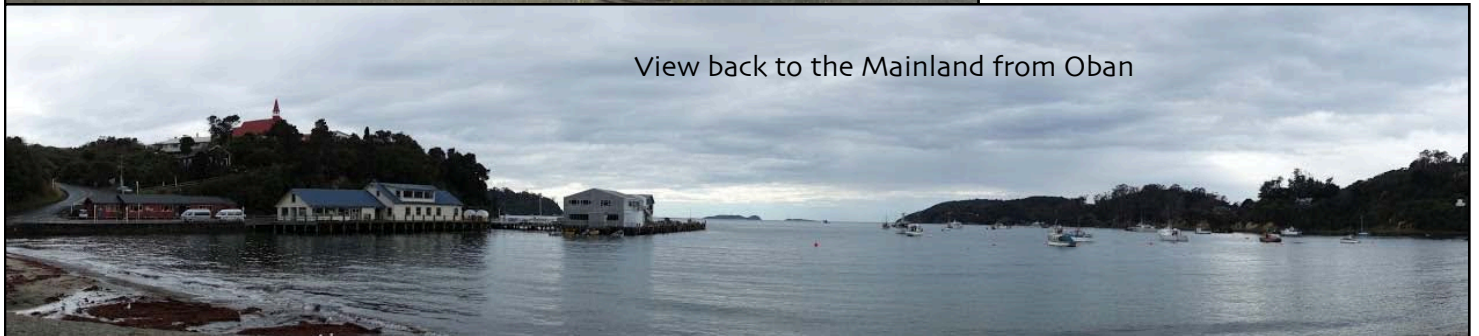


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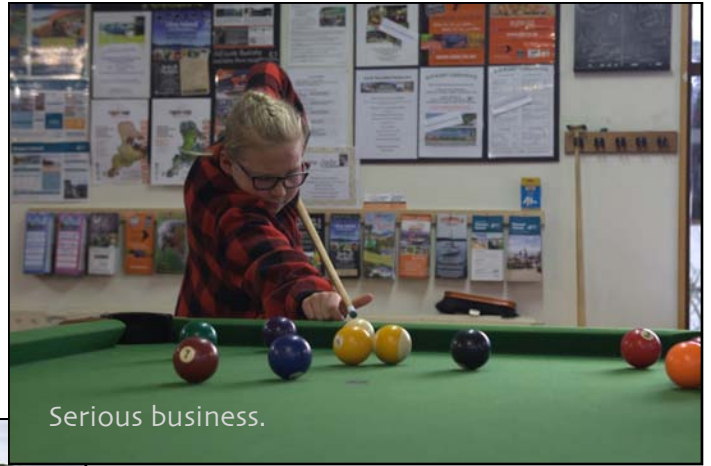
Last week a party of 32 students, parents and LAs had an amazing trip down to Stewart Island.

After a long drive to Invercargill and a night there, all took the ferry over to Rakiura.

We had a great crossing and a tasty bite from the 4 Square, then everyone split into 2 tramping groups. One group caught a shuttle to the start of the track to Port Williams Hut and had a wonderful time walking around the beautiful coast. The other also had a great time on the 13 km track to North Arm hut, but had to contend with "LOTS of MUD"! (A Mudwiggles quote.)



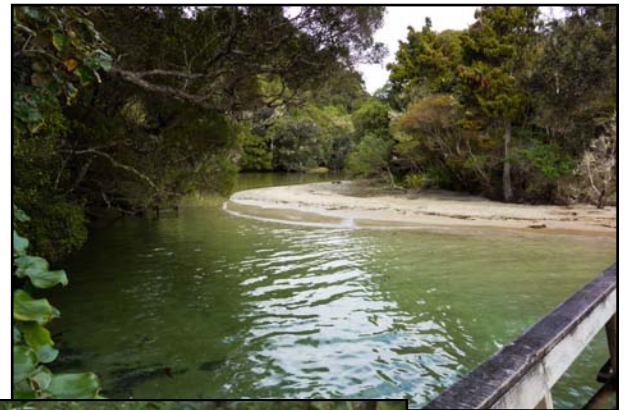




Serious business.



En route to Ulva Island.



Birdwatching



**MASSIVE**  
Thanks to Sally White who organised this amazing experience for our kids!

After the tramps, everyone met up for a couple of days on the Island exploring and spending time together. We took a trip to Ulva Island and experienced the amazing bird life in the sanctuary. We played pool, walked, tried to spot kiwi and had some lovely dinners. The last day was absolutely stunning and it was pretty sad to be leaving. There were only a couple of pukers on the return ferry ride, we had a quick stop to see Henry the 106 year old Tuatara in Invercargill then we all came back home.

Libby Boyd

The Bluff end of the chain and the whole group. The chain represents the Maui legend of Rakiura as an anchor to Maui's canoe.

