



# Kaikorai Valley College

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### Principal's Comment

26 November 2021

*Kia orana, greetings to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school.*

#### **NCEA Examinations**

The first week of the NCEA exams is coming to an end and it is pleasing to see these running so smoothly. We do trust that students are making good use of their study leave and using this time to go over notes and practise past examination questions. Mr Randal Scott is the school's examination centre manager and we are very appreciative of his willingness to take up this role after the departure of Mr Murray Davidson.

We wish our seniors all the best as they navigate their way through these exams.

#### **Lifting those who fall**

In the role of school management there are many highs and some lows. When running an organisation or heading up a team, one can very quickly find themselves on the receiving end of criticism or complaint, and that is just one of the aspects of leadership that we are faced with.

It's OK to confront somebody you believe is wrong, but we need to be very careful about how we do this, and the attitude we bring. Lisa Harper writes: "Are we aware of other people's mistakes because they confided in us, or have we appointed ourselves the 'moral police' to justify examining the blemishes in everyone else's behaviour?"

When pointing out something we believe could have been done differently, we need to ensure we do so with a humble attitude, accepting and respecting others opinion and offering suggestions or assistance with a better way.

This advice of course applies to all aspects of life, whether they be in the workplace, in home life or out in the community. I write this, not because the school has been on the receiving end of any complaints, but more because it is good to remind ourselves from time to time about how we treat those around us.

#### **School Uniform**

As you may or may not be aware the new green polo top worn by students with shirts or trousers from years 7–10 becomes compulsory next year. These tops are available at the Uniform Group shop, 84 Filluel St. This change has been signposted for well over a year and 2021 has been a year of transition, where both the white polo top and green polo tops have been an option. From 2022 all students are to be wearing the green polo top. As you will see from the images, there is a short and long sleeved option.



It is also at this time of the year that we remind parents of using the holidays as an opportunity to get kilts and blazers dry-cleaned and perhaps the odd repair made.

It is also a great time to soak shirts and blouses in Napisan to remove any excess grime that teenagers are great at producing. We would dearly love to see all student back in the New Year looking spick and span, proud of the way they look.

## Leaving staff

At the Senior Prizegiving earlier this month, and in the upcoming Junior Prizegiving we will announce several staff that have made decisions to head off in different directions and will not be returning in 2022. While it is always disappointing to see people go others will come along to fill their place and we are very pleased to have completed almost all of that appointment process. I will introduce those new to the staff in the first newsletter next year. In the meantime I will use the next couple of newsletters to make mention of those heading off.

Although not leaving permanently we do say farewell to both Mr Ray Fitiao and Ms Pip Mackenzie who are taking some time away from school next years for various reasons. We wish them all the best and look forward to their return.

Mrs Brenda Clark came to Kaikorai Valley College in 2016 when she was employed as the international homestay coordinator, as task that she has held since. Brenda, a fully trained and experienced teacher, has performed this task with wonderful efficiency and has been a huge asset to our international set up at KVC. Over the past two years this has been a real challenge in the face of COVID and numbers have reduced to the point where there is very little work available. During this time Mrs Clark has done quite a bit of relief work at the school and we thank her for helping us out of some tricky spots. Hopefully we will see her back next year from time to time in this capacity.



Mr Sam Chadwick, started his time at KVC as the kapa haka tutor at the start of 2021. He has developed some really strong connections with students and whanau in this time and we have been incredibly pleased and proud of the progress of this group under his care. In Term 2 we were on the lookout for a teacher of Te Reo, with the imminent departure of Mrs Mbizvo on maternity leave. This is when Sam stepped up and took control in C7. Since then he has worked with students in the classroom. With the return of Mrs Mbizvo in 2022 he will no longer be required to take these classes. We sincerely thank him for his work in this area.

Mrs Kylie Dodds joined our staff at the beginning of 2021 as a Year 7 Homeroom teacher. She had trained as a teacher after being an OT for many years and brought a wealth of experience with her to a new teaching roll. She has done a wonderful job with her students and built very strong relationships with her students. Kylie's husband has won a new position in Australia so we are very sad to see her go and wish her and her family all the very best.



Likewise, Mr Jeff Elliott came to us at the beginning of 2021 in a fixed term capacity as a teacher of Year 8. He and his family had spent a couple of years in Vietnam where he had been teaching PE. Jeff has also spent time running some special programmes on our Urban Farm which the students have thoroughly enjoyed. We wish him all the best for next year and what that brings.

Mr Mark Tweedale came to us at the beginning of 2020 when he stepped in to Mr Piggott's shoes over in the Brathwaite Centre. Mr Tweedale has very lovely calm manner which is essential when working with our ORS funded students. He also enjoys playing a bit of guitar which he has shared with the students. Next year Mr Tweedale and his wife are planning to travel the length of NZ in their newly acquired house bus. Mr Piggott actually left us a couple of years ago when he asked the Board for special leave. During that time he has been working on his Artwork which is a real passion for him and something he is extremely gifted in, owning his own studio in Jetty Street. Rob has decided not to return to teaching but continue with this passion and we wish him all the best for the future.

Ms Fiona Browne came to KVC at the beginning of this year as the Principal's PA. This was after the Board had granted Mrs Molloy the current PA a year's leave to travel to Australia with her husband. During her time here we have benefitted from her experience in a wide range of school roles. Ms Browne has also acted as the Board Secretary. We wish Fiona all the best for next year.

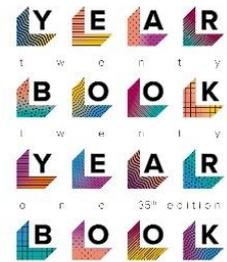
**Principal**  
**Rick Geerlofs**

## Senior Clearance Day Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December



Senior students are required to arrive at school period 1 to return all books, equipment, borrowed uniform items etc and pay outstanding fees.

Once they have their clearance form signed, students can collect their school magazine and depart.



## School Event Date Changes

Below is a summary of some of the important dates for the remainder of the year that we have confirmed

TERM 4	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	NCEA Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Clearance Morning
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Junior Prize giving End of the school year

## COVID News

### Wearing of Face Masks on School Buses

There has been a change to the Covid-19 Health Order.

Everyone 12 years and older legally must now wear a face covering on school transport services (both Ministry and regional council-operated) at all alert levels unless they have an exemption.

Therefore, **from Tuesday 2 November all students 12 years and older are required to wear a face mask on the Otago Road Services school buses (North and South routes)** as well as public bus services.

Students under 12 are encouraged to wear face masks.

Spare face masks will be available from the main office.

Students can come to the office to collect one if they need to.

## Fake Instagram Pages

Every so often, we find an Instagram page made using our school crest as an image. These pages are usually made by young people for the purposes of bullying others or sharing unsafe images and material.

The school has 3 official Instagram accounts.

These are the only accounts that have permission to use the school name or school crest.



We are finding many students following Instagram accounts made by people they don't know and/or the creator of the account's name is not visible. Accounts where the name of the creator is not visible, are generally made for the purpose of hurting others.

Please have a talk with your children. If they do not know the creator of an Instagram account, then they should not be following the page.

Students should also not follow any accounts using the school crest, apart from the 3 official accounts. By following the unofficial pages, regardless of whether your child contributes or likes posts, he/she is condoning the existence of the account and the behaviour of those contributing to the content.

## Whare Pukapuka

Students who are returning to our school next year can borrow school library books over the holidays but we just need parents to sign a permission slip. These slips can be collected from the Library and returned by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Reading over the holiday break is an important, enjoyable activity that helps students to develop many learning skills.

Thanks to the Dunedin Public Library for supporting our Summer Reading programme by providing bags for the books and bookmarks. The Public Library and Book bus has reading challenges on during the holidays so are a great place to visit.



## Congratulations

### Senior Prizegiving Special Awards

Dux medal	Vajk Peter
Proxime Accessit to Dux, medal	Nicholas Molloy
Academic Excellence at Year 12	Zaria Muirhead
Academic Excellence at Year 11	Alice Barrett
Brathwaite Student of the Year	Damion Webb
Geerlofs Cup for All Round Excellence	Vajk Peter
Kaikorai Valley College Cup for Service to the school	Jalena Harris
Potter Cup for Resilience and Determination	Emma Hedges
Kaikorai Valley College Sportsperson of the Year	Lachlan Colquhoun
Kaikorai Valley Arts/Cultural Person of the Year	Binh Minh Vu
Crombie/McGregor Award - Outstanding Contribution to Junior Activities	Aedan Dinnissen
McMillan Award - Contribution to the Urban Farm	Jack Hitchcox
International Award - Contribution to School Life	Binh Minh Vu
Whāia te iti Kahurāngi Award	Isaac Duggan
Kaikorai Valley College - Pasifika Award	Dalziel Tutaka
Rathbone Award for Communication	Mallak Momani





### Class Act

Lachlan Colquhoun with MP David Clark at the Class Act Awards morning tea held recently.

### Ex KVC Student Achievement

Taela Aitcheson receiving his award for Top Otago/Southland Joinery apprentice for 2021.



### Pride Draw 15 November 2021

It was a fitting tribute to our Senior students that we held a Pride draw as part of our Celebration Assembly last Monday. Our seniors have been instrumental in implementing our Pride values across the school this year so it was the final opportunity to acknowledge our students who had demonstrated our school values. Our Head Students took great delight in drawing Pride cards from Mana as one of their last official duties. Jalena, Lachie, Brie and Isaac have been great Head Students with getting into the spirit of the Pride Draws.



Congratulations to the following Pride winners

Millie Burgess 7DK

Grace Duxbury 8LJ

Blake Clark TFI

Ahmad Al Halal RMC

Paige Patrick RCR

Dania Piatova KST

Zaria Muirhead MJB

Ms Whyman was the lucky staff member to have her name drawn and received a coffee voucher.

The Pride House Cup was presented to a delighted Shaun Thompson who had also been presented with the House Shield for 2021 as Kowhai House Captain. Congratulations Kowhai.



### Cup Winner

**Kowhai 307**

### Totals

**Rātā 292**

**Mataī 283**

**Tōtara 234**

## Activity Reports

### Shave 4 a Cure

Shave 4 a Cure recently raised just over \$2200



### Year 10 Food Festival Friday 12 November

Year 10 Food Technology students put on a Food Festival which coincided with the end of classes for the senior years.

There was a festival atmosphere with Mr Corlet's music students adding their talents for students to enjoy.

Many food bargains were on sale including bacon and egg butties, dumplings, salads, loaded fries and pies.



## Science

7BD went to the farm to complete jobs around the farm: cleaning poo from the lamb enclosure, feeding the lambs, walking the dog, spreading compost, weeding.



## Careers/Gateway

**MoneyHub** has updated its comprehensive **directory of student jobs**. With 50+ well-known employers listed and links to their student job application details, getting a part-time job is a lot easier with this guide: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html>

Like our scholarship page, this guide is free to use, download and take action on. We have published a number of tips for job application success as well as a CV guide and interview tips, designed to make the application process less stressful for your students.



## Brathwaite Centre

### Where did you get that hat?

Well in Ella's case she made it herself! With guidance from Susan, Ella learned how to thread the wool correctly into the circular frame. Once she had learned the technique she was off and away with it and would spend time over morning tea and lunch progressing her hat creation. After a couple of weeks' work Ella was ready to take the hat off the frame and with support to close up one of the ends. All that was left to do then was to try it on and model it for the camera. A perfect fit, good job Ella!



### Out and about

Students have been out and about on various trips to green spaces, accessible by wheelchair, in Dunedin. Frasers Gully and Forrester Park to name a couple, plus walks along the Ravensbourne walk/cycle way. Exercise, fresh air, appreciating nature, talking about what they observe on their trip and meeting folk along the way is what it is all about.



## The Lost Golden Kiwi of Paradise

The Brathwaite Centre production finally happened after being rescheduled a number of times. The students played to the junior and senior classes in 2 shows at school. In the evening they played to an audience of parents and caregivers who enjoyed the show and took part enthusiastically in the audience participation bits! A big thanks to all who helped to make the show possible and to Mr Hananeia for writing the script and producing it.



## Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?

Not the students at the Centre, that's for sure! They have been looking at a topic of fairytales and using the stories to learn about sequencing and the correct order of things. So using props, they have been acting out the stories and ensuring that they learn when it is their turn to say their line or act out their part. Lots of fun and a good combination of numeracy and literacy work. Here Damion plays the part of the wolf and Ella is one of the 3 pigs.



## Sports

Junior Sports Week has been a lot of fun for the students involved. Some people have been involved in 3 consecutive days of competition and are exhausted.

We started the week off with Boys' Dodgeball at the Metro Indoor Sports Venue. Our boys team had a draw first up and then several wins. Heading in to the semi-finals they were second top on the ladder but unfortunately they had nothing left in the tank and ended up with a couple of losses ending up in fourth place. The boys really enjoyed the day but there were a lot of sore arms and shoulders !!



On Tuesday we had a boys' and a girl's team complete in the 3x3 basketball. Another tiring day but there was noticeable improvement and lots of fun had by all.

Wednesday was a big day for us with 3 teams in the tournament. The Junior Boys and the Year 10 Girls had a few wins and losses but our Year 9 Girls won their grade with some great volleyball played. A big thanks to their coach Jayden Weter.



We finished off the week with 8 Ball Pool at Bowey's Lounge.

## Urban Farm

We have had an array of animals on our farm during the last few weeks. All our students have been hands on and involved with their care, cleaning and feeding. This has raised a lot of discussion about the stewardship of animals, animal husbandry and keeping animals in general.

We started with the bobby calves, a bit bigger than the lambs we had previously! These were Holstein-Friesian, a breed of large dairy cow originating from northern Holland. They tend to be large in size with black and white spotted markings, and are believed to have been selected for their dairy qualities over 2000 years ago. As the boy calves cannot be used in the milking parlour they end up being cared for and used as part of our food chain at about three years of age. It was a real treat to teach these guys to feed from a bottle and watch the students feed these hungry calves.



Then came our lambs, spring lambs, what a delight these were. We had three this year of different breeds. Students were rostered onto feeding them until weaned. They certainly let you know when they were hungry and cried out to you as soon as students approached their pen.



Maple is a Suffolk, recognised by her brown face and legs, originating from Canterbury in the 1930's, in response to overseas demand for leaner meat. Their down wool is used for fine garments and hand knitting.

Stevie - is a Coopworth, they look like a Romney only larger. They have a white face and white wool, with no wool on their faces or legs. They are a lowland sheep, more suited to lowland pastures than hills. They are a multi purpose sheep being used for both meat and wool.

Our one ram Diego - is a Southdown, a British breed of sheep and the smallest of the British breeds. It has short wool, is sturdy and wide, deep compact yet refined. They have wool on their face, legs and ears. They are mainly produced for meat.

Finally, we had a guest appearance from 'Caroline' - a Viking war horse! She is a Fjord breed of pony, standing 13.2" hands tall, but strong and wide enough to carry up to 146 kilos. She is Dun in colour with primitive markings and a mane that is roached so that it stands erect and displays the fabulous black and white contrasting colours. Caroline certainly was the ultimate test of our newly fenced paddock, wire strainings, gates and posts, put in by the students earlier this year! The gates took a good rubbing and one was lifted off its hinges, but thankfully it was also chained so that she remained in the paddock.



We have had several primary schools visit to take advantage of our animals and be able to assist in their care and feeding. This has been a great experience to share with you all.

## Notices

# KVC Second-Hand Uniform Shop

**Open** Mondays from 4 - 6pm during school term.

**Buy** pre-owned uniform pieces to help your budget breathe a little easier and you'll be making a pro-planet choice too! The second-hand uniform shop sells a range of current regulation items in tidy, good, and even unbelievably good condition, which are priced against current retail prices.

**Sell** your clean and undamaged uniforms, recoup some costs and help restock our little shop. The Uniform Shop will buy uniform pieces based on their condition and its current stock levels. It cannot purchase anything below the school's minimum presentation standards and may decline to buy items of which it has plenty.

**Swap** ill-fitting pieces for larger or smaller sizes.

**Donate** no longer needed uniform items and help the parent group offer financial assistance to other aspects of student life at KVC.

The Second-hand Uniform Shop is run by the KVC Parent Group. You will find it in B block, open Mondays from 4-6pm, though other times can be arranged. If you have queries or would like a current list of available pieces and prices, call **Rae 027 276 8652**.

## Summer Holiday Hours 2021-2022

### Mondays

20 Dec	4.00 – 6.00pm
27 Dec and 3 Jan	CLOSED
10 Jan	4.00 – 6.00pm

### Saturdays

8 January	4.00 – 5.00pm
15 January	4.00 – 5.00pm
22 January	4.00 – 5.00pm



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