



# Kaikorai Valley College

## PĀNUI #10 – 18 July 2025

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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora koutou

I hope all of our students had a great term break. It is wonderful to see the campus full of life, students hard at work, and enjoying the first week back. Speaking of enjoyment, the group of students who went on the Humanities Trip had a fantastic time in England and France. From all reports, it was an amazing experience for everyone: from the experiences they had, the places they visited, the new people they met, and the friendships they formed. This will be a trip they remember for the rest of their lives. I would like to thank the staff involved: Mr Tagg, Mrs Mulder, and Mr Corlett. Over a year's worth of work went into the planning and organisation of this trip, and we are fortunate to have staff who are willing to put in the extra effort and hours required to provide such opportunities for our students.

Last term, we emailed you three Google Forms to collect community feedback to inform you of the strategic direction the school will take over the next three years. One of the forms requested input on the following:

*Feeling safe, confident, and having a sense of belonging is essential for your child's success at school. How would you describe your child's sense of belonging and well-being at KVC?*

Below is a summary of what you felt the **school does well** to enhance student wellbeing:

**Positive School Culture and Environment:** There's a strong emphasis on creating a welcoming, inclusive, and respectful environment that fosters positive relationships between students and staff, promotes diversity, and includes rainbow-friendly spaces.

**Supportive and Approachable Staff:** Teachers and staff were praised for being friendly, approachable, and genuinely caring, actively listening to students, adapting to individual needs, and providing comprehensive support for learning and well-being.

**Strong Focus on Student Well-being:** The school prioritises student well-being through access to counsellors, encouragement for physical activity, various clubs and activities, and creating a safe space for emotional and academic growth.

**Community Engagement and Belonging:** Initiatives like Whānau rooms, Matariki events, and active social media presence build a strong sense of community and belonging, keeping families informed and involved.

**Individualised Support and Recognition:** The school excels at understanding and supporting individual learning needs, celebrating all students (not just academic or sporty achievements), and ensuring no one feels like "just a number".

Below is a summary of your responses on what the **school could do further** to improve student wellbeing:

**Behaviour Policy:** Clarify the consequences for misbehaviour, create a digital system that makes it easier for students to report concerns or issues with other students or staff, and establish a straightforward procedure for addressing these concerns.

**Support for Diverse Learners:** Provide further training to staff on how to teach and interact with neurodiverse students. Ensure all staff are reminded of the learning needs of neurodiverse students.

**Strengthen Relationships:** Build stronger relationships between students, teachers, and families, and further foster a culture of respectful interactions between staff and students.

**Essential Life Skills and Critical Thinking:** Integrate more opportunities for students to develop self-management, emotional regulation, communication, and critical thinking skills, particularly in response to the

challenges posed by digital culture.

**Boost Student Engagement and Community:** Introduce more social activities, team-building exercises, buddy systems for shy students, and opportunities for students to share their ideas and interests, while also celebrating cultural diversity within the school.

Thank you to all who have responded to our feedback forms. Please note that all responses are anonymous, and we value your feedback; it will be used to help create the next Strategic Plan. Our next aspect of school life that we request feedback on is how well the school gives effect to the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi. [Here is the link.](#)

Finally, a reminder that our **Open Night** is this Monday, July 21st, in the Hall at 6.30 pm. If you are aware of any prospective students interested in attending KVC, we would appreciate your support in encouraging them and their families/whānau to attend.

Ngā mihi nui

**Jatin Bali**  
Principal

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDING MEMBER



#### BOARD TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now **OPEN** for the Triennial Elections, for the Election Day of Wednesday, 10 September 2025. We have seven parent representative vacancies and one staff vacancy to fill. Being a member of the School Board provides whānau and the community with the opportunity to be involved in setting the strategic direction of our college and directly in the education of your tamariki/children.

Our board requires a wide range of skills from across the community and welcomes applications from all walks of life.

To help understand the functions of the board, the current board will be running an information evening on **Wednesday, 30 July**.

More details will be provided shortly. Our intention is to provide an overview of the board and its work, present personal experiences of current board members, and hold a question-and-answer session.

This election, the Board has outsourced the election process. [My School Election](#) is the company that will manage this. Nominations can be made online at [www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination](http://www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination) or by contacting the school office for a paper copy of the nomination form. Anyone who does not have an email address will receive a paper copy through the mail from My School Election. I recommend preparing a personal statement before filling out this documentation. This is a compulsory section of the form and will be used to inform voters of the background and skills of applicants.

Nominations close at Noon on **Wednesday, 6 August 2025**.

More information about how to make a nomination can be found online at [www.myschoolelection.nz](http://www.myschoolelection.nz).

The election roll of eligible voters is available for public inspection at the school office. Please note that changes may be made at any time until 2 August and will be included in the supplementary roll. To request amendments to the electoral roll, contact the returning officer at [returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz](mailto:returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz). This is a public document. In accordance with the Privacy Act 2020, no contact details are provided in this roll.

Any and all questions are welcome; please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Mark Rogers  
Presiding Member  
Kaikorai Valley College Board





# Kaikorai Valley College - Years 7-13



## OPEN NIGHT

Monday 21 July at 6.30pm

### JOSHUA HOPPING AT THE SHANGHAI SISTER CITY YOUTH CAMP

Joshua has had a great start to the Shanghai Sister City Youth Camp. He is here with students from 18 other countries around the world and is having a great time meeting people and enjoying a range of experiences.

He is a fantastic representative for your school, our city, and New Zealand.

Here are a few photos so far. *(Kathryn Lodge – Camp Coordinator)*







# 2026 JAPAN TRIP YEAR 11-13



**A couple spaces are available for students wishing to join the school trip to Japan in the September Holidays next year.**

**You must be a student in years 11 - 13 next year to travel.**

**Application forms are available from Mrs Potter.**

**[japotter@kvc.school.nz](mailto:japotter@kvc.school.nz)**



## THANK YOU, OTAGO MASONIC CHARITABLE TRUST

A big thank you to the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust!

The Science Department recently purchased an incubator with the help of an \$800 grant awarded by the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust.

This will mean exciting microbiology learning for our Science classes!

Here is DCC Councillor Christine Garey presenting us with the grant.

Otago Masonic Charitable Trust 

## WORLD CLASS WINNER! – SECOND IN THE SOFTBALL WORLD CUP FINAL! MR CAMERON WATTS

Over the last few days of the holidays and at the start of this term, KVC followed the results of Mr Cameron Watts (left, pictured with his brother, also in the team) at the Softball World Cup. Mr Watts, our 8WC Homeroom teacher and Year 8 Dean, was a member of the Black Socks, the New Zealand Softball team, at the recent World Cup.

After fighting through some tough pool matches, the team contested the final versus Venezuela, narrowly losing but winning the silver medal.

Congratulations, Mr Watts. To be second in the World is a significant achievement. We are proud of your hard work and diligence that has resulted in such a magnificent accomplishment.





## ACTIVITIES



### JUNIOR COLLEGE ART GALLERY VISIT

The Junior College enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Dunedin Art Gallery with a focus on Kotahitanga – Unity. We enjoyed stories from Māori Oral passed down over generations and created some lovely designs and statues as we explored our rich New Zealand History.





## FIRE TRUCK VISIT TO THE BRATHWAITE CENTRE

The fire truck crew from Lookout Point visited the Brathwaite Centre students and staff late last term.

Students and the team discussed ringing 111, the brand of truck (Scania), the features of a fire truck, and a firefighter's job. The teamwork and the noises a fire call-out may cause (sirens, horns, breathing apparatus) were also hot topics.

This was such a positive wrap-up of the truck studies at the end of Term 2.



## ENVIRO GROUP RUBBISH CLEAN-UP EVENT

The Enviro Group is organising a Gardening and Rubbish Clean-Up Event at the school, and we need your help!

We're collecting donations of gardening gloves and old BBQ tongs to ensure our students can safely dig, clean, and care for our outdoor spaces. All donations appreciated!

### Drop-off Details:



When: 18 July – 30 July



Where: Front Office - Donation Box



## 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

#### 21 July

28 August

29 August

1-12 September

5 September

8-12 September

8-12 September

8-19 September

10 September

17 September

19 September

22 Sept - 5 Oct

#### OPEN NIGHT

3-Way Conferencing Day

OPSSA Otago Cross Country

Lit/Num exams fortnight Year 11

OPSSA Otago Cross Country (backup day)

Level 2/3 Digi CAA week

Senior Assessment Week

Lit/Num exams fortnight Year 10

Board and Staff Election date

Sports and Cultural Prize Giving

Last day of Term 3

School Holidays

#### TERM 4

6 October

First day of Term 4

6-10 October

NCEA Literacy and Numeracy exam week

6-10 October

Digital Technology CAA week



## 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](mailto:sttagg@kvc.school.nz)

or call the school on 03 453 6035.



## CURIOUS NOTIONS

- \* An apple, a potato, and an onion taste the same when you eat them with your nose plugged.
- \* Ants leave maps for each other when they walk.
- \* One trait of intelligent humans is getting annoyed by people around them but saying nothing to avoid pointless arguments.
- \* Garlic is known to attract leeches.
- \* The scientific name for the Giant Anteater is *Myrmecophaga Tridactyla*, which means "ant-eating with three fingers."
- \* The world's largest grand piano was built by a 15-year-old in New Zealand. It is a little over 5.5 metres long and has 85 keys—three fewer than the standard 88.
- \* A group of larks is called an exaltation.
- \* Scientists found sharks living in an active underwater volcano, but divers cannot explore it because they would get burns from the heat and acidity.
- \* Glaciers and ice sheets hold about 69 percent of the world's freshwater.
- \* Bottlenose dolphins are the only other species known to have names for themselves.
- \* Tears contain a natural painkiller that helps reduce pain and boost your mood.
- \* Under black lights, bananas glow blue.
- \* A woman in the UK once called the police when her ice cream didn't have enough sprinkles.
- \* The scientific term for brain freeze is "sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia."
- \* Phobophobia is an extreme fear of developing a phobia.
- \* The Sahara Desert used to be a tropical rainforest.

## PUZZLEGRAM

V	E	D
T	C	E
J	A	I

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

**C**

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:** arty, cays, cyan, cyst, nary, nays, racy, raya, rays, ryas, scry, stay, sync, tray, yarn, yuan, yurt, antsy, artsy, aunty, canty, carny, cyans, nasty, nutsy, rayas, runty, rusty, satay, satyr, saucy, saury, scary, stray, tansy, trays, unary, unsay, yarns, yuans, yurta, yurts, astray, canary, crusty, curtsy, ratany, scanty, sunray, synura, yantra, actuary, truancy, yantras,

**SANCTUARY**

# THE U SHOP®

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](http://www.shopdun.uniformgroup.co.nz)



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## CHANGE TO THE BRIGHTON BUS TIMETABLE

The Otago Regional Council has advised that the bus that runs during the school term from Kaikorai Valley College to Brighton has changed its departure time slightly.

The bus will now depart the school at approximately **3.19pm**, arriving at Green Island at approximately **3.31pm**.

It will finally arrive at the Brighton Terminus at about **3.55pm**.



**On Board**  
with Orbus

# 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](mailto:dahananeia@kvc.school.nz)

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



## PARENTING COURSES - TERM 3 2025

Find new tools to help develop your parenting skills with practical ideas and great support through the following courses:

### Toolbox Older Years: Primary/Teen

6-week course, weekly on Wednesdays

7-9pm

Start date: 30 July 2025

Individual Cost: \$85

Couple cost: \$120

Subsidized rates available

Topics: The importance of love and connection / Different parenting styles/Discipline & Boundaries/ Understanding your child's big emotions/ The teenage brain & risk taking

Contact: Michelle Morris

027 276 7833

michelle@cathsocialservices.org.nz

### Game On - For Dads

6-Week course, weekly on Wednesdays

7-9pm

Start date: 30 July 2025

Cost: \$85

Subsidized rates available

This group is run for Dads, by Dads, to be the best Dad they can be for their kids. We will explore what we want for our kids, and what we have to do to make a positive difference.

<https://www.gameonline.org.nz>

Contact: Callum Hartstonge

021 072 4952

callum@cathsocialservices.org.nz

### Circle of Security

8-week course, weekly on Tuesdays

9:30am-11:00am

Start date: 22 July 2025

No fixed cost: Koha appreciated

Focusing on ways to strengthen our connection with our children and looking at what our children need from us as parents:

Contact: Liz Elder

027 6670890

[liz@cathsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:liz@cathsocialservices.org.nz)

### Parenting Course- Filipino Parenting Journey

For Filipino parents of primary school aged children & teenagers:

6-week course, Weekly on Tuesdays

6-8pm

No fixed cost: Koha appreciated

Start date to be confirmed  
Taking enrolments now, of interested parents, to start when we have the numbers to do so.

Discussions about how we were parented and how we parent our children / Connection, love & play / Guide & set limits / Connecting our families with the community & accessing supports

All courses run at Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Rd

To register: CSS office: 4553838, [www.cathsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/](http://www.cathsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/)



## 8 Weeks of FUN!

TT Kidz (NZ) gives children aged 6-11 a great first experience in table tennis.

**REGISTER NOW!**



**TT Kidz - Otago (GIRLS ONLY)**

**Venue:** Kaikorai Valley College Gymnasium, 500 Kaikorai Valley Road.

**Start Date:** Saturday, starting 19th July.

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$125 (new participant) or \$85 returning participant (Already have equipment pack)

[www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz](http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz)

Equipment pack included!  
T-shirt, Bag, Bat and balls.



New Zealand Football

Southern Football

## MILO FANTAILS FUTSAL DUNEDIN

**TERM 3**  
Friday's (8 weeks)  
25 July - 19 September  
4 - 5 pm, Edgar Centre  
\$40 per term

**Register:** [sporty.co.nz/viewform/349551](http://sporty.co.nz/viewform/349551)  
**Contact:** [finance@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:finance@southernfootball.co.nz)

MILO Fantails is a football programme on offer for every girl aged 4-12 years, regardless of trying football for the first time or continue playing in a fun, safe environment.

SCAN ME

THE GLOBE THEATRE PRESENTS

# AUDITIONS

## Alice in Wonderland

A PANTOMIME



## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

W : [shopdun.uniformgroup.co.nz](http://shopdun.uniformgroup.co.nz)

THE  SHOP

STUDENT NAME:	YR LEVEL:
EMAIL:	MOB PH:

WORN BY	COMPULSORY	STYLE / SIZE	STANDARD SIZE RANGE	QTY RECOM'D	SIZE	QTY	RETAIL PRICE INCL GST	TOTAL \$
		Laundry Marker	one size				\$ 5.50	
Yr 7 -10	Or trousers or kilt	Shorts - Charcoal   MPB	60 - 120	2			\$ 59.00	
Yr 7 -10	With shorts or trousers	Polo Shirt S/S - Bottle/Red	Y8 - Y14, 2S - 3XL	3			\$ 44.00	
Yr 7 -10	Either L/S or S/S	Polo Shirt L/S - Bottle/Red	Y8 - Y14, 2S - 3XL	1			\$ 52.70	
Yr 11 - 13	Or L/S with trousers	Shirt S/S - White	Y12 - Y14, 2S - 3XL, 5XL	3			\$ 44.00	
Yr 11 - 13	Or S/S with trousers	Shirt L/S - White	Y12 - Y14, 2S - 3XL, 5XL				\$ 42.00	
Yr 11 - 13	Yr 11 - 13	Blazer - Bottle/Navy Trim   FPB	8 - 20				\$ 195.00	
		Blazer - Bottle/Navy Trim   MPB	84 - 124				\$ 199.70	
ALL	Yr 9 - 13	Kilt pin	one size	1			\$ 3.00	
ALL	One of these options or shorts for year 7-10 only	Kilt - Tartan	XS - 2XL	1			\$ 210.00	
ALL		Trousers - Charcoal   MPB	60 - 124				\$ 69.00	
ALL		Trousers - Charcoal   FPB	6 - 26				\$ 69.00	
ALL		Blouse S/S - White   FPB	6 - 26	3			\$ 41.70	
ALL	Either with kilt, trousers, or shorts	Blouse L/S - White   FPB	6 - 26				\$ 42.00	
ALL	Must be worn with Jersey	Jacket Softshell - Black	Y10 - Y14, S - 3XL, 5XL	1			\$ 90.00	
ALL	Yr 9 - 13	Jersey - Wine NZ Made 80 / 20 Wool Nylon	72 - 87				\$ 102.00	
			92 - 102				\$ 109.00	
			107 - 117				\$ 116.00	
ALL		Vest - Wine NZ Made 80 / 20 Wool Nylon	72 - 87				\$ 93.00	
			92 - 102				\$ 100.00	
			107 - 117				\$ 105.00	
ALL	Yr 9 - 13	PE Top - Red/Bottle	Y8 - Y12, S - 4XL	1			\$ 43.50	
ALL	Yr 9 - 13	PE Shorts - Bottle	Y8 - Y12, S - 3XL	1			\$ 41.00	

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