

# **Aparima College Newsletter**

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## We could not be prouder of our students who recently performed at Polyfest!!



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

# Cenedl heb iaith yw cenedl heb galon – A nation without language is a nation without heart (Welsh proverb)



My entire schooling was in two schools Ysgol Maesincla (primary) and Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen (High school) in Caernarfon on the North Wales coast. Welsh language and literature were a compulsory part of my schooling until the day I left. 16 year old me saw little point in learning a language that was on the verge of extinction, one I perceived had no value for me outside of Wales. At the time I could not comprehend the gift of thought that being bilingual would give me over and over again.

Not only in terms of communication and linguistic understanding, but in the richness of perspective, critical thought and cultural empathy I have developed and learned to appreciate over the years. 16 year old me could not grasp the opportunity being offered to me.

21 years ago, I left Wales for Aotearoa, my language came with me. I am still a fluent Welsh speaker, turns out bilingualism is something that stays with you forever. I arrived on these shores expecting to have to learn te reo Māori, expecting to hear the unique rhythm and meter of the reo on every corner... how wrong I was!

Te reo Māori it turns out was facing a very similar battle to that of the Welsh Language. It is with little or no surprise that I jumped into the fight advocating for students to engage fully in te reo Māori. It is not an easy thing to learn, a language that is not heard every day in all contexts. I struggle daily to develop my own understanding of the language, the kupu and the nuances, but every day I try.

At Aparima College we are proud to say te reo Māori is a core subject for all learners in years 7-10, and we endeavor to provide te reo for all students in the senior years; we must raise the status of te reo Māori if we are going to influence change. We recognise the potential te reo Māori has to provide long term career opportunities for our young people. The cognitive benefits of speaking more than one language is well researched

### "Bilinguals get all the perks. Better job prospects, a cognitive boost and even protection against dementia" *Prof. Panos Athanasopoulos, The Guardian, UK*

As we enter te wiki o te reo Māori, I am proud of the way we are working to maximize the opportunities for our students to explore te reo me ona tikanga. As whanau I encourage you to celebrate when your child brings along new kupu and reo to the dinner table, we celebrate every day the sound of reo around the school.

Ake Ake Ake – A forever language is the theme of this years' Te wiki o te reo Māori – celebrate this unique taonga of Aotearoa - Be proud, be grateful, how lucky are we to have this opportunity.

### Aloma

Ko tōku reo tōku ohooho, ko tōku reo tōku māpihi maurea. My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

## **Attendance Matters**

The following is a table to outline the impact missing school has on your child's learning. You will see that habits can quickly add up. Recently we have been working alongside the attendance service and some whānau will be engaging with the attendance officers as well as the Ministry of Education to get all our young people back to attending school regularly. If your child has attendance below 80% then the attendance services are likely to be in contact with you.



### **Deep Cove Camp**

On the first day, it was all about going to the place. We left Riverton around 8:40am and went straight to Te Anau. The drive there was about an hour or two, listening to all kinds of music played by the boys at the back. At Te Anau, we had a quick stop at mini golf and had some fun there. Then after that we went to Manapouri, that's where we all had to move our things from the bus to the boat. It took quite a while, but we got there.

On the boat ride, it only took a good hour. While on the boat ride we also had an option to get upstairs to see a better look at the view. The wind was strong and blew all the girls' hairs into the face and was quite freezing. Once that was done, we needed one more bus ride and we would have arrived at the destination. We moved our things from the boat to the bus, this is where the no service started. Once everyone got on the bus, we were driving uphill to our campsite. When we finally arrived, we did one last unpacking and getting our gear from the bus to the campsite.

When we arrived, we quickly took off our shoes and headed inside the lounge or a room that just has a big space. We were asked to sit in a circle and this guy Billy, who basically ran the whole thing, told us the basic rules and what to do and not to. We unpacked ourselves. Some of us hung out with our mates and some boys went fishing. Sooner or later, we had some dinner which was delicious, thank you to the adults. It was beef stir fry noodles and chicken. We had a circle time, sharing our highlights and favourite time of the day. Then we played battleships with us, two teams and made the tables a wall between us. We used the ball and started throwing balls hoping to hit the right people. After that, we headed for bed.

Next morning, some woke up at 6:00am while some woke up later. We got ready and headed down for breakfast which was filling. One of the first activities on Day 2 was going on a walk. It was the Doubtful Sound track. The walk wasn't as bad, the path was muddy and all, but the views were amazing. It was also quite challenging. Later that night we also went to see some glow worms and a kiwi. The glow worms were amazing, you could see them clearly and there were lots as well. The kiwi was also in front of us one time, but it was too dark to see anything. They played kiwi noises to attract the kiwi and surprisingly, we got a call back. The night of that we also had a mini game night and had to say a fuzzy thing about someone. Then we all got upstairs and called it a night. Sorry for teachers who didn't get enough sleep because of us.

Day 3, the last full day at Deep Cove. We got up, some of us showered and had breakfast. First thing was a cruise. It was quite huge and really warm. It was nice and the seats were very comfy. We got offered hot chocolate as well and had the choice to buy some snacks. Then we all got called up to go upstairs. Everyone was told to be silent, and the engines were turned off. We all sat and listened to the sounds in Fiordland.

It was really peaceful. We also had some hot chocolate; the inside of the boat was really warm. It was really enjoyable, the boat also backed up near a mini water trinkle and we were too close to not get wet. It would usually be stronger, but since the weather had been dry, it was just a trinkle. Some still managed to get wet though. We also had one more walk to do which was the Helena Falls Walk. The walk wasn't too hard as imagined, the view was worth it. It was a big waterfall making it quite slippery to get up. Lots took pictures while we were there.



We then did activities, there was fishing, a mini walk and fishing on the mini boat. Fishing was really fun, and the walk was pretty nice as well. We learnt many things with plants and leaves and their odd smells. Lunch and dinner were amazing and dessert was delicious. It was zesty cinnamon roll and banana roll as well. We had the choice of vanilla or hokey pokey with it, which we also had for other nights.

Since it was the last night, circle time was longer. We played musical chairs where some of us took it seriously and were very energetic. Some went quite crazy, and some fell off their chairs. We had another fuzzy time and had to thank someone and compliment people. We also received chocolate and had one more to give to someone. Last night, we were all tired and were ready to go to bed. We also had some thunder and lightning last night and it was flashing really bright out the window.

It was the next morning, we were going to leave now. We all did a quick pack up with the things we owned. Then the groups we were put into had jobs and we all went straight to work, leaving our rooms spotless. Lastly it was time to leave, got on the bus, started playing music and before you knew it, we were back in Riverton.

Thank you to the parents and teachers for making camp happen.

### By Chloe Marayo & Sarah Allen (Year 9 students)



### **Deep Cove Camp**

Day 1) We got to school packed up the bus and drove the two hours up the road to Te Anau, there we had a quick stop and played some mini-golf, then we hopped back on the bus and drove 20 minutes back down the road to Manapouri. Once there we loaded up the boat and set off across Lake Manapouri. The boat's name was Motu-Rau and the skipper was Ian a nice bloke who taught me quite a bit about boats and watercraft. On board motu-rau, once we had set off, we were allowed up the top of the boat. The view was really nice we could see right across the lake. An hour later we arrived at the jetty at the west arm unloaded the boat and loaded the bus. We set off over the Wilmont pass as we reached the highest point we stopped at the lookout, we could see right down the valley all the way to Deep Cove and see how far we had to descend. 20 minutes later we pulled up at Deep Cove hopped out, sat our gear down and let the hostel manager talk to us about a safety briefing he also talked about the trapping they used around the place he also showed us his pet stoat "Flattie." Flattie as the name implies was flat (he was a skin). Everyone got a fright when he threw him on us. Once we had set up our cabins and sleeping areas we went on a quick 10-minute walk called Brassel Point Nature Walk. Afterward, we went fishing off the wharf I caught a few spotties like everyone else and we saw a Seven-Giller. We went to bed that night at 9:30 (although not many people went to sleep then.)

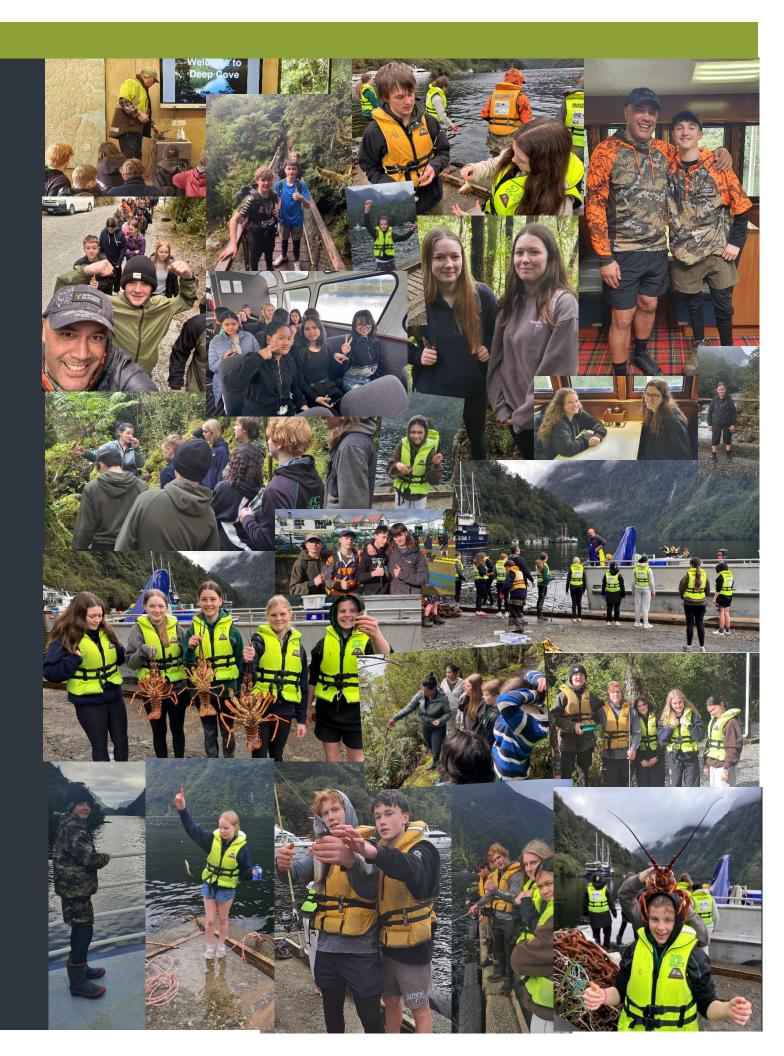
Day 2) A guick cold shower had me awake at 6:00am (the boiler hadn't been lit) But a hearty breakfast of beans on toast had me prepared for the day. That day we were set to walk the old doubtful track. We walked up the road to a wee track and walked the 10 minutes to where the tunnel came out of the mountain. We watched as the water from Lake Manapouri came out of the tunnel. We then walked back up the track to the road then carried on to the start of the track. The track wasn't the hardest but we did have to stop a bit. It took us two hours to do the track along the way we saw some cool waterfalls and streams and amazing views. It took us 50 minutes of road walking to get back to the hostel. When we got back, sitting on top of the hostel manager's ute was a Kea. As we walked past, it swooped past us and flew over to the hostel, and started trying to steal the doormat. It then swooped over onto the balcony rail and landed right beside us we were only about a metre away from it. What an experience. Once it had sussed us out and decided that we weren't that interesting it took off and landed in a nearby tree. That afternoon we went and did some activities. We fished off the wharf and the dinghies. We also learned about native plants that have medicinal properties from two amazing ladies. On board the dingy my mate Riley caught a Spiney dog shark and we saw another swimming in the water. I only caught spotties but they were quite cool, my other mate Dylan caught a small blue cod off the wharf (sadly it was too small to eat.) That night everyone went to see a kiwi we had a speaker and played kiwi calls over it. We had a Kiwi call back and come over to investigate but seeing as we were such a big group the noise we made scared it away before we got to see it.

Day 3) I slept in and missed the leftover ambrosia for breakfast so it was just eggs for me. That morning we went back out fishing on the dinghies I was catching spotties so was everyone else apart from Riley who was trying to catch another shark sure enough the people on the wharf started yelling there's a shark in the water. We all frantically searched the water for any sign of a shark suddenly Riley had something on he got it to the boat and we found out it was another Spiney dog shark. We asked the people on the wharf if this was the shark. They said no as the shark they saw was a seven-giller. Suddenly we spotted it circling the boat. Riley had his line in and watched as the shark swam right past it and grabbed Baxter's bait but seeing as he only had a hand-line with 7-pound line the shark bit right through it. We soon lost sight of it. Everyone was a bit gutted. Suddenly Riley had something big on. We all scanned the water there it was. The seven-Giller was back but this time on Riley's 200-pound line. As Riley got it up to the boat we saw a second Seven-Giller swimming around. Riley got the shark to the boat and managed to get the hook out of the shark's mouth and he released it. It was really cool to see the Seven-Giller. After we had been fishing we were set to go on a two-hour cruise through doubtful sound. We walked to the boat. It was called the Milford Wanderer. Glen was our skipper. We soon set off and left Deep Cove and got out into doubtful sound we cruised up and around Elizabeth Island then back down towards Hall Arm as we cruised along I was allowed to take the helm of the Milford Wanderer for a bit. As we were about to turn around and head back to Deep Cove the Skipper (Glen) killed the engines for a bit and we sat in silence listening to the beautiful sounds of Fiordland. It was another amazing experience that I thoroughly enjoyed. As the engines started up I was sad to leave the beauty of the fiord. Time flew by and soon enough we were back at Deep Cove. That afternoon we were set to walk to Helena Falls a two-hour walk from the hostel there and back. As we neared the falls we could hear the roar of the water falling down the cliff and crashing on the rocks. We crossed the water and walked up to the base of the waterfall right where the water crashed on the rocks. I thought "How cool is this? Once we had taken pictures we headed back across the falls and back on the track to the camp hostel. Once we got back we went fishing off the wharf for the last time. I caught a few more spotties. Everyone was catching spotties or Jock-Stuart but I still couldn't catch anything other than spotties. As the rain started we called it a day and walked the two minutes back to the hostel. That night we went to sleep to the sound of thunder and lightning echoing down the valley.

Day 4) We packed up and loaded our gear onto the bus we had one last look around the place then jumped into the bus and did the 40-minutes over the Wilmont pass to Lake Manapouri. We took our gear out of the bus and loaded it onto the Fiordlander two our skipper for the trip back over was Stuart ( Who taught me a bit more on watercraft). It was a bit wet on the way back over but we still wanted to go on top of the Fiordlander. Time flew by and sure enough, we soon cruised into Pearl Harbor. Once we had unloaded the boat and Loaded the bus we were back on the road home. Soon enough we pulled back up in Riverton. It was sad that such a cool experience had ended so quickly but it was good to be home. I highly recommend doing this for a camp or family trip as I thoroughly enjoyed it.

### By Alex Horrell Year 9

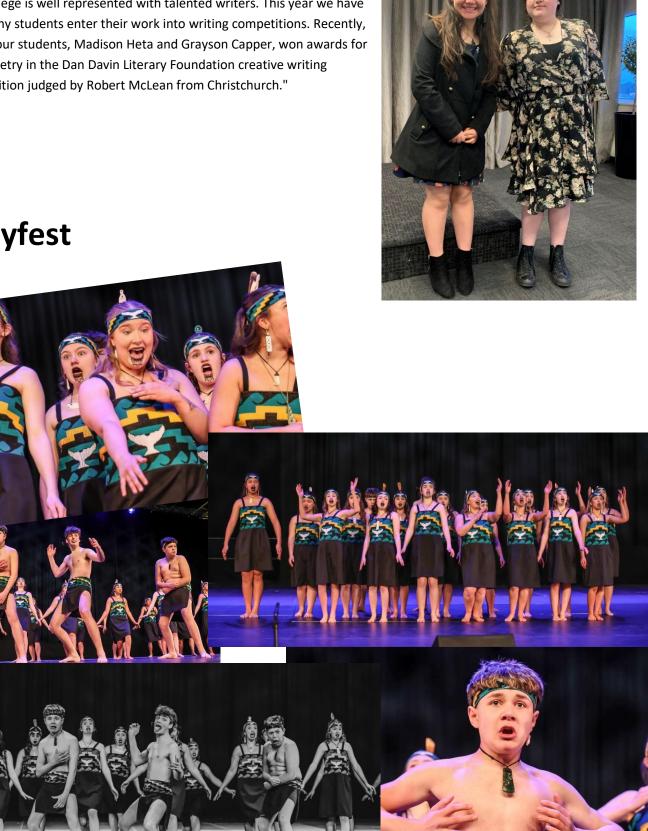




## **Dan Davin**

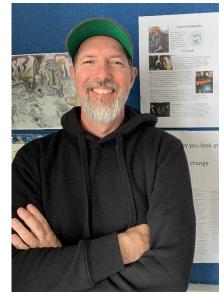
Our College is well represented with talented writers. This year we have had many students enter their work into writing competitions. Recently, two of our students, Madison Heta and Grayson Capper, won awards for their poetry in the Dan Davin Literary Foundation creative writing competition judged by Robert McLean from Christchurch."

## **Polyfest**



## **Darren Simmonds Visits**

On Monday afternoon, the Year 12 English class were very fortunate to receive an inspirational visit from Darren Simmonds, the Wanaka-based film director who has produced masterpieces such as the short films *Inc'd* and *Reset*, and most recently, the docu-drama *Mana Atua*. We have been studying *Inc'd* for several years now as an important part of our Level 2 English programme, so it was exciting to meet the producer in person. Darren told us all about the highs and lows of his film career and the motivations for his work. He ably answered lots of questions from the staff and students, and generously agreed to let us watch his latest film in return for our feedback and reviews.



## Rangatahi Business Sprint

Five of our Year 10 Māori students and Whaea Toni took part in the Young Enterprise Business Sprint at the Chamber of Commerce today. They were challenged to create an idea that made sustainable use of our waterways. They enjoyed working in groups and meeting students from across Murihiku. Thank you to Young Enterprise and the Chamber of Commerce for organising this event.





## Aerodynamics

Year 7/8s have been learning about Aerodynamics in Science through building paper helicopters and parachutes.





# Aparima College BOT Meeting

Wednesday 18 September 2024 5:00pm - All Welcome

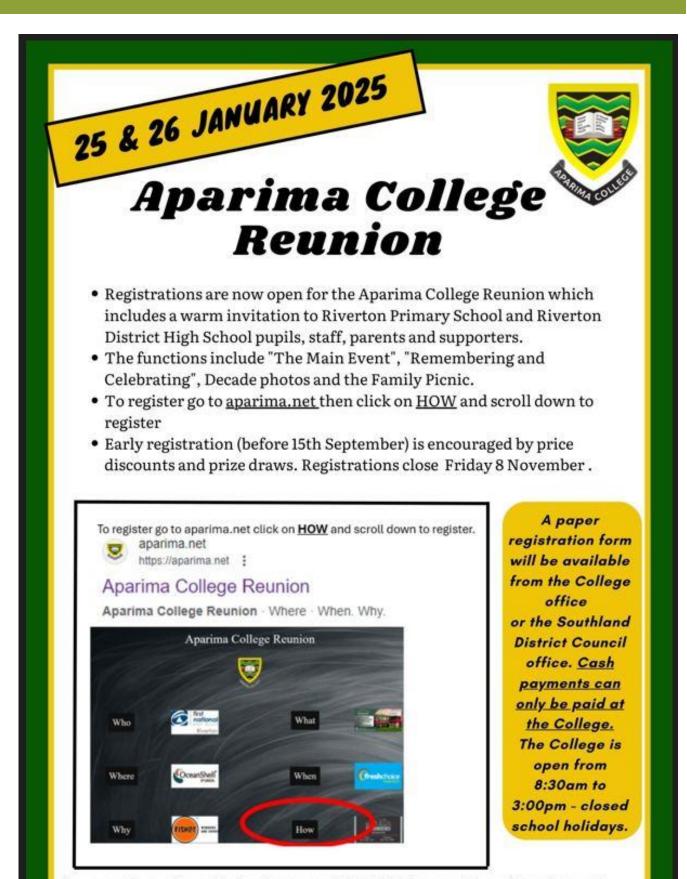
meeting held in the break out room between rooms 9 and 10



# Aparima College REMINDER

## Teacher Only Day

Friday 15 November 2024 School will be closed for student instruction on this day. Please LIKE and follow our Aparima College Facebook page, this is where you will know what is happening here at the College!



Any questions phone Marina Seager on 0211463020 or email rsvp@aparima.net

## **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

16-17 September 2024 16-20 September 2024 18 September 2024 18 September 2024 23-25 September 2024 26 September 2024 27 September 2024 14 October 2024 18 October 2024 18 October 2024 21 October 2024 21 October 2024 22-23 October 2024 24 October 2024 28 October 2024 29 October 2024 19 October 2024 1 November 2024 1 November 2024 5 November – 3 December 2024 NZQA Exams 13 November 2024 15 November 2024 18-20 November 2024 22 November 2024 22 November 2024 28 November 2024 2 December 2024 4 December 2024 12 December 2024

First Aid Year 12/13 Year 9 & 10 Co-requisite Exams HPV Second Round for Year 8 Students 8:45am BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome Senior Derived Grade Exams SENIOR OPTIONS EVENING Last Day of Term Three First Day of Term Four Year 7/8 Western Ki-O-Rahi Festival Year 8 Girls Self-Defence Vape Free Road Show for all School Year 7/8 Western Touch Starts Health & Safety Year 11 Kapa Haka Polyfest Queenstown LABOUR DAY **School Photos** Year 7/8 Western Golf Gumboot Friday – Gold Coin Donation – Proceeds to FREE Kids Counselling Last Day for Seniors BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome **Teacher Only Day** Year 8 Camp – Te Anau Jonty Carran Year 10s Tournament Year 10 Girls Self-Defence Senior Dinner SIT Taster Year 10 BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

PRIZEGIVING

**GRAEME LAING SWIMMING LESSONS** 7th-11th October (2nd week School Holidays) **Positions Available Further Details Please contact** Anne White 0211171147

### 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.





This classroom based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer.

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Tuesday the 17th September 2024 10am - 2.30pm Bupa Community Centre (Longwood Retirement Village) \$5 for lunch **Registrations** essential

To register, please contact Riverton Community House by Wednesday the 11 September 2024: Email info@rivchouse.nz or phone 03 2348206 Proudly presented to you in partnership with our local road policing team from the NZ Police and Road Safety Southland.



### Winton Summer Football

Reminder that information and entry forms can be attained by emailing <u>Saside.wintonfootball@gmail.com</u> for this popular fun competition for ages 5 years upwards. The basic info is: Grades: adult, yr 6-8, yr 1-5.

Playing Day: Thursdays starting 17 October continuing for at least eight weeks. Playing times: primary school 5.30pm and 6.00pm kickoffs; adults 6.30pm and 7.05pm. Costs: adult teams \$150, primary school \$10 per player. Entries need to be in before 28 September.



Join us for our 1st training of the season and learn about our club 5pm-6pm Wednesday 25th September 2024 **Riverton Rugby Grounds** 

**Other Information** 1st Waverley Shield meet 13th October Colgate Games Christchurch 17-19 January Christchurch

rivertonathleticsclub@gmail.com

Programmes

information in a fun and positive way.

Parenting

Programme

Family

Works

# 'Building confidence for a brighter future'

Growing Stars is a hands on craft-based workshop for children aged 6 - 12 years to help them understand and manage the emotional impact of living with a learning difference.



by Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust







Register online now! www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/Growingstars

- October 8th & 9th 2024 (IIII) Parent Info Session 8th Oct 0
- 8.45am 12.30pm 7.00pm- 8.30pm
- Southland Loss and Grief Centre, Invercargill. \$50 per child. Subsidised thanks to the generous support of the ILT Foundation.

### Hospice Southland raise a calf livestock or virtual -Family proceeds fund patient care **Parent Education** Works in the Southland & 03 211 3081 Wakatipu Regions www.calvesforhospice.org.nz How does it work? Livestock -Raise a calf until they are weaned

Identify your calf with a Hospice ear taa Virtual -Just \$300 qualifies your

registration of a virtual calf What do you need to do?

Register online or on this flyer www.calvesforhospice.org.nz

Every registration and heaviest calf go into a prize draw

75 Kew Road Invercargill

ne of calf mea \$500 x 2

\$500 Travel Voucher prize draw

Tag your calf with your EID & complete NAIT

Sale Date - Lorneville Saleyards TBC

> Beef/Beef Cross Friesian



Contact: 03 211 8272, 027 223 1417, or Email: pp@familyworkssld.nz

The aim is to help you understand the stages of your children's/Tamariki

development, their changing needs and how we as parents/caregivers

respond to these changes, giving parenting strategies and other useful

For parents/caregivers who have children aged 0 -18 years, 8 sessions

**Beginning October 16th** Wednesdays

9.30am - 11.30am



### **SCHOOL HULID** JOURNEY

Embark on an Epic 5-Day Teen Sailing Adventure! Calling all teens aged 14-18! Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey that blends adventure, skill-building, and lasting friendships. Steinlager 2

Sail onboard the Legendary Boat,

#### Master Sailing Basics:

Learn navigation and weather prediction. Cook & Sleep onboards: Prepare meals and experience nights on deck. Rise to the Challenge: Test your grit and decision-making with support from experienced instructors who will guide you every step of the Achieve Greatness:

Earn credit towards the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award.

All-Inclusive Price: For just \$1,575 per person, you'll get meals, accommodation and adventure. Ready to Set Sail?

Secure your spot now and start the adventure of a lifetime!







We can also bring our community workshop programme to your town or neighbourhood!

Our experienced team of professional educators is offering over 50 different workshops on a wide range of topics, including:

Bread making; Growing native plants; Making candles; Composting; Growing food; Making Biochar; DIY skincare products, Solar food dehydrators and MUCH MORE ...

## OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

IMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY

### NATURAL CREATORS

### (Ages 5-16) Invercargill

**Creating and Cooking** Join us for an inspiring day of creating through arts and cooking

Your child's imagination will be truly ignited as they bring their creativity to life using a variety of NATURAL materials and textiles such as clay, wool, flowers and plants to explore as well as preparing nutritious meals to enjoy and that they can cook at home

Children will go home feeling fulfilled, inspired capable and independent.

3rd & 4th Oct



### BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-12) & (Ages 11-16) Invercargill, Gore and Otautau

Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature. One day and three day options (not overnight) Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD vs WILD (7-12) 30th Sep - 2nd Oct - 3 days Invercargill

> BUSH KIDS (7-12) 3rd & 4th Oct Gore

BUSH KIDS (7-12) 10th Oct Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-12) 11th Oct Otauatu

TEEN vs WILD (11-16) 7th-9th Oct - 3 days Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16) 7th. 8th & 9th Oct Invercargill

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