



# Kaikorai Valley College

## PĀNUI #8 – 06 June 2025

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### Principal's Comment



Kia ora koutou

We sent you a Google Form two weeks ago asking for your feedback about academics at KVC. This form is a part of a larger work that the Board is undertaking to inform the strategic direction for the school over the next three years. We will ask for feedback on five key areas: *Academics, giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi, inclusivity, preparation for life beyond school, well-being, and belonging*. We will seek feedback from staff, students, and the wider school community. Thank you to all those who completed the form on Academics at KVC. All responses will be considered when we draft our 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. Your responses on academics at KVC were insightful and offered positive feedback. **Below is a summary of the feedback provided by you:**

#### What does KVC currently do well in terms of academic education?

**High-Quality, Differentiated Instruction:** The school provides challenging academic content that pushes students to reach their potential without overwhelming them. It also caters to different learning styles and offers extension opportunities.

**Strong Core Subject Foundations:** English, mathematics, and sciences are particularly well-structured, providing students with a solid academic base.

**Supportive and Encouraging Environment:** Teachers are dedicated, approachable, and go the extra mile to help students succeed, fostering confidence and a love of learning.

**Holistic Student Development:** The school considers students as whole individuals, encouraging their interests, supporting their future plans, and caring for the specific needs of children with special needs.

**Celebration of Success and Personal Excellence:** The school effectively celebrates student achievements and promotes personal excellence, recognising diverse strengths and fostering a positive attitude towards learning.

#### What could the school do differently to enhance your child's academic education?

**Improve Teacher Differentiated Instruction:** Provide challenging work for high-achieving students, and offer one-on-one support for struggling students.

**Enhance Teacher Feedback:** Implement more rigorous and high-quality student feedback mechanisms across the school to ensure consistent teaching. Additionally, improve the provision of specific and constructive feedback on student assessments and provide more meaningful and detailed progress reports.

**Increase Learning Support and Resources:** Provide smaller class sizes, more teacher aides, and readily available support for subjects where students need help, especially those who benefit from one-on-one assistance.

**Cultivate a Culture of Academic Excellence:** Raise academic expectations across the school, foster a stronger homework culture, and provide better support for parents in understanding and tracking NCEA progress and goal setting.

**Offer Tailored and Relevant Learning Opportunities:** Consider introducing subjects that provide pathways to the workplace or teach life skills, and ensure that all learning, whether screen-based or traditional, is engaging, interesting, and relevant to individual student needs and interests.

It is not too late to submit a response if you haven't already done so. [Here is the link again](#). We will soon send out the next feedback form, and I encourage you to complete it.

Ngā mihi nui

**Jatin Bali**  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDING MEMBER – MARK ROGERS



At our last Board meeting, we bid farewell to long-serving member Mr Sefton Vuli. I'd like to thank him for his 10-year term on the Board. His financial experience and sensible, thoughtful persona made him a valuable contributor to Kaikorai Valley College's governance.

On behalf of the College, I wish Sefton and his family all the best in their future.

With the Board elections coming up in September, this is a reminder that whānau and interested parties are most welcome to attend the Open Section of a Board meeting, but to advise you, you do not have speaking rights. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Presiding Member by emailing the Board Secretary at [kamolloy@kvc.school.nz](mailto:kamolloy@kvc.school.nz).



### CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA HOPPING

Josh has been selected to attend the Sister Cities Shanghai Youth Summer Camp. He is one of five secondary students from Dunedin who will spend two weeks in Shanghai.

Over 1,500 students from around the world will attend the Shanghai camp. Josh will spend time learning Chinese, sightseeing, and making friends from across the globe.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPERSTAR - ANNINA IMFELD

Just recently, one of our international student superstars, Annina Imfeld, from Switzerland, took centre stage as the first violinist with both the Dunedin Youth Orchestra and the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra at the Dunedin Town Hall.

She was met with enthusiastic applause from a proud crowd that included many Kaikorai Valley College staff and students, all in awe of her incredible talent, virtuosity, and composure. We couldn't be any more proud of her!







# Interpreting Statistical Graphs

**Obvious Observations:** Describe what you see

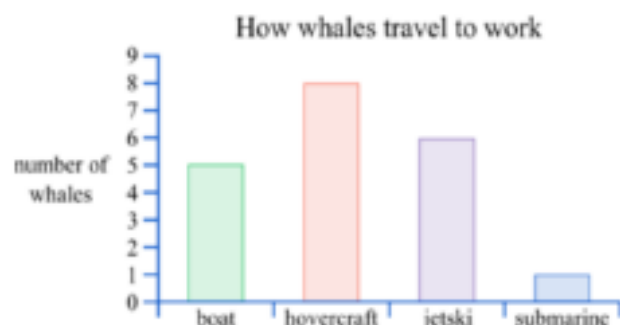
e.g. *The shortest bar stands out.*

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.*

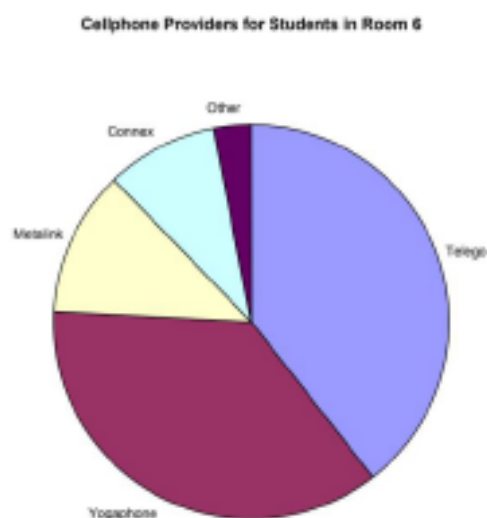
or *This indicates "TELEGO" & "YOGAPHONE" each have a large share of the cell phone market.*



**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 "carpark" 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, carparks planned for Invercargill, or Paris, or those used by sharks instead of whales might have different needs.*

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# FOCUS ON NUMERACY

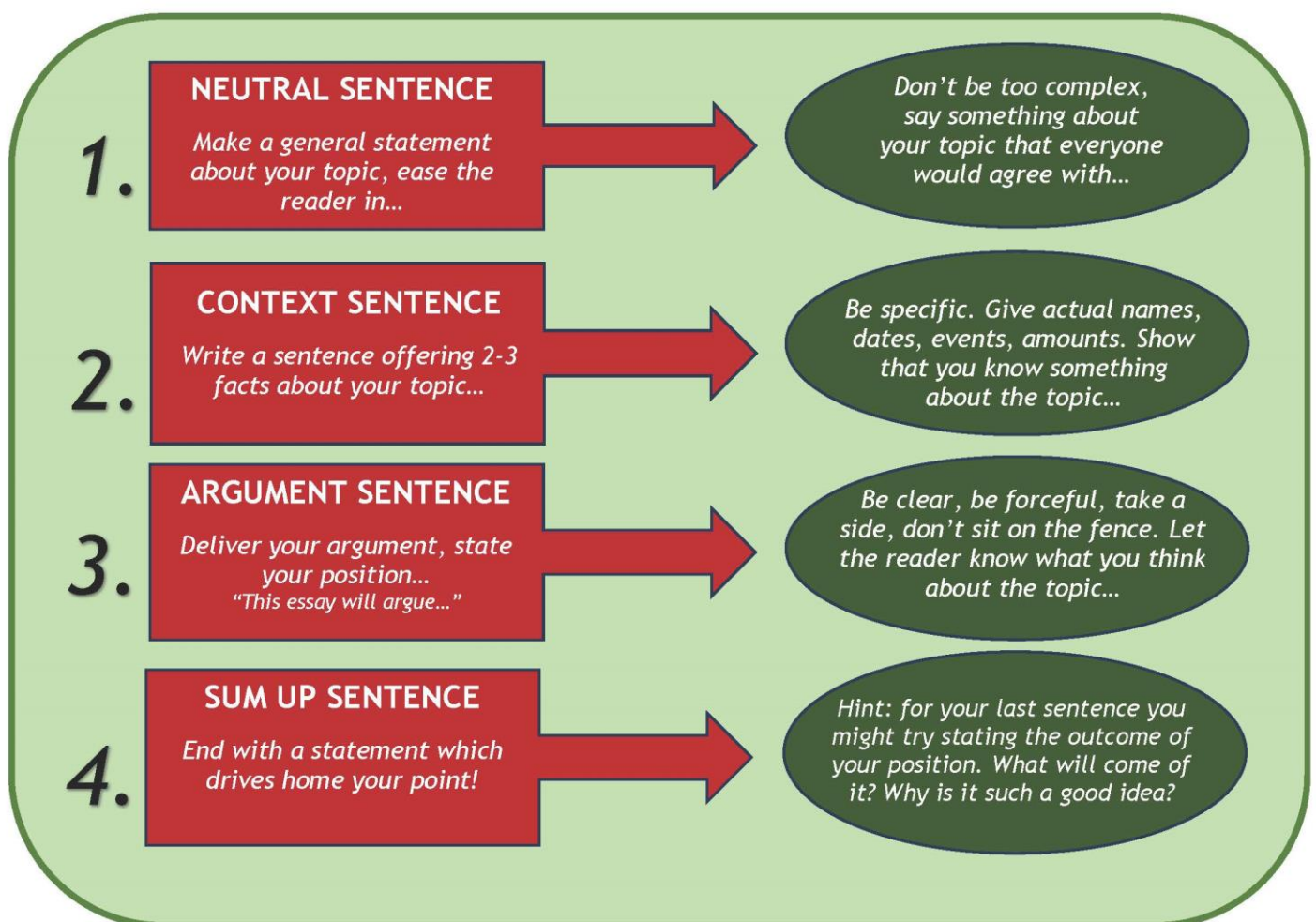




# THE MULTI-PURPOSE INTRODUCTION

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

## *The Multi-purpose Introduction*



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# FOCUS on LITERACY

Better Writers Build Better Students





## ACTIVITIES

KVC students on a walk up Mt Cargill





## Kaikorai Valley College students bike orienteering at the Harbour Cycleway





## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Over in Food Technology, our champion students in their 'Plates around the World' option are trialling items for their 'Culinary Tourism' presentations. Our students have been researching a chosen cuisine from around the world and are showcasing the culinary delights of their country to entice tourism to these destinations.





## CAREER NEWS

Some of our students attend Polytech one day per week, which is helpful in gaining, in some cases, pre-trade certificates before joining the workforce. Two of our students are in Level 3 cookery, and we have others in both Level 2 and 3 construction, with one in each for automotive Level 2, police pathways, and salon support. When these students leave school, they will be work-ready.



Last Tuesday, the Year 11 students attended a RYDA road safety education programme. They took part in several tutorials, such as crash investigation, how to get your state of mind to stay on the task of driving, and what to do if you feel fatigued.

There were also speed and stopping demonstrations, plus why your tyres matter.

It was a worthwhile day, with lots of information that will help keep our students safe on the roads.





## SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday, the Otago Cross Country Champs were held here at KVC. This was the last of the winter cross-country series. Schools from all over Otago competed, and a number of our students raced today.

Junior Boys 3 kms - Oran Hunter and Mohammad Momani

Under 16 Girls 3 kms - Eden Bell Nash and Chaymaa Aldouss

Under 19 Girls 4 kms - Virtuous Tabe

Under 19 Boys 6 kms - Lucas Bevin

Para Open 3 kms - Lukas Vandervis and Marcus Viggo

Well done to all of our runners.



Registrations are currently open for the **Dunedin Netball Year 1-8 Holiday Programme** and the **Year 7/8 Dunedin Netball Holiday Programme**

The programme will be different every day, with many netball-specific activities, gameplay, and fun "downtime" activities.

Our friendly and knowledgeable coaches will enjoy working with your children, developing their love of the game, and having fun during the holidays.

Our holiday programmes are well attended so that numbers may be capped, and registrations will be closed early if maximum capacity numbers are reached.

### July Holiday Programme

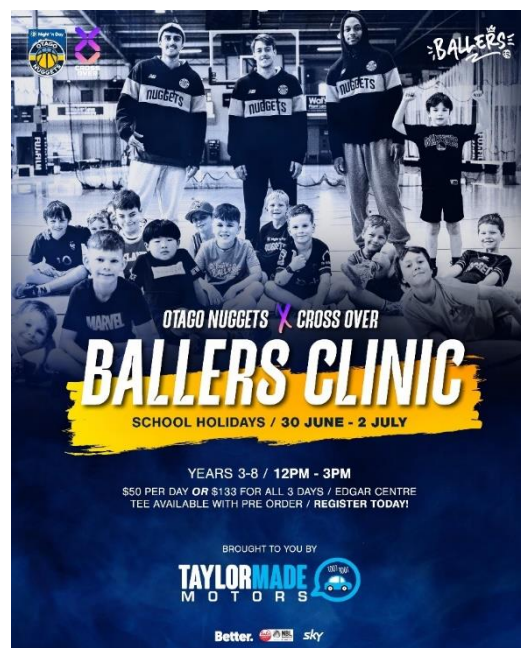
Date: Monday 30 June, Tuesday 1, and Wednesday 2 July from 9am - 3pm at the Edgar Centre.

Cost: \$150 for 3 days, or \$60 per day. Ages: Year 1-8

**Registrations close on 24 June.** Use the following link to register:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/339870>

Theresa Johnson  
Sports Coordinator  
Cellphone: 027 543 4521  
Email: [sport@kvc.school.nz](mailto:sport@kvc.school.nz)





## 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                        |
| <b>TERM 3</b>     |  |
| 14 July           | 1st Day of Term 3                      |
| <b>21 July</b>    | <b>OPEN NIGHT</b>                      |
| 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 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

[stagg@kvc.school.nz](mailto:stagg@kvc.school.nz)

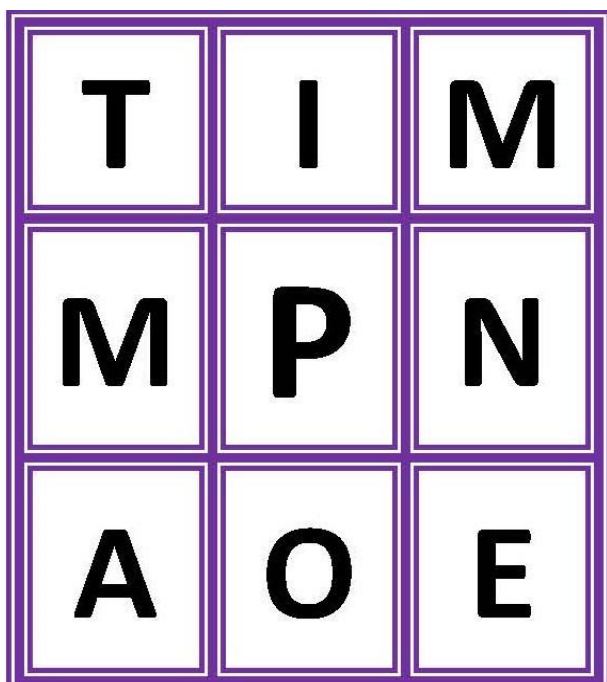
or call the school on 03 453 6035.



## CURIOUS NOTIONS

- \* There is a whale nicknamed "52 Blue," the only whale that sings at a frequency of 52 hertz, meaning it can't communicate with other whales. It is considered the loneliest whale on the planet.
- \* When you make a Google query, 1000 computers are used to find the answer in 0.2 seconds.
- \* Goats have accents.
- \* Pareidolia is a brain phenomenon in which a person sees faces in random images or patterns.
- \* The mantis shrimp can punch with the speed of a bullet. Their fast and powerful punches can even break glass aquarium walls. It can also create a temperature close to that of the sun's surface.
- \* Women cannot bend at the waist and then touch their elbows together.
- \* In Madagascar, there lives a species of moth that feeds almost exclusively on the tears of sleeping birds.
- \* The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called dysania.
- \* Animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons.
- \* None of the Beatles could actually read music. However, George Harrison could reportedly play 26 instruments.
- \* Hippos can't swim. Hippos have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they're barely buoyant. They don't swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or the sea floor. In fact, hippos can even sleep underwater, thanks to a built-in reflex that allows them to bob up, take a breath, and sink back down without waking.

## PUZZLEGRAM



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.

**8 words = good; 33 words = great; 41 words = excellent; 56 words 62 = outstanding!**

**Puzzlegram answers:** berg, biog, bong, brig, bung, burg, ergo, genu, gibe, gien, girn, giro, goer, gone, gore, grin, grub, grue, hong, huge, hung, nigh, ogre, ring, rung, urge, begin, begun, being, binge, bingo, bogie, boing, bough, bourg, bring, brugh, burgh, erugo, genro, giber, giron, goner, groin, guiro, hinge, hong, huger, neigh, ohing, reign, renig, rogue, rouge, rough, ruing, unrig, biogen, boring, bougie, brogue, enough, eringo, gorhen, hinger, hoeing, hunger, ignore, nigher, orbiting, region, rehung, robing, rubigo, bighorn, burgeon, roughen,

**NEIGHBOUR**





# HOMework CLUB



**KVC School Library**  
**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 3-4pm**

Level up your skills at  
the 5th annual

## GAME ON

### OTAGO POLYTECHNIC GAME JAM

For year 11, 12 and 13 high school students

Dates: July 2nd, 3rd and 4th  
Location: Otago Polytechnic  
Cost \$40.00 per participant

Get ready for 24 hours of immersive game development!

Collaborate with fellow enthusiasts  
Mentorship from Bachelor of IT and Design students  
Create imaginative games  
Unleash your creativity like never before

Register by scanning the QR code below

Don't miss this epic opportunity!



## THE U SHOP

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN HOURS | Term 2, 2025**  
**28 Apr - 12 July**

**Monday - Friday**  
**9.00am - 5.00pm**

**Saturday**  
**9.00am - 4.00pm**

**Monday 2 June - King's Birthday - CLOSED**

**Friday 20 June - Matariki - CLOSED**

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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STARLIGHT

✦ JUNGLE ✦

2 ✦ AUG

ENQUIRES:  
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# ILLUSIONIST ANTHONY STREET

A MAGIC AND ILLUSION  
SPECTACULAR



Illusionist Anthony Street, creator of Celtic Illusion, brings his thrilling magic show to New Zealand this July and August! Featuring stunning illusions, interactive moments, and non-stop excitement for all ages.

**REGENT THEATRE, DUNEDIN**  
**FRIDAY 1 AUGUST - 7PM**  
BOOK NOW: [WWW.REGENTTHEATRE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.REGENTTHEATRE.CO.NZ)




## Life-Changing Education Opportunity

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**What:** Dunedin Information Evening  
**When:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
**Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
**Where:** Burns Hall, First Church of Otago Dunedin, 415 Moray Place, Dunedin

Our life-changing 4 year programme offers:

- A personal mentor
- Exposure to the World of Work
- Wrap around support from First Foundation
- Workshops and Events
- \$14,000 towards tertiary fees/costs

**ELIGIBILITY**

First Foundation scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Endorsed with Merit or Excellence at Level one NCEA or equivalent
- Currently enrolled at Year 12 at a NZ Secondary School
- First-in-family to study tertiary education
- New Zealand Citizen, NZ Resident, or Refugee Status

Household Income guidelines:

- Income cap \$75,000 for 1-2 dependents
- Income cap \$90,000 for 3 or more dependents

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**  
PLEASE CONTACT ALOFA LALE ON 03 467 6657 OR [ALOFA.LALE@MERCYHOSPITAL.ORG.NZ](mailto:ALOFA.LALE@MERCYHOSPITAL.ORG.NZ)

 @firstfoundationnz




## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Magic THEATRICKS PRESENTS

# CIRCUS OF ILLUSION

## MAGIC SHOW

**SUN 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 2PM**

**ONE SHOW Only**

**REGENT THEATRE, DUNEDIN**

A magical illusion and circus spectacular is coming to Dunedin. Featuring Magic, Audience Participation and Comedy, Juggling, Puppetry, Spectacular Aerial Acts, Adagio, Dance, and large-scale Illusions. A theatre spectacular that will appeal to all ages from preschoolers to grandparents and everyone in between.

BOOK NOW: [WWW.REGENTTHEATRE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.REGENTTHEATRE.CO.NZ)



# 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!