



# Aparima College Newsletter

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## Outdoor Recreation Students – Coronet Peak, Queenstown

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 3 is well underway and our students are very busy. Many are involved in activities beyond the classroom and for many the classroom extends beyond the school walls. Our Seniors are busy with their Young Enterprise Schemes. Brodie and Caleb last week presenting to the Environment Council in Invercargill about their 'Treet Yourself' business. The Momo company has started selling to offices in Invercargill, if you haven't ordered some momo yet, get in quick, these are delicious Nepalese dumpling, made lovingly by our students.

A group of students head away for the annual regional chess competition on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and Kapa Haka are busy preparing for Polyfest. Our slot for 2024 is 9am on the 30<sup>th</sup> August. If you are able to come along to toutoko - *support* the students, we would love to see you there. Senior OREC students have recently returned from their Snow Camp and Years 9 and 10 are preparing to head into Deep Cove for their annual camp.

### **Attendance**

On Monday during assembly, we acknowledged students who's attended school regularly throughout Term 2. These students attended school 90% or more of the time. You will be aware of the Government's target of 80% of students attending school regularly by 2030. At Aparima College we support this aspiration and are in need of your support to reach this target. In Term 2, only 37% of our students attended school regularly. Please give careful consideration before keeping your child home from school. Making appointments 'in town' during the school day is one of our main unjustified absences. It is important to minimize the interruptions to the school day. There are very few absences that can be considered justified. These include: Illness and Exam leave most other reasons, albeit explained, remain unjustified.

Ways to support:

- Make non-urgent appointments e.g. hairdressers for after school hours
- Be positive about school and help build strong routines and habits around schooling.
- If you are struggling, get in touch we are here to support.
- Make it clear you expect your child to catch up on work missed when they are absent.
- Ensure your child knows arrangements for when they are being picked up from school and that they know what time to come to the office to sign out (this will help minimize the disruption to the rest of the class).
- Set clear school night routines, minimize screen time and ensure your child has a good nights sleep.
- Remember success at NCEA has a direct correlation to attendance.
- Check out <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/#expectations> for further information about all matters relating to attendance.

Ngā manaaki,

Aloma Williams

# Careers Fest

Our Year 11-13 students were keen to talk to all the stall-holders at CareerFest and have a go at the games and activities on offer. It was a valuable experience, as some students had their career aspirations confirmed by what they heard and saw, and others became interested in new opportunities. Highlights were trying out Virtual Reality goggles that emulated dementia, plastic axe-throwing, and feeling the weight of an enormous chain-saw.



# Outdoor Recreation Class

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 17 students and 3 staff departed for the annual Outdoor Recreation Snow camp. The students spent 3 awesome days at Coronet Peak, skiing and snowboarding, learning new skills, gaining confidence on the snow and gaining NCEA credits along the way. We again stayed at the Southland Ski Club - up at Coronet Peak. Students were treated to fresh snow on Wednesday morning and perfect conditions Thursday and Friday! Lots of fun and an all round amazing learning experience!





# Aparima College BOT Meeting

Wednesday 21 August 2024  
5:00pm - All Welcome

meeting held in the break out room between rooms 9 and 10

## **Please note the following uniform changes**

### **Sandals**

Black or Brown sandals are optional in Terms 1 and 4 only. Sandals cannot be worn in Terms 2 and 3. Sandals cannot be worn in the Science Labs or Woodwork Room, Art Room or The Cooking Room. Socks are not to be worn with Sandals.

Gym shoes are required for PE and they **MUST** be non-marking gym shoes for when they are in the gym.

# Aparima College

An innovative, aspirational and supportive learning environment for all – Aparima F.I.R.S.T

**Open Day**  
**Tuesday 3 September 2024**



**Two tours of Aparima College will take place - 8:50am & 11:10am**

- We invite you to come along and see classes in action
- Talk with school leaders
- Discuss the opportunities available for your child at Aparima College

*For further information feel free to call the office on 03 2348900, otherwise we look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 3 September 2024.*



## **APARIMA COLLEGE PRIZE GIVING CUPS AND TROPHIES**



**PLEASE RETURN ALL CUPS AND TROPHIES  
TO THE OFFICE BY  
WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

# Books Alive

The 2024 Childrens Book Award finalists are out and four Year 7/8 students were able to hear these finalists speak and workshop with them. Centre Stage Theatre was packed out with hundreds of school students from around the province taking part in these engaging speaking presentations. Authors and Illustrators are creative people, so you know there was some fun to be had when members of the audience were called up and presented with their own costume pack to act out the Animal Undie ball. – Yes! Undies, Jocks, Grots, Knickers, Briefs – Ruth Paul included them all.

We also got to workshop with Grimmelings author Rachel King and work to create our own “Monster” In Rachel’s book there is a kelpie who can shape-shift into a majestic horse and an unusual boy. Then we were to write the first line – setting up for our story. Rachel said we could frame it the same as hers “The same evening Josh Underhill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house.” We had all sorts of monsters coming at us and the girls who attended were inspired to create even more.

What a delightful day – surrounded by creative bookish young people – our communities next authors, and we wouldn’t have had the chance without our communities current author Pauline Vaeluaga-Smith advocating for us and working with a team of other great people including Kaia’s nanna. Our thanks to everyone who made it happen.



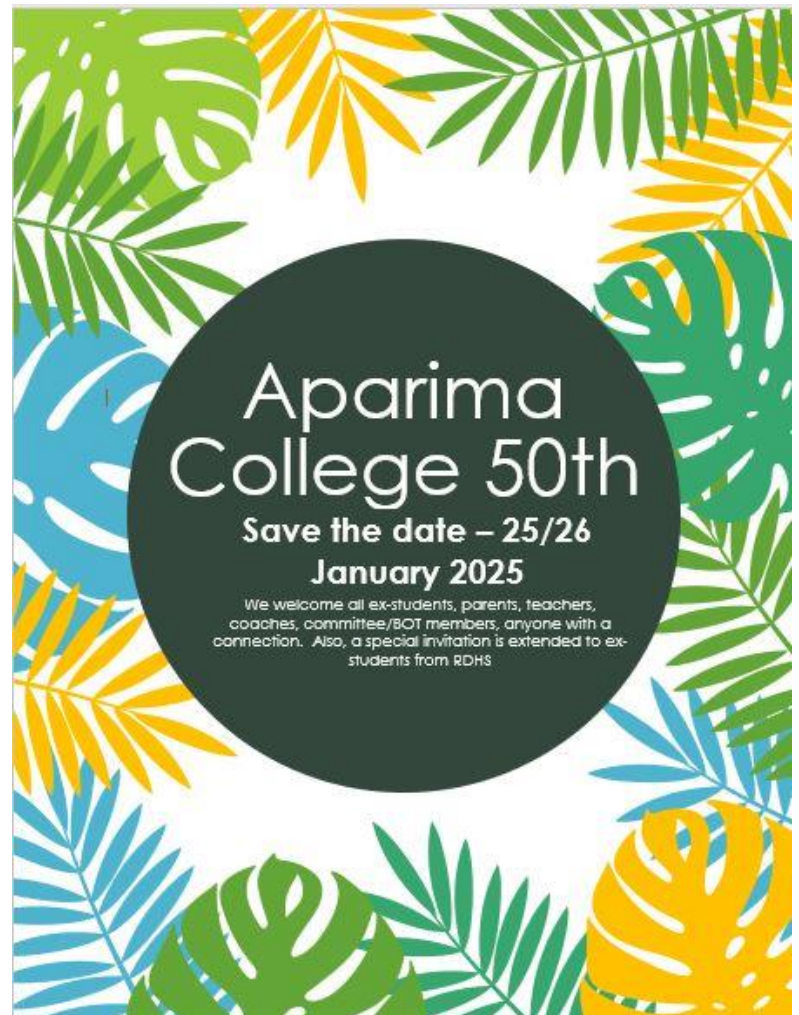
# REMINDER

## 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).



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



# UP AND COMING EVENTS

19-21 August 2024	Life Education Bus
21 August 2024	BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome
21 August 2024	Western Speech Competition
26-29 August 2024	Year 9 & 10 Camp – DEEP COVE
30 August 2024	Year 12/13 Girls Self Defence
30 August 2024	Polyfest
1-7 September 2024	Winter Tournament Week
<b>3 September 2024</b>	<b>APARIMA COLLEGE OPEN DAY</b>
16-17 September 2024	Year 9 & 10 Co-requisite Exams
18 September 2024	BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome
25-28 September 2024	Senior Derived Grade Exams
27 September 2024	Last Day of Term Three
14 October 2024	First Day of Term Four
16-17 October 2024	Health & Safety Year 11
18 September 2024	Year 8 Girls Defence
28 October 2024	LABOUR DAY
5 – 14 November 2024	NZQA Exams
13 November 2024	BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## The Music Shed

### Music Lessons Term 3

Drum Tutor Quinn Davies has settled into his new position and we now have more places available for drum students.

We also have a few places open to learn Guitar, Bass and Keys.

Regular band and group work will be happening weekly from the middle of term 3. This is open to any young student of music who'd like to try their skills out in a band situation. Lead Singers are welcome too.

Contact Jenni Bickley 0297708451 for further enquires.



## TAPUTAPU MĀTUA

*Parenting Programme*

A 5-week programme aimed to connect parents with information, advice and services.

How to refer? You can self-refer, or referrals can be made by other agencies

GET IN TOUCH WITH US:

📞 03 214 5260 or Free Phone 0800 925 242

🌐 [www.nkmp.nz](http://www.nkmp.nz)

📍 74 Don Street, Invercargill

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BETTER DIGITAL FUTURES  
**FOR SENIORS**  
LEARN COMPUTER BASICS

**"Digital Support" - DROP IN DAY**

Choose a topic of interest:

- Cellphones
- Finding the Right Device
- Intro to the Internet
- Intro to Email
- Online Banking
- Online Shopping
- Communicating with Families
- Social Networking
- Managing Photos
- Pursuing Hobbies
- Staying Safe Online
- Solving Common Problems

Tuesday  
20th August 2024

10am - 2pm

You are welcome to bring your own device, however computers can be provided if need be.

Riverton Community House  
37 Napier Street  
Riverton

FREE OF CHARGE

Contact Southern REAP for more information  
on 0800 111 117 or email [info@reap.co.nz](mailto:info@reap.co.nz)



Southern REAP



**SELF DEFENCE COURSE**

For ages 18 and over, and suitable for people of all fitness levels and abilities.

**11 SEPT 7 - 9PM**

**UNION CHURCH 126 Palmerston Street**

25 spots available so register at Riverton Community House to secure yours!

This self defence course for women, including transgender/takatapui, is designed to empower participants with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and strategies to effectively prevent and resist violence (including sexual and family violence).

**Learn to use your body, voice and mind to resist harm!**

**\$5 - SUPPER INCL**  
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

It will be taught by  
Imogen Coxhead



Accredited member of Kia Haumarua - Personal Safety Education (formerly the Women's Self Defence Network)

Sponsored by: Riverton Community House



**FORKLIFT (OSH) & 'F' ENDORSEMENT COURSE**

This course is being delivered by:  
Southern Commercial Training Ltd.

**FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH):**  
Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace.

**FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH) + 'F' ENDORSEMENT:**  
Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace and on the road.  
To gain this the learner must hold a Full Class 1 licence.

**Class will start at 8am with learning for Forklift certificate (OSH) running till 12pm.**

**Those wishing to gain 'F' endorsement will stay on for an extra 30 mins of learning. All will break for lunch and then move to the practical component.**



**Expressions of interest for RIVERTON**

**FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH):**  
Course cost: \$115

**FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH) + 'F' ENDORSEMENT:**  
Course cost: \$175 + \$62.10 to be paid at Licensing agent



To enrol please contact  
Southern REAP on  
[info@reap.co.nz](mailto:info@reap.co.nz) or 0800 111 117.



You must be a minimum of 13 years old to attend this class.

**WORKPLACE FIRST AID WORKSHOP**



**RIVERTON**

Attain your St John First Aid Level 1 certificate (valid for two years).

Ideal for anyone who wants to learn basic first aid or needs to update their first aid qualification. Minimum qualification requirement for a workplace first aider.



The course covers...

- scene assessment & safety
- CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for babies, children & adults
- AED familiarisation (automated external defibrillators)
- Treating: Bleeding, Burns, Diabetic emergencies, Fractures/dislocations, Soft tissue injuries, Asthma, Seizures, Stroke, Chest Pain, Allergic reactions

Participants have the option of having NOZA unit standards 6401 and 6402 accredited. Please discuss with the tutor on the day.



Thursday  
12th September 2024

8:30am - 5pm

\$110

Senior Citizens  
64 Princess Street,  
(Cnr Bath & Princess Street)  
Riverton

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email [info@reap.co.nz](mailto:info@reap.co.nz)



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