



APARIMA MATTERS

Spelling Bee

On Monday 8 March four Year 9 students set forth for Dunedin, their brains crammed with over 300 difficult spelling words, their hopes focussed on earning flights to Wellington and possibly to Washington DC for the World Spelling Bee. They joined 42 other hopefuls from various Dunedin schools in the Otago Boys High School auditorium. Organiser, Janet Lucas, commended Aparima for being the most distant school represented and one of only three schools from outside Dunedin; Waitaki Boys and James Hargest being the other two. Nerves were strained as the students attempted the first round, a written test of 20 words, followed by a verbal test at the microphone. The following 7 rounds were 'sudden-death' - one mis-spelt letter and you had to step down from the podium. Our valiant contestants all got through to round 3, then Dawn, Christina and Yogan made tiny, but fatal, errors. Devon Sellwood managed the next two rounds against tough competition, finally coming 12th. The last two students each won \$300 prize money and all-expenses paid trip to Wellington.



Can you spell any of these words?
acquittal, peccadillo, incumbancy,
bequeath, mercurial, synergy,
oscillate, melifluous

A huge thank you to the parents who spent hours faithfully helping their child with dictionary definitions and spelling lists, and for collecting their children late on Monday evening. It was a great experience for the students to do battle with some of the best minds in the South.

Aparima College MASTER CHEF House Competition

At lunchtime on Monday 15 March Aparima College will be holding a Master Chef House Competition in the Food Technology room. Each House is to choose two competitors from any year group that have an interest in cooking. They will cook a basic omelette over the lunch time. It will be judged for taste, colour, shape, texture and presentation.

Go the Master Chef!

Congratulations to.....

Aila Tuhua who competed at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships held in Christchurch from 2 – 6 March. Aila achieved personal best in all his races and also broke the Southland Under 16's and Southland Open record for the 50m Backstroke.

Aila won gold in the 50m backstroke (ranked 1st in NZ), silver in the 200m backstroke and 100m freestyle (ranked 2nd in NZ); bronze in the 100m backstroke (ranked 3rd in NZ). He also placed 4th in the 50m freestyle (ranked 4th in NZ).

Southern Institute of Technology STAR Courses

STAR courses are available for senior student in the coming holidays. Barista course on 13 – 15 April from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Joinery on 8 and 9 April. If you are interested please see Mrs Baker asap.

Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Results 2010

Under 16 Boys

Harley Harris McRae 6 th High Jump	Eddie Taplin 4 th 3000m
Sam Logie 4 th 400m	

Under 15 Boys

Sean Wright 1st Shot Put, 5th Javelin

Under 14 Boys

Logan Black 5th Discus

Under 14 Girls

Leah Thompson 3 rd 200m	Claire Verhaegh 4 th 1500m
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These students will represent Southland at the Otago Southland Secondary Schools Athletics on the 13 March.

The top 5 qualifiers at this meet will automatically be entered into the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics which will be in Dunedin on the 19 - 20 March.

Western Athletics Results 2010

10 Year Boys

Robbie Grove 1st 100m, long jump, 1500m, 2nd 800m

11 Year Boys

Shannon Te Kira 2nd 200m, long jump, high jump
2nd 800m

Cole Ryder 3rd shot put

12 Year Boys

Sam Wallace 1st 1500m, 800, Shot Put, 2nd Discus

Blake Ryder 1st Discus, 2nd 100m, 3rd Shot Put
3rd 200m,

Tristan Henn 2nd Shot Put, Long Jump, 3rd High Jump

11 Year Girls

Kataraina Harris 1st Long jump, High Jump
Hannah Baker 3rd 200m

Taylor Anderson 1st 800m

Kaley Webster 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 800m,
3rd Shot Put

12 Year Girls

Alana Black 1st Long Jump, 2nd 100m, 200m
Discus

Zoe Mackie 1st High Jump, 3rd 100m, 200m
Larissa Miller 1st Discus

Relays

11 Year Boys 1st, 11 Year Girls 1st, 12 Year Boys 1st, 12 Year Girls 1st

The top two from each age group will go to represent Western at the Southland Primary Schools Athletics on the 20 March 2010.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Otago Southland Secondary Schools Athletics - 13 March

Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon - 26 March (date change from 22nd)

Wai Triathlon - 28 March

Southland Junior Swimming Champs - 28 March

Country Swimming - 30 March.

The Junior Swimming competition is entered through the school. A parent will be needed to act as Manager for the day for this event. If you could assist please let Pixie know.

Cross Country will happening the first week back next term so encourage your son and/or daughter to get out and run.

Aparima College Board of Trustee Elections 2010

The elections for a new Board of Trustees are coming up. Key dates for the election process are:

15 March	Nominations open
7 April	Rolls close
21 April	Supplementary roll closes
23 April	Nominations close at noon (12:00 pm)

A role needs to be compiled of all eligible voters. To help bring the roll up to date could you please fill in the form opposite and hand it into the College office as soon as possible. You can inspect the roll at the College office. Please make sure you are on the roll so you can receive nomination forms and voting papers.

Remember the school terms finishes on Thursday 1 April and reopens on Monday 19 April.

Any queries contact Lynette Heath, Returning Officer, phone 03 2348 878 or email heathfam@ihug.co.nz

Lynette Heath

Returning Officer

Kiwi Kwiz Week 5

Question One: In New Zealand in the 1890s, why did people use bathing machines at the beach?

- They didn't know how to swim properly
- They didn't want people to see them in their bathing suits
- The bathing machines sheltered them from the midday sun
- The bathing machines enabled them to swim without being bothered by seagulls

Question Two: Every school day in New Zealand, about 30,000 students..?

- visit the Beehive in Wellington
- do the Kiwi Kwiz for the first time
- deliberately miss classes
- get strapped for disobedience

Question Three: Brian Tamaki is the Bishop of which New Zealand religious organization?

- The Ratana Movement
- Scientology Aotearoa
- Destiny Church
- The Ringatu Faith

Question Four: Where do the audience sit in a theatre?

- On the stage
- Backstage
- In the foyer
- In the auditorium

Question Five: Why have farmers in South Canterbury banned Transpower workers from their farms?

- The Transpower workers have been stealing sheep
- The Transpower workers keep forgetting to close the gates
- The farmers are upset at their lack of cell-phone coverage
- The farmers want compensation for having power pylons on their properties

Question Six: As a result of the recent earthquake in Chile...?

- a) the days are shorter
- b) the summer is over
- c) South America is one hundred kilometres closer to New Zealand
- d) there were severe thunderstorms in Australia

Question Seven: How do you create a 'storm in a teacup'?

- a) You talk about sports at the dinner table
- b) You make a big deal about a small problem
- c) You sweep a problem under the carpet
- d) You bury the hatchet with an old friend

Question Eight: What is the premise of the movie: 'The Devil Wears Prada'?

- a) An apprentice nun in Austria is sent to look after seven mischievous children
- b) A shy girl moves to a new school and decides to audition for a musical
- c) A small-town girl moves to the big city and becomes an assistant to a magazine editor
- d) A young girl discovers she is a princess and must learn how to behave like royalty

Question Nine: Which sporting event begins in Vancouver, Canada this week?

- a) The Winter Paralympics
- b) The Winter Olympics Encore Performance
- c) The Winter Extreme Games
- d) The Winter Olympics for Dogs

Question Ten: Shakespeare's plays are traditionally divided into which three categories?

- a) Comedies, Tragedies and Histories
- b) Originals, Fakes and Copies
- c) Adult, Teenage and Young Children
- d) Great, Average and Awful

Aparima College PTA AGM

on

Tuesday 23 March

in the

College Staffroom

All Welcome to attend!

Community Notices

Dipton School Trail Ride: on Sunday 28 March 2010. A Fundraiser for Dipton School. To be held at Oreti River ride & Taringatura Farm Ride. Cost: \$45 Senior (includes lunch), \$25 Junior, \$10 peewee (both to be accompanied by an adult). Inquiries: James Duthie 027 434 2359 or Andrew King 027 281 2325 (txt only). Entry Forms available from Dipton School, (office@dipton.school.nz)

YMCA Holiday Programmes: Both Programme run for the duration of the 7 – 16 April 2010 from 8.15am to 5.00pm. Two age groups; Junior 5 – 8 Years and Adventure 9 – 14 Years. Various activities from, crafts, baking, bring a buddy day, animal visits, to offsite action at the beach, Sandy Point, Splash Palace and Queens Park and much more. Enrolment forms and programme brochures are available at the YMCA on Tay Street. For more information, call OSCAR Manager Leisa Harmer on 218 2989 extn 6.

Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme: Rotary Club of Invercargill is now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of Rotary's long established, successful educational and cultural exchange.

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2011; No family affiliation required; Applications close 24 April 2010, with final selections held 23 May in Dunedin.

Contact Helen McCurdy, phone 2349 080, email hmmccurdy@xtra.co.nz; Neroli McRae, phone 03 2064 183, email neroli.mcrae@gmail.co.nz; Claire O'Neill, phone 03 2144 939, email CLANO@xtra.co.nz. Check out the website: <http://www.youthexchange.rotary.org.nz>

Riverton Community Swimming Pool: The Riverton Swimming Pool Committee are planning exciting up grades to our pool facility. We need more people on our team! Like to know more? Like to be involved? Like to have a say? We would love to see new faces and hear your ideas and opinions at our **next pool committee meeting at the Riverton Swimming Pool on March 17 at 7:30 pm**. Pool Information – **Public sessions** are every Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 pm until 1 April. **Inflatable obstacle course** will be up during the public sessions on 27 March. The pool will close for the season on 1 April 2010. Enquiries to Anne White, phone 2348 909.

PGG Wrightson and Balance Agri-Nutrients are delighted to be able to help rural schools with a fundraising opportunity through their 'Gold-Star' give-back promotion.

Any farmer who purchases selected Balance fertilizer from PGG Wrightson between 1 March and 31 May will be able to enter Aparima College as their school of choice in a draw to win one of four HP computers. Also, \$2.00 cash on every tonne sold will go to Aparima College to help with fundraising. All you have to do is nominate Aparima College as the school you want to support at the time of ordering.

Winton Football Club Inc: The Annual General Meeting of the Winton Football Club Inc is to be held on **Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 7.30pm** at the Winton's Middle Pub. All past, present and new members welcome. Enquiries to: Mandi Smalley 2369 960, or Wendy Boniface 2217 417.

Riverton School Grade Rugby (A, B, C, D -ages 5 to under 13 only) Registrations Day: Registration day will be held on Saturday 20 March 2010, 10:00 am at the Riverton Rugby Club rooms, Leader Street. Subs are as follows, \$20 one player, \$35 for two, \$45 for three or more. Please bring the correct amount of money in an envelope with players names written on the outside. Sorry we will not be accepting registrations for under 5 year olds. **All payers that pay their sub on Registration day will receive a FREE rugby ball.**

Thanks to our Ball 4 All Sponsors - Riverton Supervalu, Coastal Landscaping, Seaview Southdown Stud, Bayside Takeaways, TB Engineering Ltd, Weathertight Roofing Ltd.

Could last years managers and coaches or any parents/guardians able to help on the day please phone David Cleaver on 03 2348820.

Heritage Harvest Festival: on 27 and 28 March. Last years was such a success attracting people from all over Southland this is now an annual event. We welcome community contributions to make it even better. Do you or your community group wish to have a stall selling apple pies or toffee apples or similar harvest theme ideas as a fundraiser? Start nurturing your biggest or unusual vegetables and fruit to enter in the competitions. Planning meetings 7.30 each Thursday night at the Environment Centre come along with your ideas or phone 2348 717.

Under 15 Rugby Players: Enrol Saturday 20 March at the Riverton Clubrooms or phone Andrew, 2246222. A coach is required.

School Holiday Workshops for Tall Poppies, Bright Sparks, High Flyers, Rising Stars, Creative Thinkers, Odd Bods....and all Gifted and Talented students 8-15 years old: Wednesday 7th- Friday 9th April at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland. Topics include: Super Sleuths, Medieval Mayhem, Maths Wizardry, Art Lab, Design, Philosophy, Toybox Technology, Beginning Classics, Cartoon Idols, Strategy Games, Advanced Word Skills, Brush Up Your Shakespeare, Predict Catastrophe, Human Calculators...and more besides! Full details are at www.holidayseminars.co.nz/next_seminar, email info@holidayseminars.co.nz, tel 09 585 0111 & 021 389448. Organised by Jean Hendy-Harris for Holiday Seminars Charitable Trust.

Squash Season is upon us, come and have a go: Juniors (up to 18 years) are welcome Fridays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, bring \$1.00 for lights. Enquiries to Karen Westenra, phone 2348 101. **Open Day** on Sunday 28 March from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Come and pay your subs for the new season and collect your new key as the lock will be changed. Enquiries to Heather White, phone 2348 057. **The AGM** will be held on Monday 29 March at 7:30 pm. All welcome, please come and have your say. Enquiries to Bill Jones, phone 2348 854.

Eveready Power To Learn: The Eveready Power to Learn promotion is back providing computers to schools. And with \$40,000 worth of computers to give away. Here's how it works. You collect the barcodes from Eveready battery and torch products and post them with a nomination for Aparima College.

Kiwi Kwiz Answers Week 5

Question One:

b (Bathing machines were covered wooden carts that could be rolled into the sea or towed into the water by horses. In the 1890s, some people used bathing machines so others couldn't see them in their bathing suits.)

Question Two:

c (Every school day in New Zealand, about 30,000 students 'wag' classes. The Ministry of Education's truancy survey shows that one in 25 students skipped classes on any given school day last year.)

Question Three:

c (Brian Tamaki is the Bishop of Destiny Church. The Church has about 9,000 members, including a branch in Brisbane, Australia.)

Question Four:

d (In a theatre, the audience sits in the auditorium.)

Question Five:

d (Some farmers in South Canterbury and the Waikato have banned Transpower workers from entering their farms. The farmers want compensation for having power pylons on their properties.)

Question Six:

a (As a result of the recent earthquake in Chile, days are now one-millionth of a second shorter than they used to be. The quake redistributed mass away from the planet's axis, which had the effect of shortening the day.)

Question Seven:

b (If you make a big deal about a small problem, you create a 'storm in a teacup'. If you 'bury the hatchet' with an old friend, you settle your differences and make up.)

Question Eight:

c (In the movie 'The Devil wears Prada', a small-town girl moves to the big city to become a journalist and gets a job as an assistant to a magazine editor.)

Question Nine:

a (The tenth Winter Paralympics begin in Vancouver this week. The Paralympics traditionally follow the Olympics.)

Question Ten:

a (Shakespeare's plays are traditionally divided into Comedies, Tragedies and Histories. Some people argue that 'Romances' should be a separate category.)

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