



2026 OPSSA Cross Country Event Information

Dates:	Event Date	Friday 4 September
	Postponement Date	Friday 11 September
Location:	Venue	Kaikorai Valley College
Timetable:	Marshall Briefing	10:00am
	Welcomes	11:15am
	First Race Start	11:30am
	Year 5&6 Prize Giving	12:35pm
	Year 7&8 Prize Giving	2:05pm
Race Start Times:	Year 5 Girls	11:30am
	Year 5 Boys	11:45am
	Year 6 Girls	12:00pm
	Year 6 Boys	12:15pm
	Year 7 Girls	12:30pm
	Year 7 Boys	12:50pm
	Year 8 Girls	1:10pm
	Year 8 Boys	1:30pm
Course Details:	Distances	Year 5 and Year 6 Approximately 2.0 km Year 7 and Year 8 Approximately 2.4 km
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectators must keep off the running course so as not to impede runners
Prize Giving:	Year 5 and Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations in the Gymnasium Foyer at 12:35pm • Medals for first 3 place getters in each race • Certificates for first 5 place getters in each race • Zone Trophy for the Year 5&6 Girls and the Year 5&6 Boys
	Year 7 and Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation in the Gymnasium Foyer at 2:05pm • Medals for first 3 place getters in each race • Certificates for first 5 place getters in each race • Zone Trophy for the Year 7&8 Girls and the Year 7&8 Boys
Entry Information:	Eligibility	2026 Affiliated OPSSA Schools
	Entries Open	Monday 17 August
	Entries Close	10:00pm, Wednesday, 2 September
	Entries Site	opssa.org.nz
	Year 5 and Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runners must first qualify at their Zone's Cross County Event • A maximum of 10 runners per race per Cross Country Zone
Year 7 and Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runners must first qualify at their School's Cross County Event • A maximum of 12 runners per race per School 	
Payment Information:	Entry Fee	\$5 per runner entered
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools will be invoiced based on the number of runners entered and not the number of runners that compete on the day • Payment is due on receipt of the invoice
Racebands:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Managers collect School sets of Racebands from the Gymnasium Foyer on raceday • Racebands will include the Runners' name, race number and School for entries received by 10:00pm Wednesday 2 September • Allow extra time prior to races to collect, issue and fit the Racebands

- First Aid:**
- Qualified First Aid Staff will be at the event
 - Each School should also have a suitable first aid kit
- Clothing:**
- Runners must compete in your School's athletic/running uniform
 - Warm clothing to wear after races and a change of shoes are highly recommended
- Footwear:**
- Runners must compete in running shoes
 - Please remind runners that their shoes are likely to get wet and covered in mud
 - Runners may not run in bare feet
 - Spike shoes are not to be worn due to the concrete and asphalt areas of the course
 - Rugby/Football boots, Cricket shoes etc similarly may not be worn
- School Gear:**
- Each School should have a suitable first aid kit
 - Towels can be very useful for runners that have fallen over or gone for a slide
 - 1 or 2 tarpaulins are very useful for gear and bag storage
- Postponement:**
- If required, postponement notices will be posted on the OPSSA website
 - The Hits radio station will also be contacted if there is a postponement
- Facilities Information:**
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| Gymnasium Foyer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gymnasium Foyer is being made available for our use • Please remain on the plastic floor covered areas |
| Toilets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove wet and muddy footwear before entering the Foyer • Toilets are available off the Gymnasium Foyer • Portaloos will also be available |
| BBQ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikorai Valley College is running a \$2 BBQ and \$1 drink stall |
| Rubbish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use the provided rubbish bins • Thoroughly clean your school's area before departing |
- Parking:**
- Please remind parents not to park in the Kaikorai Valley School car parks
 - Parking is only available on Kaikorai Valley Road and surrounding streets
 - Please remind parents to allow sufficient time to park as they may need to walk a distance

Marshalling:

A large number of Marshals are required to ensure the event is safe and successful.

Cross Country Zone must provide at least 1 Marshal for the entire event

- Given the nature of the role, it would be ideal if the Marshal was a Teacher from a School within the Cross Country Zone
- A Parent, School Resource Person, Volunteer would also be an excellent Marshal
- Each Cross Country Zone Organizer is asked to coordinate the provision of their Zones Marshal for this event

Further Information:

Website
Email

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Event Support



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We would like to thank Kaikorai Valley College for their tremendous support with this event. It is a brilliant course and the use of the school grounds, facilities and assistance with course staging is greatly appreciated.