



Kaikorai Valley College

PĀNUI #3 – 13 March 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora koutou

As we reach the latter half of this term, I have been speaking to our students about the concept of pride and self-respect. While we often celebrate pride in our final results: the high test score or the winning goal, true pride is found in the small, daily habits that define who we are.

I have encouraged every student to focus on three specific areas where personal standards make a world of difference: our appearance, our work, and our reputation.

Pride in Appearance

Our school uniform is more than just a dress code; it is a visual representation of our collective identity. When a student wears their uniform correctly and with care, they signal that they are ready to learn and respect the community they belong to.

I often tell students, "Don't just wear your uniform; wear it well." Taking those extra few minutes in the morning to ensure we are meeting school standards isn't about conformity; it's about pride and self-respect. I often encourage students to make sure their shirts are tucked in, their ties are worn properly, and they look their best in their uniform. It shows the world that we value ourselves enough to put our best foot forward.

Pride in Bookwork

Pride in book work: neat handwriting, organised layouts, worksheets glued in, and work completed is a reflection of a student who values what they do at school. When a student takes care with their presentation, they are essentially saying, *"My ideas and work are valuable, and they deserve to be recorded clearly."* The work students produce and how they display it reflect the pride they take in their work. This attention to producing the best presented work they can is a habit that will serve them well long after they leave school and enter the professional world.

Pride in Reputation

Finally, and most importantly, we have spoken about our collective and individual reputations. I have spoken to students that the most important asset they have is their reputation. Reputation does not depend on one's status in society; it can be developed by consistently making good choices, being respectful to others, and trying one's best. A reputation is built by a thousand small actions but can be altered by just one. Whether our students are representing us on a field trip, travelling to school on public transport, or interacting with one another at school, they need to be mindful of their reputation and act in ways that enhance it at all times.

We want our students to be known for their integrity, kindness, and respect. When we raise our standards for ourselves, we lift the entire community. I am asking for your support at home to reinforce these values. Let's encourage our children to check their uniforms, take that extra second to rule a straight line in their notebooks, and always consider the weight of their words and actions.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our students become the very best versions of themselves.

Ngā mihi nui

Jatin Bali
Principal



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING MEMBER



At the end of February, the Board convened for our first meeting of the year. With the 2025 election still fresh in our minds and the subsequent allocation of committees and roles having been finalised so recently, the Board approved a motion for all members to retain their current positions. Continuity is vital for the momentum we've built, and it is my absolute privilege to continue serving as your Presiding Member for the year ahead.

Financial Stewardship and Budgeting

A significant item on our February meeting agenda was the college's finances. Our Finance Chair presented two critical pieces of work:

- **The 2026 Draft Budget:** This spending plan for the year is currently being refined and is scheduled to be officially approved at our March meeting.
- **The 2025 Draft Results:** The Board reviewed the draft performance from the previous year. These figures are now being sent to the accountants to finalise the end-of-year transactions. Once they are completed, they will be signed off by Principal Mr Bali and me before submission to the Ministry of Education.

2026 Attendance Plan

As many of you saw in Mr. Bali's recent newsletter article, the college has developed a comprehensive attendance plan required of schools for 2026. This plan was officially presented at the Board meeting. After any final adjustments, we look forward to approving it in March to ensure we do everything possible to support student engagement and attendance on campus.

We Value Your Input: Policy Reviews

We are currently collecting feedback from staff, students, and the wider community on the school policies under review. Your input helps ensure our policies reflect the true needs and values of our college.

How to participate via SchoolDocs:

1. **Visit:** <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. **Search for:** Kaikorai Valley College
3. **Username:** kvc
4. **Password:** pride

Follow these steps:

- Navigate to the '**Current Review**' tab.
- Select and read the policies listed for review.
- Click the '**Start your review**' button to submit your comments or suggestions.

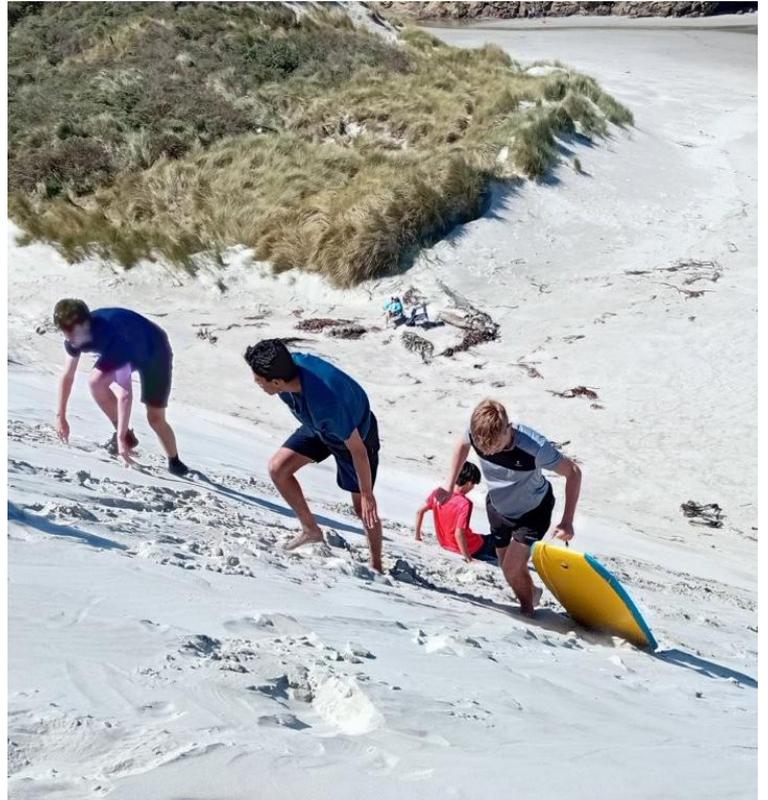
Please submit all feedback by Wednesday, 18 March 2026.



Mark Rogers, Presiding Member, KVC Board



Outdoor Education



Year 12 Outdoor Education students went sandboarding at Smails Beach.



Outdoor Education



Year 12 Outdoor Education students walked up Baldwin Street before playing frisbee golf at Chingford Park.



WHAT'S COMING UP AT SKILLS TRADES TRAINING

Skills Trades Training's Dunedin campus is a new training facility. Purpose-built workshops and modern equipment for electrical, plumbing, gas fitting, drain laying, and roofing apprentices.

* **Campus Open Night - 18 March, 4-6pm**

Skills Trades Training – Glenelg St and Skills Institute - Kaikorai Valley Rd – take a guided tour and have a chat with the tutors about their electrical and plumbing courses.

*The following **Taster Courses** are on offer during the **April School Holidays**. If any Year 12 or 13 students are interested in attending these courses, they need to email or see Mrs Beagley.*

* **Hands-On Hair Styling - 8 April, 9-12pm**

Practice styling techniques on mannequin heads and learn to use hot tools like a pro. Experiment with products to shape and perfect different looks.

* **Nail Art Basics Bootcamp - 8 April, 1-4pm**

Learn about how the professionals do nail prep and hygiene, then have a go at basic shaping techniques. Get creative with simple nail art designs (dots, lines, accents).

* **Health - 9 April, 9-12pm**

Learn about what it takes to have a career in the health industry, what skills are required, and what equipment you will work with.

* **Pre-Police and Defence Force - 9 April, 1-4pm**

Put yourself to the test with a taste of real training. Participate in physical fitness sessions to achieve top performance. Then try out psychometric-style activities designed to challenge your thinking and problem-solving.

- * Watch the promotional video showcasing the Skills Trades Training - Dunedin campus, <https://youthemployer.nz/opportunities/skills-training>.



STAR COURSES FOR THE APRIL HOLIDAYS



With the holidays only being three weeks away, it is important for students to register ASAP to avoid disappointment and make the most of these opportunities. It is a chance not only to gain a valuable qualification but also to earn additional credits at Level 2 or 3. The courses are held either at The Learning Place or at the Kaikorai Rugby Club.

Courses are available in:

- * **Barista:** 7 & 8 April 10 Level 2 credits
- * **Sports Coaching:** 7 & 8 April 11 Level 3 credits. Students are required to be involved in a sport.
- * **Customer Service:** 13 April 10 Level 3 credits
- * **Bartending:** 14 & 15 April 9 Level 3 credits
- * **Defence Careers**

For students who are keen to explore careers within the Defence Force. See Mrs Beagley if you would like more information or to apply for this great leadership opportunity.

(see poster on the next page)



TE OPE KĀTUA O AOTEAROA
DEFENCE FORCE



Defence Leadership Day 2026

**Thursday 16th
April 2026
9am-2pm**

Are you ready to challenge yourself? Curious about what it takes to lead, serve, and succeed?

Join us for an action-packed Defence Leadership Day and experience firsthand what the New Zealand Defence Force has to offer.

- 🚛 **Army Vehicle Rides** – Get up close and experience the power.
- 🏃 **Fitness Challenges** – Test your strength, endurance, and determination.
- 👥 **Leadership & Team Activities** – Take part in real military-style team-building exercises.
- 📖 **Mini Seminars with Recruiting Staff** – Learn about exciting career pathways in the NZDF.
- 🗣️ **Meet Defence Personnel** – Ask questions and hear real stories from those who serve.

This is your opportunity to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and discover pathways you may never have considered.

Whether you're interested in adventure, leadership, trades, technology, aviation, engineering, or serving your country — this day is for YOU.

**Dunedin Defence Facility
84 Cumberland Street
Dunedin**

Register your interest by emailing rianna.palmer@defencecareers.mil.nz with a short explanation of why you'd like to take part.

Limited spaces available – You'll be contacted directly if you have been selected to attend.

RUN DEEP



SPORTS MOVES

Theresa Johnson – Sports Coordinator

Cell: 027 543 4251

Email: sport@kvc.school.nz

We had a very busy week, starting with the Student Coach Workshop at the Edgar Centre on Tuesday. The workshop included practical demonstrations on effective coach communication, energy, fun, and an upbeat coaching style. Coaches were then encouraged to reflect on that session. Afterwards, they moved on to planning a training session and learning how to deliver it. We really appreciate our student coaches and referees.

Wednesday was Fern Fever, an event where Year 7 and 8 girls spent a day trying four different sports – hockey, rugby, football, and cricket. It was a fun day that allowed them to participate and try new sports without any pressure. The girls also had the opportunity to watch part of the women's international cricket match between Zimbabwe and New Zealand during lunchtime.



Thursday was the boys' event, Game On, which featured a similar programme. The weather was great both days, and everyone had a lot of fun.

Good luck to our athletes competing this weekend at the **Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs**. The event will be held all day Saturday at the Caledonian.

The term has been flying by, and we are now taking registrations for Winter Sports in Terms 2 and 3.

A Google Form has been emailed home to all families. Please complete it as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 30 March. If you have not received it, please email Mrs Johnson – sport@kvc.school.nz.

NOTICES AND OTHER INFORMATION

THE 2026 KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE SCHOOL YEAR

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1 (10 weeks)	28 January	2 April
Term 2 (11 weeks)	20 April	3 July
Term 3 (10 weeks)	20 July	25 September
Term 4 (9 weeks)	12 October	8 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

DATE	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Monday 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day
Friday 3 April	Good Friday
Monday 6 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Tuesday
Monday 27 April (<i>observed</i>)	ANZAC Day
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday
Friday 10 July (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Matariki
Monday 26 October	Labour Day

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

14 March	Otago Athletics Champs
19-20 March	Cycle Trip 1
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day (<i>no school</i>)
26-27 March	Cycle Trip 2
31 March	KVC Cross Country
2 April	KVC Cross Country (<i>backup day</i>)
3 April	Good Friday (<i>no school</i>)
3 April (also)	Last day of Term 1
6-19 April	School Holidays

TERM 2

20 April	1st Day of Term 2
27 April	ANZAC Day (<i>observed</i>)
4-8 May	Year 10 Camp
18 May	CAA Exam fortnight begins
19 May	Parent interviews (<i>full school - 2pm start</i>)
1 June	King's Birthday (<i>no school</i>)
2-5 June	Year 9 and 10 Exam Week
10 July	Matariki (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)
6-19 July	School Holidays

KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE PTA GROUP

The Kaikorai Valley College PTA Group is a small group of parents who support the College by:

- ✓ running the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. The contact for the second-hand uniform shop is Karen Crawford. Please **TEXT 021 212 8473** to make an appointment to view and purchase uniform items.
- ✓ fundraising 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

- * Butterfly wings are covered in tiny colourful scales.
- * Switzerland, known for its neutrality, has accidentally invaded its neighbour Liechtenstein 3-5 times between 1968 and 2007. Three or four times, Liechtenstein was unaware of the invasions until Switzerland apologised. The first incident involved Switzerland firing a missile that caused a forest fire, for which reparations were paid. After one incident, the Liechtensteiners reportedly offered drinks to the Swiss soldiers. A Liechtenstein spokesman said, "It's not like they invaded with attack helicopters."
- * In five billion years, the Sun will expand and swallow Earth, Venus, and Mars.
- * Human saliva contains a natural painkiller, called opiorphin, which is stronger than morphine.
- * Susurrus means whispering, murmuring, or rustling.
- * In the 18th century, Johann Friedrich, the royal physician to King Christian VII (who could not rule due to psychiatric illness), took control of Denmark. Friedrich soon recognised his power and declared himself the country's de facto regent. During this period, he changed 1,069 laws, including abolishing torture, press censorship, slave trading in the Danish colonies, and reforming the nation's universities.
- * Facebook will monitor and log almost everything you do when you browse the Web while logged into your Facebook account.
- * Water is the only substance on Earth that naturally exists in three forms: solid, liquid, and gas, specifically as ice, water, and water vapour.
- * Mageirocophobia is the fear of cooking.

PUZZLEGRAM

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Words must be **four** letters long or more

and must contain the letter **A**

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.

**17 words = good; 23 words = great; 30 words = excellent;
38 words = outstanding!**

Puzzlegram answers: agin, ains, akin, anis, anus, auks, awns, gain, gaun, gawk, gnaw, guan, kagu, kain, kina, kuna, nags, quag, quai, sain, saki, sang, sank, sawn, sika, skua, snag, snaw, swag, swan, unai, wags, wain, wans, wauk, ankus, awing, gains, gawks, gnaws, guans, kagus, kains, kiang, kinas, quags, quais, quasi, signa, swain, swang, swank, unais, wains, wauks, wigan, asking, gaskin, kiangs, sawing, squawk, waking, wigans, quaking, wauking, SQUAWKING



BILLETS NEEDED SAKURAGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL VISIT 21 JULY - 29 JULY



**Make new friends with students
from our sister school.
Enjoy a rich cultural exchange.**

CONTACT



**Mrs Janette Potter
japotter@kvc.school.nz
03 453 6035**

ZONE SPORTS

TERMS 2 AND 3

Monday 4th May -
Monday 7th September

- Weekly on a Monday
- 15 weeks + prizegiving
- \$135 pp

2026 EXTENDED SEASON



Zone Sports is a competitive laser tag competition for students in years 1-13. Our aim is to encourage children who are not usually involved in team sports to get out of their comfort zone and work together weekly in this new laser tag sports.

Term 2: Week 3-11 (4th May – 29th June)
Excluding Monday June 1st for King's Birthday.

Term 3: Week 1-7 (20th July – 31st August)
Prizegiving: Monday Sept 7th



Green Island Junior Rugby Club REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

Register online
facebook.com/girugby
then come along
to an open day:

Sunday 22nd March 12-2pm
Tuesday 24th March 4.30-6pm
Sunday 29th March 12-2pm
2026 season kick off date: 9th May



**BOOST YOUR
LEARNING**

Quality Tuition

We are a New Zealand company offering one-to-one tutoring for students Year 7 to Year 13, both in-person, and online. We can support students who are studying towards NCEA or pursuing an IB Curriculum. We pride ourselves on providing high-quality, bespoke tuition using only experienced and qualified teachers. We work alongside whānau and kaiako to empower students and boost their learning, so they can excel and feel confident in their exams and develop important learning skills for life.

We can help:

- ☑ Literacy/English
- ☑ Mathematics
- ☑ Science
- ☑ Diagnostic Tools for Learning

Why Choose Us?



**Personalised
lesson**

We offer individualised lesson plans, tailored to each student's needs.



**Qualified
Teachers**

Our tutors are experienced in the NZ curriculum.



Connection

We work with each child's whānau and school teacher.



**Online or in-
person**

We are committed to providing innovative solutions.

Contact Us



020 4031 6035



www.boostyourlearning.co.nz



Parenting Through Separation Course Dates for April and May 2026

April

Online Wednesday 8th April 10am -2pm

Online Saturday 11th April 9am-1pm

Onsite Saturday 18th April 9am-1pm, Methodist Mission Offices ,258 Stuart Street, Dunedin Central Dunedin (ground level)

Online Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st April 6pm -8pm (must attend both sessions)

May

Online Wednesday 6th May 10am -2pm

Onsite Saturday 16th 9am -1pm, Methodist Mission Offices ,258 Stuart Street, Dunedin Central Dunedin (ground level)

Online Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th May (6pm -8.pm) (must attend both sessions)

Online Saturday 30th May 9am-1pm

Sharon Singer | Kairunuku Mātua te Tamaiti
PTS Service Coordinator
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P O Box 2394, South Dunedin, 9044
www.mmsouth.org.nz



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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	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. 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/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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