



Aparima College Newsletter

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki (a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As we come to the close of week two, I would like to thank all parents and whānau who took the time on Tuesday to connect with our teachers during the Parent Teacher Interviews. This is an invaluable opportunity for us as a school to connect with you. If you have not already, please take time to connect with your child's teachers and to ask any questions about their learning and development at school.



Last week I was given the opportunity to travel to the Bay of Islands as a part of the Māori Achievement Collaborative National Wānanga. The experience was a time of rich learning and profound reflection. Under the manaaki of Ngāpuhi we were guided through stories and experiences and much kōrero, all of which set down a wero (challenge) for us as we return to our own communities.

We have achieved much at Aparima College in terms of the success of all our learners and a deliberate effort to recognise mana whenua and the place of Māori at our school is beginning to reap rewards. This was demonstrated none more so than in the recent work of our Year 12 English class who wrote deeply personal accounts of their Turangawaewae (place they belong – my place). We have come far but have much to learn and far to go.



Students will be selecting their option for the next round of Kia Tū next week. I would like to extend my thanks to the community members who have contributed to our programme which seek to support learners to develop a sense of identity and place.

Attendance continues to be a concern for us at school and we ask for your support in making sure your child arrives at school on time each day. We were excited on Monday to celebrate 125 students who have attended school 90% or more in Term 1 and hope that at the end of Term 2 this number will be even higher. A reminder that attendance below 80% may lead to your child missing out on activities such as school camp, trips and sports exchanges. You are able to check your child's attendance via the KAMAR portal. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please do not hesitate to contact either their form teacher or any member of the management team; we are here to support regular attendance.

Finally, I have mentioned previously how well our seniors did in 2023 with their NCEA results. Recent articles in the ODT and Southland Express have highlighted the poor performance of Southland and Otago. I would like to reassure our community that the trends at Aparima College are somewhat against this tide, with our Level 1 students in 2023 performing better than in the previous 5 years with 77.4% achievement. We are excited for this cohort at Level 2 and would like to remind families that it is important for students to be staying ahead of their studies by putting in some work at home.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma Williams

ANZAC Assembly



Speed Careers

In conjunction with Great South Aparima College ran a mini careers export in the school hall on the 1st of May.

We are very appreciative to the following Employer presenters who gave up their time to give valuable knowledge to 80 of our senior students.

Lynne from Agracademy

Yudi and support person from F4

Alana from ETCO

Katarina and Maka representing Eagles, Eagles Redpath/ Walker Murdoch Law

Donna, Mel and doctor from Riverton Medical Centre

Kyle and Glenis from Southern Group Training

Alison from Great South

Katie and Colleagues from New Zealand Police Service.

After a brief introduction students broke into groups of eight and on the bell moved around the Hall every 7 minutes. A very quick run down from each of our employers gave our students a snap shot of that industry or occupation and this has already sparked interest in different career paths for some of our students.



Mau Rākau

Aparima College students were last week awarded for their on-going commitment and hard work. Maya Wilson, Blaze Rodgers and Max Woodward. Their mana has continued to grow through their involvement with Mau Rakau, grading their poutahi tipare, the second level of mau rākau Māori weaponry. Students are tested to their limits both physically and mentally.

Students also develop their understanding of Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori. They gain skills and NCEA credits through their journey in Mau Rākau.

“finally, the work paid off” Maya Wilson

We would like to extend our gratitude to Kingi Thomas and the Te Oriori Trust for the continued support of our kura and rangatahi.



Reminder



Teachers Paid Union Meeting Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 1 :10pm

The PPTA requires teacher members to attend a paid union meeting. The Southland meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15 May 2024. **Classes will finish at 1:10 pm on this day.**

Students who are able to go home, can leave at 1:10 pm.

Supervision will be provided for students who are unable to go home, and buses **will be** running as normal at 3:00pm. There are **no** school lunches on this day.

Reminder if your child is staying at school till 3pm please phone 032348900 or email office@aparima.school.nz by 3pm on Monday 13 May to advise us so we can arrange supervision.

(a letter with more detail was emailed home to all families on Thursday 2 May 2024).



Please LIKE and follow our Aparima College Facebook page, this is where you will know what is happening here at the College!

Golf

We would like to thank Riverton Golf Club for their ongoing support of our students who have enjoyed participating in golf throughout last term.



Aparima College

REMINDER

Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 4 June 2024

School will be closed for student instruction on this day.



Young Enterprise

Our Young Enterprise students are busy marketing and selling their products this term and preparing to pitch their products in Invercargill Dragon's Den -style. Our *Momos-Taste of Nepal* team make tasty Nepalese dumplings and a delicious sauce packaged for the freezer which make an awesome winter snack or light meal (\$10 for a bag of 5; contact deeppathak1032@gmail.com).

Our team River are selling a handy beaker thermos, ideal for hot or cold drinks to keep you hydrated (\$50 each; contact mali.grimwood@aparima.school.nz)

Tristan runs a mean basketball session for children at Riverton Primary School on Tuesdays 3-4pm (\$2 per session; contact tristan.remata@aparima.school.nz)

Our Treet Yourself team are always happy to hear from customers who would like native trees sourced and planted on their property (contact Brodie or Caleb for a quote; treetyourselves@gmail.com)

Watch this space for products and services from our Year 12 students.



Poetry Workshops

Aparima College is really fortunate to have some amazing visitors coming to school to support our literacy and creativity. On Friday 17th May Children's Reading Ambassador Alan Dingley is coming to promote the joy of reading, and on Friday 7th June 1-3pm, poets Kay McKenzie Cooke and Jenny Powell are running a poetry workshop for students and community members to polish their poems. Imogen Coxhead has kindly agreed to help people edit their poems as well. If you are interested in attending, please contact the College office.





PINK SHIRT DAY

**ANTI-
BULLING**
friday 17th

**PLEASE COME
WEARING PINK TO
SUPPORT
ANTI-BULLYING**



APARIMA
COLLEGE

NIGHT IN PARIS

APARIMA COLLEGE
SCHOOL BALL 2024

MAY, 25TH
SEATED BY 6.50 PM
SCHOOL HALL
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Join us to view our students as we showcase the glamour and style of our school community at the annual Ball Walk-In and Grand March!

Mark your calendars, let's make memories together at this spectacular event!



Property Updates

Building works continue to progress in the gym changing rooms and library. We are excited to have the hall bathrooms open and looking great. Shortly we will be having some visual modifications being painted around the school for safety. Further painting work will be undertaken at the conclusion of all capital works.



Aparima College PTA AGM

Thursday 13 June
4:30pm

Aparima College -In the Admin Block
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



REMINDER

Messages to Students

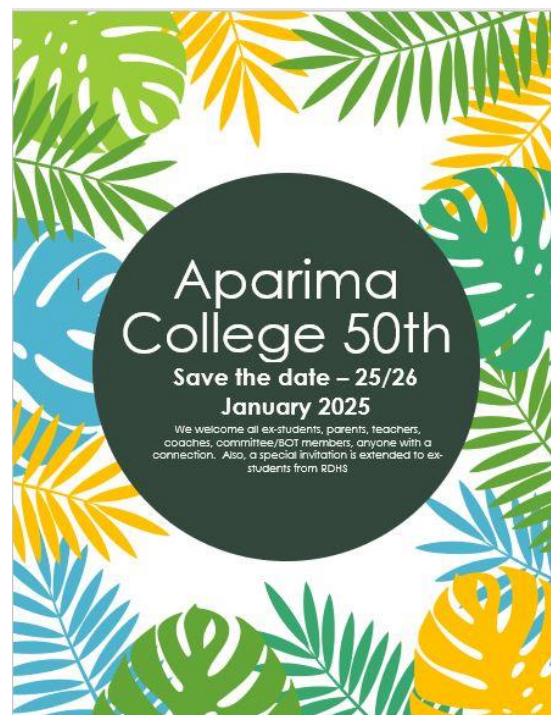
If you wish to leave a message for your child, this must be phoned through to the College office by 11:30 am. We cannot promise that messages will get to your child if left after 12 noon.

Leaving the College Grounds

All students who leave the college during the day MUST have permission from the school as well as their parents/caregivers contacting the college office to advise a reason for leaving. The students MUST sign out through the office. Late students and those returning to the college MUST sign in at the office. Exeat passes are available to town students who wish to go HOME ONLY FOR LUNCH on a regular basis. Reminder to Senior students – if you wish to drive a vehicle to school you must collect a permission form from the office and get this signed by a parent/caregiver and return to the office. Note that you need to bring your driver's licence to the office to be copied. (A new form needs to be filled in every year so although you did this last year you need to do it again this year).

UP AND COMING EVENTS

- 15 May 2024 Paid Union Meeting school closes at 1:10pm
- 15 May 2024 Secondary Cross Country
- 17 May 2024 School Cross Country
- 17 May 2024 PINK SHIRT DAY
- 19 May 2024 Southland Swimming Champs Primary & Secondary
- 22 May 2024 BOT Meeting 6:30pm – All Welcome
- 25 May 2024 School Ball 7-10pm
- 27-28 May 2024 Otago Open Day
- 27 May 2024 Co-reg Exam – Reading
- 28 May 2024 Co-reg Exam – Numeracy
- 29 May 2024 Co-reg Exam – Writing
- 31 May 2024 Western Shield Year 7/8
- 3 June 2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY**
- 4 June 2024 TEACHER ONLY DAY**
- 7 June 2024 Dan David Poetry Workshop 1-3 in Library
- 7 June 2024 Western Cross Country
- 11 June 2024 Young Enterprise Pitches – Invercargill
- 13 June 2024 PTA Meeting 4:30pm – All Welcome
- 14 June 2024 Southland Primary Cross Country
- 19 June 2024 BOT Meeting – 6:30pm – All Welcome



COMMUNITY NOTICES



RIVERTON
Community House



Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

info@rivhouse.nz
Ph: (03) 234 8206

Heartlands are at the heart of your community, providing access to Government and community services for rural communities.

We can help you get in contact with the right people!

	Alzheimers	APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	MONDAY 10am @ UNION CHURCH	20/05/2024
	MARIA TIPUNA-SHORE MAURI ORA MOBILE NURSE	9am - 12pm	EVERY FRIDAY	
	LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT	01/05/2024	
	JENNY LOGAN BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT	02/05/2024 16/05/2024	
	LEE HOKUM COURT NAVAGATOR	TUESDAY 10AM TILL 12PM	14/05/2024 28/05/2024	



JP Service
Monday - Thursday
8.30am - 12.30pm



Southern District



ADL
supporting young people



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake



WAKA KOTAHI
NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY



AGE CONCERN
SOUTHLAND



Rural Support

Our Service is friendly, free and Confidential to all

INDIVIDUALS - FAMILY - YOUTH - ELDERLY - GROUPS

SOUTHERLY ARTS


1st — 3rd
JUNE


We invite you to the Southernly Art School

CLASSES

Approaching Photo-Realism	—————	SWIFTMANTIS <small>(Artist of Horace and the Spice Shelf)</small>
Dry Point Printmaking for Beginners	—————	Kyla Cresswell <small>(William Hodges Fellow)</small>
Wet-Felt a Merino Scarf	—————	Louise Craig
Limestone Carving	—————	Stuart King
Introduction to Pastels	—————	Anita Adamson
Basic Principles of Photography	—————	Gayle Clearwater
Sculpted Earth <small>(An Introduction to Pottery for Beginners)</small>	—————	Tui Johnson
Altered Books for Beginners	—————	Judith Smeaton
Watercolour Magic	—————	Susie Ruddenklau
Quirky Coil Baskets	—————	Mary Geary
Watercolour for Teens	—————	Susie Ruddenklau


For bookings & details visit our website:
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 1-3 June 2024

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NAVIGATING DIGITAL WATERS

EMPOWERING MĀORI
IN THE DIGITAL AGE

The presentation focuses on Hana Greys' thesis, "How Māori Support Whānau to Promote Digital Inclusion".

MAY 15TH, 2024 | 6PM - 7 PM

190 FORTH STREET

Nau mai haere mai, anyone welcome, kai provided
Any pātai, phone Hana 027 300 9677