



Kaikorai Valley College

PĀNUI #15 – 10 October 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou

A warm welcome back to all our students for the final term of the year. I hope you all had a pleasant term break.

For our senior students, there are only three and a half weeks of school before they go on study leave. This week at assembly, I spoke to our students about the importance of preparation for any significant event, whether it be an athletic endeavour, a job interview, or examinations. Students were encouraged to create a realistic study timetable and to adhere to it. Having another person hold you accountable can help to stick to routines, so I encouraged our seniors to share their study timetable with an adult who would help them on their revision journey.

Not all senior students will go on study leave. We have decided that any senior student who still needs a significant number of credits to pass NCEA will still need to return to school, even when others are on study leave. We want the best for all our students, and it makes sense to use this time to finish any remaining work that contributes to their qualification. We will soon be in touch with the parents/caregivers whose child will continue at school.

Late last term, we celebrated and congratulated all students who had been completing their homework regularly. It was pleasing to note the number of students being rewarded at each year level. One of the key reasons for assigning homework is to prepare students for the additional work they are required to do at home in senior school, as well as to reinforce the learning that has already occurred in the classroom. Well done to all and keep up the good work.

Finally, our House Haka Competition was held yesterday. What a great event with stirring performances by each House. Congratulations to Rata on taking the honours this year.

Ngā mihi nui

Jatin Bali, Principal



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING MEMBER

Welcome Back: Kicking off Term 4! I hope this message finds everyone well after the break. Welcome back, and I trust everyone managed to secure some well-deserved R&R and is feeling refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Celebrating Achievement: It was a genuine pleasure to attend the Sports and Cultural Prizegiving on Wednesday evening. The event was a powerful reminder of the incredible dedication and talent within our student body. A huge congratulations again to all our students who were recognised for their outstanding contributions and success in both sport and cultural activities. I also extend a special thank you to our guest speaker and dedicated staff member, Mr. Cam Watts, for generously sharing his inspiring softball journey with the community. His words provided an excellent perspective on commitment and perseverance.

Board Update: We have a key transition happening within our Board this term:

- **Student Representative:** Congratulations to Bella Geekie, who has been nominated as the 2026 Student Representative on the Board. We look forward to officially welcoming Bella and hearing her valuable student perspective at our upcoming October meeting.
- **Farewell:** The October meeting will also mark Josh Hopping's final meeting as Student Representative. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank Josh for his dedication, well-considered insights, and valuable contributions to the governance of Kaikorai Valley College over his term. His work has been highly appreciated.

Mark Rogers, Presiding Member

ACTIVITIES

KVC MUSIC STUDENTS MAKING THEIR MARK

Two of our talented KVC Music students have been doing incredible things this year!

Amber Hurring, our *Cultural Person of the Year*, continues to shine through her passion for performance. Amber regularly performs at the Brighton Club, sharing her talent for singing, playing, and entertaining with the community.

Zoe Hipgrave was selected to take part in the *AWOL Creative Workshop* over the holidays, where she composed and produced a fantastic original track. You can listen to Zoe's song here:

<https://on.soundcloud.com/7J3RaMK6dcl1xmXklD>

We're so proud of these two outstanding students - Some exciting things to come in 2026



Year 12 Outdoor Education students walked up to the Cloud Forests of the Leith and stopped at Sullivan's Dam on the way back.



Mufti Day – Thursday 9 October 2025

All Dressed up!

SCIENCE SUPERSTARS SAIL THE HARBOUR!



Our brightest Year 10 scientists traded their uniforms for life jackets this week as they took part in an exclusive two-day **Marine Science Extension Programme** at the **New Zealand Marine Studies Centre (NZMSC)** in Portobello!

This wasn't your typical field trip—our students worked as genuine research scientists, helping the local council investigate the impact of human activity on the Otago Harbour habitats.

Onboard the *Polaris II*

Day one was spent entirely on



the water aboard the research vessel, the ***Polaris III***! Our students handled professional scientific gear, deploying **baited underwater video** cameras to see what creatures lurked below, and conducting **plankton tows** to sample the ocean's invisible building blocks. They were up close with real-time data collection, putting complex science skills into direct practice.

Lab Detectives

On day two, the mission shifted from the sea to the lab. Students worked collaboratively in teams, meticulously **analysing the mountains of data** they had collected. They processed samples, interpreted environmental readings,

and then compiled their findings into a detailed **summary report**, demonstrating their analytical prowess and ability to communicate complex science.

It was an intense but hugely rewarding experience that extended their learning far beyond the classroom. The students were fantastic ambassadors for KVC and gained invaluable insight into careers in marine biology and conservation.

A huge well done to all our participants—you made waves with your scientific talent!



SPORTS NEWS

Term 4 sport is well underway with Minivolley, Volleyball, Senior Futsal and Year 7 and 8 Touch having all started this week.

Yr 7-10 Futsal will start next week along with Handball.

The seniors have a short Futsal and Volleyball season with only 2 more games to play.

Sports photos will be taken soon. Please keep an eye on the daily notices for the day and schedule.

At this stage it is scheduled for Wednesday next week, but we will confirm this on Monday.



Congratulations to Carlos Gos'e and Benji Fitiao-Cross who won silver medals at the Southern Regional Tournament in Invercargill last weekend. Carlos and Benji were in the Otago B Team which placed second in B grade. This tournament had teams from all over the South Island and the A team also placed second in A grade, so it is a really impressive achievement for Otago and the boys. Well done Benji and Carlos!



University of Otago Locals Presentation

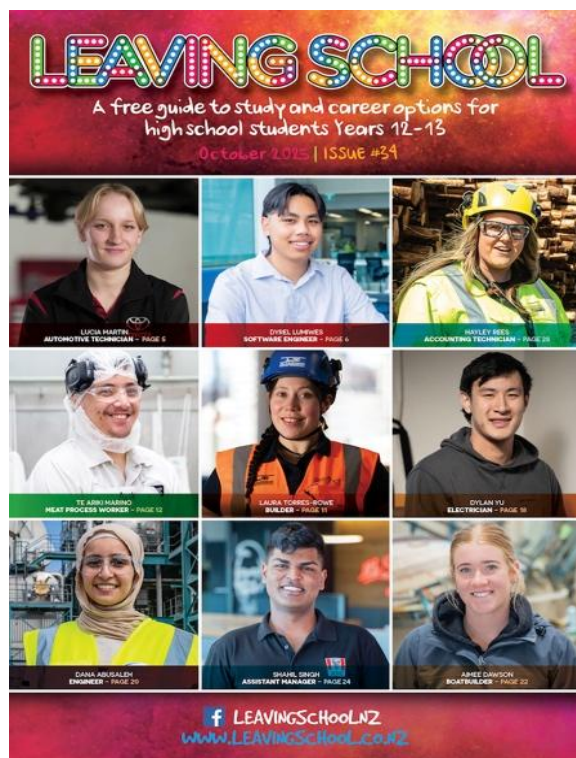


We're pleased to welcome the Liaison Advisor and Manager from the University of Otago's **Locals Programme**, along with two former KVC students from the 2024 cohort, to speak with our senior students next Tuesday during Whānau time.

They'll be sharing what the **Locals Programme** is all about and outlining the **free support services available to students attending Otago while living at home or flatting** next year.

👉 For more information, check out the link. [Locals programme](#)

Leavers Magazine



The next issue of my **Leaving School magazine** – will be arriving at school next week and will be available for all senior students. The 32-pages of this issue are packed full of information that will be helpful to your students in Years 12–13 as they plan for their futures after finishing high school.

Included in this issue are profiles on 20 young people making successful careers for themselves including an Accounting Technician, Automotive Technician, Boatbuilder, Builder, Business Graduate, Computer Science Engineer, Medical Doctor, Electrical Engineer, Electrician, Financial Accountant, Mechanical Engineer, and Primary School Teacher.

Also included in the magazine are features on the seven skills employers are looking for when hiring a new employee; CV preparation; end-of-year exam preparation with some wellbeing tips and information on KiwiSaver for students.

The centre spread includes inspiration quotes, information for students applying for Student Loans in 2026, job hunting websites, links to websites for students who are struggling as well as other links to organisations offering support to students.

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

13-17 October	Level 2/3 Digi CAA week
24 October	KVC Cultural Day <i>see notice further in the newsletter</i>
4-7 November	Junior Exams
4-28 November	NZQA Exams
4 December	Clearance Day (tbc)
9 December	Junior Prizegiving

MEASLES CASES IN AOTEAROA

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown.

Cases were active in the community while infectious, and there is a risk of measles circulating there, as well as more widely in Aotearoa.

Measles is highly contagious and can cause severe illness in people of any age.

- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.

[Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand](#)

- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms, keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check that all whānau are immunised.

[Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)

[Measles, mumps, and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

Anyone who has been closely exposed to measles and has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school | kura for at least eight days

KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE PTA 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

- * A female gladiator was called a gladiatrix, two or more gladiatrices. They were extremely rare but did exist until being officially banned from 200CE onwards.
- * Psithurism — the sound of wind in trees
- * Astronaut is a compound word derived from the two Ancient Greek words “Astro,” meaning “star,” and “naut” meaning “sailor.” So, astronaut literally means “star sailor.”
- * The mongoose is one of those rare animals that are immune to a snake’s venom.
- * A 26-sided shape is known as a rhombicuboctahedron, and a 23-sided shape is called an Icosakaitricon.
- * Adult cats only meow at humans, not other cats.
- * In mid-2000s Kagoshima, Japan, an alarming rise in power blackouts was traced back to crows who were building their nests on top of electric poles. The power company formed a “Crow Patrol” to seek and destroy the crows’ nests. The crows responded by building thousands of dummy nests as decoys.
- * Sunflowers can help clean radioactive soil. Japan is using this to rehabilitate Fukushima.
- * If your throat tickles, scratching your ear can make it go away.
- * Acacia trees in Africa communicate with each other. They emit gasses to alert other trees to produce the toxin tannin, which protects them from hungry animals.
- * Some golf balls are filled with honey.
- * Qantas Airways once powered an interstate flight on 50% cooking oil. This marked Australia’s first commercial flight using sustainably derived biofuel.
- * A group of vultures is called a venue.

PUZZLEGRAM

U	E	P
M	N	Q
I	E	T

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

P

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.

9 words = good; 18 words = great; 23 words = excellent; 31 words; 40 = outstanding!

Puzzlegram answers: atop, capo, carp, crap, crop, pact, pair, part, pica, pita, port, prao, prat, proa, rapt, tarp, tipi, topi, trap, trip, trop, aport, atrip, carpi, coapt, copra, optic, patio, picot, pitta, tapir, topic, trapt, atopic, captor, cartop, picaro, ptotic, tipcat, tropic, apricot, parotic, patriot, piratic, tipcart, protatic, **PATRIOTIC**



FUTURES ACADEMY

**OPEN TO 2013, 2014
& 2015 BORN PLAYERS**

**5 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL TRAINING
BEGINNING WED 22ND OCTOBER**

WHERE?

**EDGAR CENTRE
4PM TO 5:30PM**

COST?

**\$50 + EDGAR
CENTRE ENTRY FEE**

USE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER



CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

GIRLS GOT GAME

**FREE BASKETBALL
SESSIONS FOR
GIRLS IN Y4-8**

**TUESDAY 28TH OCT, TUESDAY 4TH NOV
TUESDAY 11TH NOV, TUESDAY 18TH NOV**

WHERE?

**EDGAR CENTRE
4PM TO 5PM**

COST?

COMPLETELY FREE

USE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER



CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

**FIGHTING
FOR FAIR**



**GIRLS
GOT
GAME**
@basketbalnz



BNZ KIWI HOOPS

**DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS
FOR CHILDREN IN
Y1-6**

**6 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL
SUNDAY 26 OCT - SUNDAY 30 NOV**

WHERE?

**EDGAR CENTRE
9AM TO 10AM**

COST?

**\$60 FOR THE
WHOLE 6 WEEKS**

USE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER



CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

**10am-2pm: Rainbow Rosalind's
Facepainting Fairies**

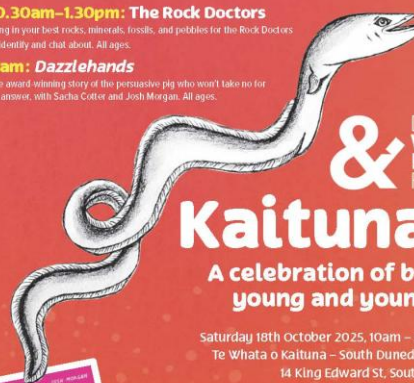
Facepainting Fairies and Crafts in the Maker Space. All ages.

10.30am-1.30pm: The Rock Doctors

Bring in your best rocks, minerals, fossils, and pebbles for the Rock Doctors to identify and chat about. All ages.

11am: Dazzlehands

The award-winning story of the persuasive pig who won't take no for an answer. With Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan. All ages.



Dress as a
storybook character
to win spot prizes!

**& Dunedin
Writers
Readers
Festival**

Kaituna Kids

**A celebration of books for the
young and young at heart**

Saturday 18th October 2025, 10am - 2pm. Free - all welcome
Te Whata o Kaituna - South Dunedin Community Library
14 King Edward St. South Dunedin



**11am: Poetry and
the Moanaverse**

Workshop with Nafana Parcell Kessel, uplifting young voices through guided poetry and performance exercises. For takatāhi aged 13-18. YA. Free, limited numbers please book online at: <https://tinyurl.com/DWRFKaituna>

11.45am: Harp and the Lyre

Explore the exciting world of writing and world building using QR codes, music, and maps, with H.C. Roberts. YA.

**12-2pm: Recording studio
sessions**

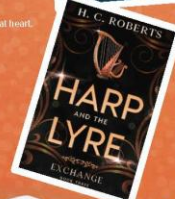
Explore the state-of-the-art recording studio set up with experienced recording artists and teachers. Music Heat! For the young and young at heart.

1pm: A Guide to Rocks

This first rule is you don't talk about feelings, a hint, we mean rocks. The problem is, the rocks keep getting bigger. Time to make some new rules fast, with Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan.

1.45pm: The Raven's Eye Runaways

Join Claire Mallory, author of The Raven's Eye Runaways, for a spellbinding adventure that weaves together mystery, magic, and delightful surprises. YA.



Unipol Rec
CREATE YOUR FUN!

**UNIPOL REC
OPEN DAYS**
Free access for everyone all weekend!
SAT 1ST & SUN 2ND NOV

PICKLEBALL WEIGHTS
GROUP FITNESS FOOSBALL
BADMINTON NETBALL
POOL CARDIO FUTSAL
CARROM VOLLEYBALL
...AND MORE!

**ASK US ABOUT OUR YOUTH, TERTIARY STAFF AND COMMUNITY
SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS!**

*T&C'S APPLY



University
of Otago
OTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

KVC'S CULTURAL DAY!!

Join us for a special day of culture where everyone is encouraged to wear their traditional clothes, bring along shared kai, and preform a preformance!. It's a time to come together and celebrate! - any questions ask Catherine McLeod or Yuki Matsuura!



24th OCTOBER - SCHOOL HALL - LUNCHTIME

THE U SHOP

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



OPEN HOURS | Term 4, 2025

6 October - 19 December

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday (except 25 Oct*)

9.00am - 4.00pm



KAIKORAI VALLEY
COLLEGE

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

84 Filleul Street, Dunedin. P: 03 260 7311
W: www.shopdun.uniformgroup.co.nz



STUDENT NAME:							YR LEVEL:	
EMAIL:							MOB PH:	
WORN BY	COMPULSO RY	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. Either L/S or S/S	Polo Shirt S/S - Bottle/Red	Y8 - Y14, 2S - 3XL	3			\$ 44.00	
Yr 7 - 10		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	Either with kilt, trousers, or shorts	Blouse S/S - White FPB	6 - 26	3			\$ 41.70	
ALL		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		Jersey - Wine 80 / 20 Wool Nylon	2S - M	1			\$ 94.00	
			L - 2XL				\$ 101.50	
			3XL & 5XL				\$ 104.00	
ALL		Vest - Wine 80 / 20 Wool Nylon	2S - M	1			\$ 87.60	
			L - 2XL				\$ 91.60	
			3XL & 5XL				\$ 94.30	
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	

PLEASE TURN OVER

WORN BY	COMPULSORY	STYLE / SIZE	STANDARD SIZE RANGE	QTY RECOM'D	SIZE	QTY	RETAIL PRICE INCL GST	TOTAL \$
ALL	Or tights with kilt	Socks Ankle - White (Pkt 5)	4+, 7+, 10+				\$ 22.70	
ALL	Or socks with kilt	Tights - Black	Av, Tall, X Tall				\$ 13.00	
ALL	With shorts	Socks - Knee High, Grey with Red/Green Stripe (Pr)	13+, 3+, 6+, 9+, 12+				\$ 14.50	
ALL	With trouser only	Socks - Black/Red (3 Pkt)	4+, 6+, 11+, 13+				\$ 21.00	
ALL	With trouser only	Socks - Black/Green (3 Pkt)	6+, 9+, 12+				\$ 21.00	
Yr 11 - 13	Yr 11 - 13	Tie - Bottle - Wine/White Stripes	one size				\$ 27.00	
ALL		Scarf - Black with Bottle Stripes	one size				\$ 37.50	
ALL		Belt Leather - Black	52 - 108cm				\$ 37.00	
ALL		Bucket Hat - Black	M/L L/XL				\$ 21.50	
ALL		Beanie - Black	one size				\$ 18.50	
ALL		Shoes FPB - Black Lace up - Jill	US 5 - 12				\$ 141.00	
ALL		Shoes - Black Lace up - Delta	UK 3 - 14				\$ 141.00	
ALL		Shoes - Black Lace up - Delta	UK 15				\$ 157.00	
ALL		Shoe Cream DASCO - Black	one size				\$ 11.00	
ALL		Brush Combi - Black	one size				\$ 11.00	

TOTAL QUANTITY OF ITEMS

TOTAL COST

Note: FPB = Female pattern block. MPB = Male pattern block.

'Standard' sizes are stated on this form. Other sizes required are unlikely to be stocked.

Sizes required outside the stated 'Standard' sizes may or may not be available. Additional costs may apply.

Prices are effective from 1 July 2025

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payments Online	Payee Name:	UNIFORM GROUP (AUCKLAND) LTD	LAYBY is Available
	Payee Acc #:	12 - 3252 - 0053823 - 65	The term is 60 days. Requires an initial deposit of 30% or \$20, whichever is the greater amount. Payments can be made through internet banking; the minimum subsequent payment is \$20. Order available for pickup when fully paid, subject to stock being available.
	Code:	Student's first name and surname	
	Reference:	School Name	

WINZ Quote code: Please quote this code CUR001816341 UNIFORM GROUP - U SHOP D when obtaining funds

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