



Kaikorai Valley College

Pānui #4 – 27 March 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora koutou

As we approach the end of the term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on how this school year has started. There have been many opportunities and events for our students, such as field trips and our annual events, including Athletics Day and the Cross-Country. It has been a busy, productive, and positive term. I would like to thank our staff for going the extra mile in organising additional opportunities for our students, as well as our students for making the most of what is offered to them.

It has been most encouraging to see the tone at the school, with students consistently using their manners and taking pride in their appearance, bookwork, and conduct. Next week, we will have a school-wide focus on gratitude, with students having the opportunity to express gratitude to other students and staff. This event is a continuation

of our endeavour to support our students' well-being and social and emotional skills. We are focusing on gratitude because it offers many benefits for both the individual and those they interact with.

It has been a great first term, and there is a real positive atmosphere and feel at the school. I wish you all a safe, restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing all of our students next term.

Ngā mihi nui

Jatin Bali, Principal

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING MEMBER

A Well-Earned Break and a New Look

As we approach the Easter weekend and the conclusion of Term 1, there is a palpable sense of anticipation across the school. I'm sure I speak for students, staff, and parents alike when I say that everyone is looking forward to the chance to catch their breath and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Campus Transformations

Last Friday, Jatin and I took a tour of the school to check in on our ongoing capital works. It was fantastic to start at the **old gymnasium**, which is now in the final phase of a major upgrade. This project has repaired years of weathering and age-related damage, properly restoring the gym to its rightful place in the southern part of our campus. It looks revitalised and ready for many more years of action.

Furthermore, as the weather-protective white covers are gradually removed, more of our new roofs are revealed. The visual impact on the campus is striking; the school is beginning to look sharp, modern, and refreshed.

A Note of Thanks

Navigating a school that currently resembles a fenced-in construction maze is no small feat. I want to extend a huge "shout out" to our students and staff for the incredible **resilience** you've shown. Maintaining focus and a positive atmosphere while working around scaffolding and temporary fences isn't easy, but you've handled it with grace and a great sense of humour.

Looking Ahead: Governance and Curriculum

While the holidays offer a time to recharge, the Board is looking forward to a significant event next term in our annual governance schedule: the **Heads of Departments (HOD) Curriculum Reporting Evening**.

This is a vital opportunity for the Board to engage in one-on-one discussions with our academic leaders about the **2025 results and curriculum milestones**. It allows us to deep-dive into the successes of the past year and ensure our strategic direction for the remainder of 2026 remains robust and student-centred.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful break. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for Term 2.

Mark Rogers, Presiding Member, KVC Board



ACTIVITIES

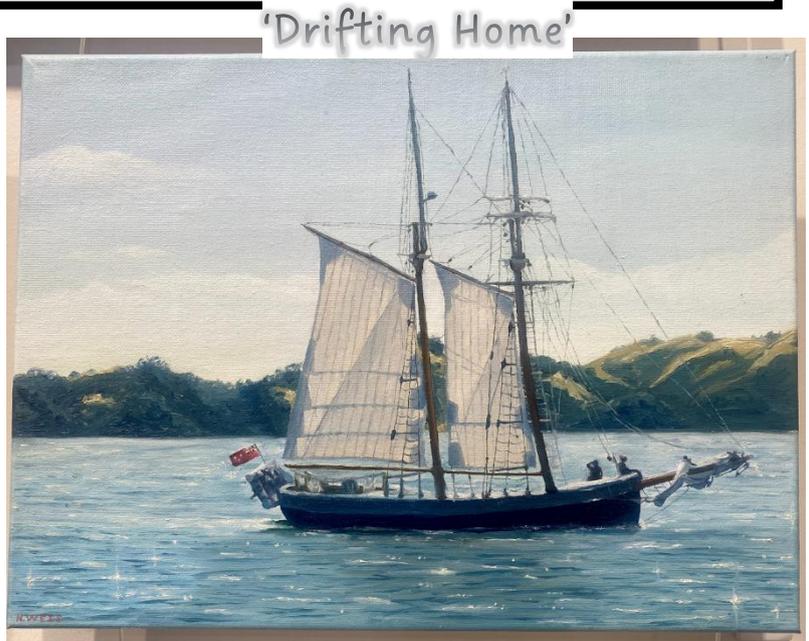


Natalie Weis, in Year 12, has recently entered two art competitions with the Otago Art Society. The painting she entered in the Hope and Sons competition was a stunning painting of a sailboat, which received special mention for the

Young Artist Award. Natalie has sold several works and is an artist to watch out for!

Here is what the judges had to say: “An exquisite painting, imbued with a sunlit-sense of shimmering light over water, vessel, and land. ‘Drifting Home’ is a beautifully accomplished artwork. It demonstrates a skilful control of oil-painting medium that is exceptional for a young artist. There is a quality as if this painting has been

done with as much ease as a drifting boat, which shows that Natalie is actually the ‘captain of her own ship,’ already a highly competent artist, and quite capable of ‘plain sailing’ her inspiration wherever it wishes to go.”



Year 12 Outdoor Education students visited Tunnel Beach on a sunny afternoon.

The Cycle Trip!





Hospitality Happenings!



Our talented Year 11 Hospitality students have been busy learning to make some delicious finger foods over the past two weeks. Skewered satay chicken sticks, mini burgers, fish goujons, and mini quiche are all part of their repertoire.



Year 9/10 Food students tried making porridge for a cool autumn morning this week. For some, it was their first time eating porridge. This recipe added some flair to the traditional dish with a base of apple and maple syrup, spices, and dried fruits, topped with coconut and yoghurt. While it was a challenge for some, most agreed that porridge was the highlight of the day!



Ingredient: Syrup de Liège had to be prepared first. 5 kg of apples and pears were boiled down and reduced to a very sweet toffeed syrup - all in one 200 ml jar, over the course of two days.

The proof will be revealed in the eating next Tuesday. Tune in to the next newsletter for a photo of the final product!

Golfing!





**WE ARE LOOKING FOR BILLETS FOR OUR
SAKURAGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL VISIT
FROM 21 JULY-29 JULY (9 DAYS)**



**MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOL
ENJOY A RICH CULTURAL EXCHANGE!**



MRS JANETTE POTTER
japotter@kvc.school.nz
03 453 6035

CAREER MOVES

Year 12 and 13 Career Presentations: throughout this term, students have had the opportunity to attend career presentations every Tuesday (Period 4), exploring a range of pathways and tertiary options. Recently, we heard from Dive Otago about the exciting careers and courses available in the diving industry.



**SKILLS
INSTITUTE**

Next week, Skills Institute will be presenting on their holiday taster courses and pre-trade programmes, including electrical, plumbing, drain laying, and roofing.

If you're considering a trade, or still unsure about your future plans these sessions are a great way to discover new opportunities and get inspired.

To attend, please email Mrs Beagley to register your interest.

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



INTRODUCING
**SKILLS TRADES
TRAINING** Etco, E-tec and
ICE units on one.

etco + ice + e-tec



STAR COURSES APRIL HOLIDAYS



To ensure a smooth and successful experience, please make sure the following are completed before the course begins:

- Payment of \$30 is made to the Student Office before the end of term
- Course dates are checked and noted
- The venue is confirmed, and students know how to get there
- The course workbook (emailed to students) has been read in advance

We encourage parents and caregivers to support students by helping them confirm these details, including course dates and locations.

Being prepared will help students make the most of this valuable opportunity.

Courses dates and venues:

Barista: 7 & 8 April 10 – The Learning Place, 453 Princes Street

Sports Coaching: 7 & 8 April – Kaikorai Rugby Club, 25 Lyn Street

Barista: 9 & 10 April 10 – The Learning Place, 453 Princes Street

Customer Service: 13 April - The Learning Place, 453 Princes Street

Bartending: 14 & 15 April - Kaikorai Rugby Club, 25 Lyn Street

Bartending: 16 & 17 April - Kaikorai Rugby Club, 25 Lyn Street



SPORTS NEWS

As we near the end of Term 1, we need to prepare for Terms 2 and 3 Winter Sport. Registrations have been open for the last two weeks and will close on Tuesday next week, March 31. A sign-up form has been emailed home to all families, and it is also available on the Kaikorai Valley College website. An overview of winter sport is there so you can see what is on offer. This is where Draws and other important information will be posted throughout the year. Please check out our new website.

This is the link to [register](https://forms.gle/TRiZ4GAN9h11vKMy5) for winter sport. <https://forms.gle/TRiZ4GAN9h11vKMy5>

On Friday last week, 15 Year 7 and 8 Students attended the Festival of Cricket at Bishopscourt. The day was super fun with multiple modified cricket games which every team member was involved in. There were teams of six and everyone had to bowl, bat and field. It was fast-paced and perfect for all skill levels. The weather was magnificent, and everyone had a great time!



April School Holiday Programme:

Dunedin Netball are running a holiday programme in the second week of the April school holidays. Every day is different, and every programme will be different with lots of netball specific activities, game play, and downtime activities.

Programme

Date: Tuesday 14-Thursday 16 April from 9am - 3pm at the Edgar Centre

Cost: 1 day - \$65, 2 days - \$125, 3 days - \$165

Ages: Years 1-8

Get Ready for the Season:

Dunedin Netball is running a Get Ready for the Season Programme again for players Years 1 - 8 during April and May in Term 2 at the Edgar Centre. Get Ready for the Season is designed to give all players, whether they are new to netball or have played previously, an opportunity to get ready for the upcoming netball season. It is an opportunity to develop the basic skills, understand some of the basic rules of netball and be introduced to the NetballSmart Programme.

Ages: Years 7 and 8:

Date: 23 and 30 April, 7 and 14 May (Thursdays) at 4-5:30pm

Cost: \$80

Please use the following [link](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/389837) to register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/389837>

Registrations will close on Tuesday 14 April. They may close earlier if maximum capacity is reached.



Theresa Johnson - Sports Coordinator
Cell: 027 543 4251
Email: 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

31 March	KVC Cross Country
2 April	KVC Cross Country (<i>backup day</i>)
2 April	Last day of Term 1
3 April	Good Friday (<i>no school</i>)
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

- * The longest-lived animal is the quahog clam (507 years). This mollusc was born around 1499 and was killed during scientific analysis.. 😊
- * A group of goldfinches is called a troubling.
- * The Latin name for banana is “musa sapientum,” which translates to “fruit of the wise men.”
- * Cats position their back paws exactly where their front paws land when walking to avoid stepping on anything unfamiliar or potentially harmful.
- * If Earth stopped spinning, you would fly East at 1,670km/h.
- * Struggling to get out of bed in the morning is known as dysania.
- * Johnny Cash took just three voice lessons before his teacher told him to stop and to never stray from his natural voice.
- * In 494 BCE, ancient Roman commoners (plebeians) went on strike by evacuating their cities, leaving the upper classes (patricians) hopelessly fending for themselves.
- * Sialoquent means spitting while speaking.
- * Ants don't have lungs. Instead, they breathe through spiracles - nine or ten tiny openings along the sides of their exoskeleton, depending on the species.
- * Egypt is considered one of the oldest countries in the world, dating back to 3100 BCE.
- * Sharks have existed longer than trees. Sharks have been swimming in the oceans for more than 400 million years, while trees appeared on land only roughly 350 million years ago.

PUZZLEGRAM

P	A	C
A	O	N
Y	C	H

Words must be **FOUR** letters long or more
and must contain the letter **O**

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.

**15 words = good; 21 words = great; 32 words = excellent;
36 words = outstanding!**

Puzzlegram answers: alan, alar, anta, aunt, aura, latu, luna, nala, rant, tala, tarn, tart, taut, tuna, ulan, ulna alant, altar, antra, artal, attar, aural, lauan, lura, lunar, natal, ratat, ratan, ruana, talar, tatar, taunt, ulnar, ultra antral, anural, ranula, rattan, tantra, tarnal, tartan, truant natural, tantara, tartana, tuatara tarlatan **TARANTULA**



Saliva Superpower



Saliva is a real superhero for our teeth and gums! We make less saliva at night so it's important to always brush our teeth before bed

Saliva helps carry the minerals to our teeth needed for repair, to keep them healthy and strong

A superpower of saliva is helping to wash away bits of left-over food from our teeth

Drinking plenty of water each day helps us to make enough saliva

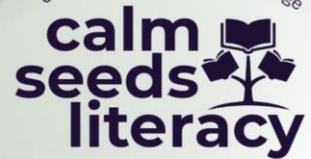
Eating crunchy fruit & veges (celery, apples, carrots), dairy foods (cheese, yoghurt) and almonds can all help to increase our saliva

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Talkteeth Southern

cultivating calm, sowing knowledge



Multisensory Structured Literacy Instruction and Intervention

- One to one sessions, designed to meet the needs of those requiring reading, spelling and writing support.
- Experienced tutor, specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and other neurodiversity.
- All ages and abilities.
- A focus on mental wellbeing, confidence and resilience.
- Suitable for those at school or homeschoolers.

ONLINE BOOKINGS
NOW AVAILABLE
FOR TERM 2
2026



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For more information and bookings contact Sam at:

calmseedsliteracy@gmail.com



REGISTER NOW TO PLAY FOR THE



JUNIOR DRAGONS



DRAGONS

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW FOR ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS THROUGH THE...



<https://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/>

Rippa (U5-Yr2)
\$30
(Minimum age is 3)

Tackle (yr3-Yr8)
\$50

Any further queries please email zingarijuniors@gmail.com

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





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	COMPULSO RY	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 Stripes (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		Bearnie - 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.								
<p>'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</p>								
PAYMENT INFORMATION								
Payments Online	Payee Name:	UNIFORM GROUP (AUCKLAND) LTD		LAYBY is Available				
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	Code:	Student's first name and surname		Order available for pickup when fully paid, subject to stock being available.				
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