



Kaikorai Valley College

PĀNUI #9 – 19 June 2025

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Principal's Comment



Kia ora koutou

Even though we are approaching the end of the term, there is no shortage of events and activities at school. This week, we held our biennial school production, 'Copper'. This production, written by our multi-talented Mr Greg Cook, is inspired by the Terry Pratchett Novel 'Guards!, Guards!' I was most impressed by the performance of all the students involved, who put in many days of rehearsal to put on a fine show. Well done to all for the commitment and dedication. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved in helping make the show such a success. Many staff volunteered their time, both after school and at weekends, to help run rehearsals, create the set, gather resources, and help manage the students backstage; a considerable effort. We are lucky to have such dedicated and passionate staff.

Next week, approximately 70 students will participate in the Co-Ed Sports tournament, where they will compete against other schools in various sports. Good luck to them all; I am sure they will give a good account of themselves.

We continue to seek feedback from you about the strategic focus of Kaikorai Valley College for the next three years. As stated in the previous newsletter, your responses will help inform us of the goals we set and the direction we take. The forms are anonymous, and we value your feedback. The links to the two feedback forms are provided below.

[Wellbeing and Belonging](#) and [Academics at KVC](#)

We would like feedback on three more areas: Giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Inclusiveness at KVC, and Preparation for Life Beyond School. We will send out these forms next term.

As we close out another term, I thank all the staff, students, and their families for a busy and productive term. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish to have a chat.

Ngā mihi nui

Jatin Bali
Principal

Kaikorai Valley College - Years 7-13



OPEN NIGHT

Monday 21 July at 6.30pm



THE MULTI-PURPOSE INTRODUCTION

Using a clear and organised introduction helps develop your ideas with clarity. A good introduction helps your reader understand your work.

The Multipurpose Introduction

1.

NEUTRAL SENTENCE

Make a general statement about your topic, ease the reader in...

Don't be too complex, say something about your topic that everyone would agree with...

2.

CONTEXT SENTENCE

Write a sentence offering 2-3 facts about your topic...

Be specific. Give actual names, dates, events, amounts. Show that you know something about the topic...

3.

ARGUMENT SENTENCE

*Deliver your argument, state your position...
"This essay will argue..."*

Be clear, be forceful, take a side, don't sit on the fence. Let the reader know what you think about the topic...

4.

SUM UP SENTENCE

End with a statement which drives home your point!

Hint: for your last sentence you might try stating the outcome of your position. What will come of it? Why is it such a good idea?

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Better Writers Build Better Students





Interpreting Statistical Graphs

Obvious Observations: Describe what you see

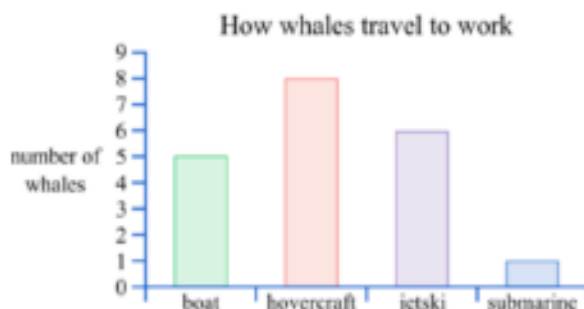
e.g. *The shortest bar stands out.*

or *The two biggest sections are about the same size*

Specify: Say what that represents

e.g. *This shows that "submarine" is not a popular way for whales to get to work.*

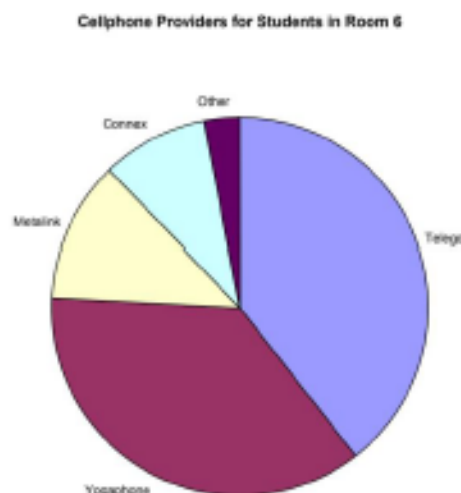
or *This indicates "TELEGO" & "YOGAPHONE" each have a large share of the cell phone market.*



Evidence: Give actual figures to show how long, how wide, how tall, how many etc.

e.g. *In fact, only one of the twenty whales interviewed used a submarine.*

or *TELEGO was the largest company, with 272 of the 700 customers surveyed, and YOGAPHONE was close behind, with 267 customers.*



Meaning and Musing:

Explain the meaning behind what you see. Analyse what your observations show – answer the question "so what?"

Is it only relevant for this data, or does it suggest something about a wider situation?

What / who / where / when else should be similar?

How / why might some other groups / places / times be different?

What else would be useful or interesting to find out about this situation?

e.g. *This means that the planned "car park" should have only a few spaces for submarines and won't need to spend a lot on special fittings for these vehicles to dock. However, since this survey was only done on the 20 orca whales who all work at SeaFord Holdings' Dunedin office, it might not be valid elsewhere. For instance, car parks planned for Invercargill, or Paris, or those used by sharks instead of whales might have different needs.*

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ACTIVITIES

Year 12 Outdoor Education students walked up Baldwin Street and then played Frisbee Golf on a sunny Tuesday afternoon.



Students walked the Highcliff track on a windy Tuesday afternoon.



Congratulations to the Winners of the Annual Dunedin Secondary Schools' History Quiz

Massive congratulations to Eden Bell Nash (Year 11) and Niachelle Steenekamp (Year 12), who recently came away winners in the Annual Dunedin Secondary Schools History Quiz!

The Dunedin Secondary Schools' History Quiz is an annual competition contested by schools in the Dunedin area. Eight teams compete in the Senior Quiz: Year 12 and 13 combined, and six teams in the Year 11 Quiz.

The quiz typically includes rounds on international and New Zealand current events, history, famous people, and general knowledge.

KVC led the Year 11 Quiz from the first round and held a one-point lead going into the last round. Ultimately, they won by three points over Logan Park and Trinity Catholic College. This annual contest is hotly contested among Dunedin schools, and we are so proud that these two KVC role models and leaders took the title for the Year 11 History Dunedin Secondary Schools' History Quiz.





Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition – Congratulations Wairangi Tunoho!

On Wednesday, 28 and Thursday, 29 May, a small group of senior te reo Māori students went down to the Dunedin Town Hall to support Wairangi Tunoho, a Year 12 student, as he stood at the Ngā Manu Kōrero competition this year. Wairangi was the third speaker, and around 400 people in the audience were listening to him! We were all impressed with his kōrero and very proud of him.

The competition is a chance for students who whakapapa as Māori to speak on issues relating to rangatahi Māori. The competition has English and Māori sections split into Junior and Senior divisions. Our cohort of rangatahi who went along found the whole event very educational and a great experience. Well done, Wairangi!

NZ Association of Japanese Language Teachers) Annual Trivia Night

Last Friday night, Ms Lydiate attended the NZAJLT (NZ Association of Japanese Language Teachers) Annual Trivia Night for junior students studying Japanese with three Year 8 and two Year 10 students. Otago Girls hosted this year's trivia night, which is held at multiple other high schools at roughly the same time throughout the motu. Each school is allowed to enter a maximum of three teams with four members per team, and there were five rounds, including pop culture, geography, and food. Parents were also invited to join the fun and form their own impromptu team. Impressively, the parents' team came second, equal to two other teams.

Other highlights of the night included the delicious Japanese snacks, spot prizes, and a prize for the team with the best Japanese-themed dress-up. Although our KVC teams did not win this time, they had plenty of fun, and the Year 8 students are already eager to come back next year.



Congratulations to Mackenzie Dinnissen on her IRB Driver's Award



Mackenzie achieved her IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) driver's award over the weekend. This means she is able and qualified to operate rescue boats in any surf conditions. IRBs are normally used in the surf line and are fairly tricky to operate. If safe, Mackenzie will be called upon to drive in conditions up to a couple of metres or more.

IRBs are made of rubber and consist of four inflatable tubes - two side tubes, a bow tube, and a keelson tube. This specific feature, coupled with the obvious fact that they are used in the water, has coined the term "rubber duck" or simply "duck" to describe an IRB. Typically, the rubber is coloured a shade of red termed 'Rescue Red'



SPORTS NEWS

We are looking forward to the Co-Ed Tournament to be held next Thursday, 26 June. All of the co-ed schools in Dunedin get together and play a variety of sports for the day. Over 60 students will be involved from KVC.

- **Netball** and **Basketball** will be held at the **Edgar Centre**.
- **Football** matches will take place on the **Logan Park Turf**.
- **Badminton** will be played at the **Badminton Hall** on **Victoria Road**.
- **Hockey** will hit off at the **Macmillan Turf** on **Harbour Terrace**.

It will be a fun day of competition and camaraderie!

National Volunteer Week | 15–21 June 2025

Table Tennis NZ asked its member associations to nominate volunteers who make a real difference in their region. In Otago, TTNZ is proud to spotlight an outstanding individual giving back to the sport in unique and meaningful ways.

Congratulations to KVC Year 13 student from 2024, Ella Woodward – A Junior Leader ‘Making a Big Difference’. In just four years, Ella has become a vital part of the Otago table tennis community. She has supported after-school programmes, stepped up to help deliver the TT Kidz programme, and has been the top cheese roll fundraiser five years running. Ella’s commitment and enthusiasm show the power of youth volunteering and how juniors can make a lasting impact.

Congratulations and well done, Ella, for your inspiring work in Otago.

WEEK 1 – The Ballers Clinic is Back!

We’re teaming up again with the Otago Nuggets for another exciting Ballers Clinic.



Our April clinic was a slam dunk, and we can’t wait to do it all again with more fun, skills, and big smiles for our future hoop stars.

Location: Edgar Centre, Dunedin

Year Levels: Years 3 to 8

Dates & Times:

Monday 30 June, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Tuesday 1 July, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Cost: \$133 for all three days or \$50 per day

Register here: [Ballers Clinic](#)

Spaces are limited – don’t miss out!

A promotional poster for the 'Ballers Clinic'. It features a group of children and adults, some wearing 'NUGGETS' jerseys, posing in a gym. The text on the poster includes 'OTAGO NUGGETS X CROSS OVER', 'BALLERS CLINIC', 'SCHOOL HOLIDAYS / 30 JUNE - 2 JULY', 'YEARS 3-8 / 12PM - 3PM', '\$50 PER DAY OR \$133 FOR ALL 3 DAYS / EDGAR CENTRE', 'TEE AVAILABLE WITH PRE ORDER / REGISTER TODAY!', and 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY TAYLORMADE MOTORS'. There is also a small logo for 'BALLERS' in the top right corner of the poster.



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KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE 2025 YEAR DATES

TERM DATES

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1 (10 weeks)	31 January	11 April
Term 2 (9 weeks)	28 April	27 June
Term 3 (10 weeks)	14 July	19 September
Term 4 (10 weeks)	6 October	9 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

DATE	HOLIDAY
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day (observed)
Monday 24 March	Otago Anniversary Day
Friday 18 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Good Friday
Monday 21 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Tuesday
Friday 25 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	ANZAC Day
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday
Friday 20 June	Matariki
Monday 27 October	Labour Day

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

27 June	Last Day of Term 2
30 June - 13 July	School Holidays
TERM 3	
14 July	1st Day of Term 3
21 July	OPEN NIGHT
28 August	3-Way Conferencing Day
29 August	OPSSA Otago Cross Country
1-12 September	Lit/Num exams fortnight Year 11
5 September	OPSSA Otago Cross Country (backup day)
8-12 September	Level 2/3 Digi CAA week
8-12 September	Senior Assessment Week
8-19 September	Lit/Num exams fortnight Year 10
10 September	Board and Staff Election date
17 September	Sports and Cultural Prize Giving
19 September	Last day of Term 3
22 Sept - 5 Oct	School Holidays

KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE PARENT GROUP

The Kaikorai Valley College Parent Group is a small group that supports the College by:

- ✓ running the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. **The second-hand uniform shop contact is Karen Crawford. Please TEXT 021 212 8473 to make an appointment to view and purchase uniform items.**
- ✓ providing funds to buy resources and equipment
- ✓ organising afternoon teas and suppers for school events
- ✓ Raffles

It isn't a huge commitment, and the group would welcome new members.

If you are interested and would like to help, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Stewart Tagg, our assistant principal for Year 9 and 10 students, at

sttagg@kvc.school.nz

or call the school on
03 453 6035.



CURIOUS NOTIONS

- * Although GPS is free for the world, it costs US\$2,000,000 per day to operate. The money comes from American tax revenue.
- * There is a punctuation mark used to signify irony or sarcasm that looks like a backward question mark ?
- * Bathmophobia is the fear of stairs or steep slopes. (no walking up Baldwin Street then!)
- * Smells can pass through liquid.
- * Canadians say "sorry" so much that a law was passed in 2009 declaring that an apology can't be used as evidence of admission to guilt.
- * A group of parrots is called a pandemonium
- * The scientific name for the Giant Anteater is Myrmecophaga Tridactyla. This means "ant eating with three fingers."
- * When you have to make a choice, and every choice is a bad one, it's called a zugzwang.
- * There is a village in Russia called Tsovkra where every resident can tightrope walk. This tradition dates back over 100 years, but no one knows how it started.
- * The average silverback gorilla can bench press around two tonnes.
- * The first type of chewing gum was whale blubber flavoured with vinegar and salt.
- * Writing down your worries before taking an exam can help combat test anxiety, improve performance, and boost your test scores.
- * Elephants can die of a broken heart if their mate dies.
- * The word factoid originally meant something false but considered to be true.

PUZZLEGRAM

A	C	R
T	Y	U
N	A	S

Words must be **four** letters or more and must contain the letter

Y

Your list must have one 9-letter word. Proper names and non-English words are not allowed.

Answers will be in next week's newsletter.

10 words = good; 18 words = great; 27 words = excellent; 34 words; 41 = outstanding!

Puzzlegram answers: atop, mope, nape, neap, nipa, nope, open, pain, pane, pant, pate, pean, peat, pein, pent, peon, pian, pina, pine, pint, pion, pita, poem, poet, pome, pone, tamp, tape, temp, tepa, tope, impot, inapt, inept, opine, paeon, paint, panim, panto, paten, patio, piano, pieta, pinot, pinta, pinto, piton, point, potin, tempi, tempo, mopane, mopani, opiate, optima, optime, pantie, pieman, piment, , pitman, pitmen, pointe, potman, potmen, tampon, topman, topmen, emption, maintop, pimento, ptomain, tampion, timpano, ptomaine, **PANTOMIME**



Changes to some Orbus Bus Routes

Some Orbus bus routes will be changed effective Monday, June 30. Please check the [link](#) here to see whether your bus route is affected.

If you have any questions, please contact Orbus on 0800 ORBUSDN (0800 672 8736) or email the Orbus team at transport@orc.govt.nz. You can also [use their online form to send them a message or give your feedback](#).

On Board
with Orbus

Tutor Available

A first-year university student and experienced tutor is offering online sessions for all high school year levels in various subjects, including English, mathematics, chemistry, and biology. The standard rate for these sessions is \$40 per hour. Liv's CV and referees are available upon request.

Contact Liv at calderliv@gmail.com or message 022 472 9707 for questions or inquiries.



YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



OPEN HOURS | Term 3, 2025

14 July - 4 October

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday

9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed on Public Holidays
Open Hours may be subject to change.

Visit for more info: www.shopdun.uniformgroup.co.nz



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Not Back to the Future Again!

Kaikorai Valley College Hall

Thursday, 14th of August

11:10 am

1:10 pm

6:30 pm

RSVP dahananeia@kvc.school.nz

A Kaikorai Valley College
Brathwaite Centre Trip in Time Adventure 2025
Donations Welcomed!

What you do **EVERY DAY** matters!

Caring for your teeth every day makes the biggest difference - **your daily 1, 2, 3** will keep them happy and healthy



1 Brush twice every day with fluoride toothpaste

2 Give your teeth a rest by eating main meals and snacking less

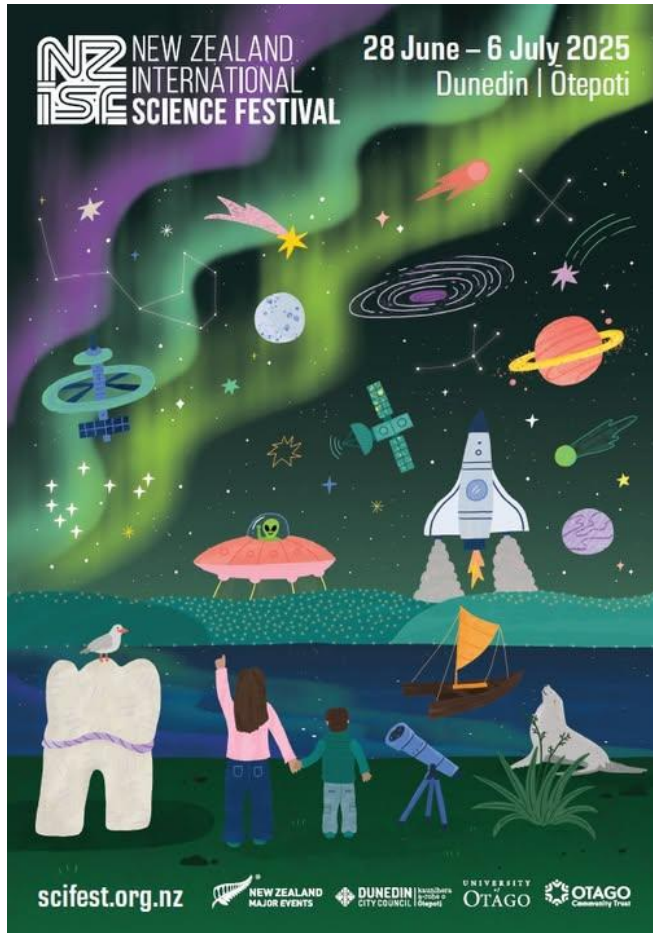
3 Make unsweetened food and drinks your everyday choice

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern



2025 NZ INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The 2025 NZ International Science Festival programme has 90+ events these coming school holidays – most are free!

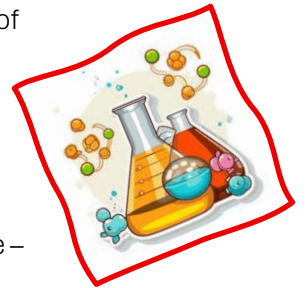
We're especially excited to be hosting Dr Michelle Thaller, the recently retired Deputy Director of Science Communication at NASA, for several events, including an 'Ask Me Anything' session for all our young people on Sunday, June 29.


Whether you're into gaming, quantum physics, technology, conservation, books, talks, learning through play, theatre, or comedy, there's something for everyone, no matter what your age or interests.

The Festival Hub schedule is packed with hands-on fun and interesting science, as well as daily seminars, workshops, and, of course, our Imagination Playground for the little ones.

Teachers and parents, there are plenty of adult-focused events, too, so don't miss looking through the programme yourself!

See the full NZ International Science Festival programme at scifest.org.nz/programme. From 28 June – 6 July





Catholic Social Services

FILIPINO PARENTING JOURNEY


MAGULANG

TUESDAY EVENINGS 6-8PM


CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
42 MACANDREW RD
DUNEDIN

Starting soon!

All Welcome!!



For more information, please contact the office at 03 455 3838, office@cathsocialservices.org.nz







BREAKAWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM



9-11 JULY 2025
WED-FRI

10:00AM - 3:00PM

EDGAR CENTRE
119 PORTSMOUTH DRIVE

CONTACT::
Theresa at wellbeing@pto.nz for more information

Registrations are **FREE** and **CLOSE** Friday 4th July, 2025

Calling all 11-18 year olds! Register now and join us at the Edgar Centre for 3 days of exciting sports activities.

- Guest Speakers:** Ke Tatata, Careers Pathways, Healthy Eating & PTO Services
- Morning Sessions:** Netball, Basketball, Touch Rugby
- Afternoon Sessions:** Volleyball

