



APARIMA MATTERS

Your School? My School? Our School!

One of the most difficult things about modern education is understanding how to harness modern technology to ensure that our children are given the most, broad minded and still grounded educational experience and also allowing parents to be informed about the daily events of the school.

I make a point each night, when I am sitting at the dinner table, to ask my daughter, “What did you do at school today?” her response is unnervingly consistent, “Nothing”. My wife, who is much more attune to the mind of a cunning adolescent, then says to me, “You have to ask her to tell you about **one** thing that happened today”. So the next night I try her tactic and say, “Tell me about one thing that happened today.” She will look at me with her tired eyes like she is dealing with the village idiot and say, “but nothing happened today”.

Sigh...

It seems dear parents, that it is our job to ensure that we are all equipped with the conversation starters necessary to turn a conversation about ‘nothing’ into an engrossing discourse on Gerald the Giraffe and the Life Ed Bus. To enable these conversations to take place at dinner tables throughout Riverton, Aparima College has joined forces with the Parents Teacher Calendar App to offer to our community an insight into the events of our school. This App (available at Play Store or App Store) will give you updates on all of the events occurring at your child’s school and also an easy window for reporting student absences etc.

Aparima College bringing the crumpled newsletters out of the bottom of school bags and delivering dinner table conversation starters to pockets and handbags throughout the South! (*Cue theme music*).

by Ray Laurenson
Deputy Principal



Dan Davin Short Story Competition

Congratulations to all 12 students from Aparima College who entered the Dan Davin Short Story Competition. There were over 40 entries in each of the categories and Dunedin writer Victor Rodger, who judged all the short stories, was impressed with the high standard of writing.

Aparima was fortunate to gain third prizes in both the Junior and Senior categories. Mary Jane Grove’s story “Keep your friends close and your enemies closer” and Robbie Grove’s story “Citizen” took out these prizes and come with a writing scholarship and mentorship for 2017. It was great to see so many Aparima College students and whanau at the Awards night. We all gained great insights from listening to Southland/Otago poets Cilla McQueen and Sue Wootton’s words of wisdom. The winner of the Adult’s section on poetry, David Hinckley, also lives in Riverton. One person commented to me: “You have so many writers. Riverton must be a real source of inspiration for writing”. I agree. Perhaps we should make more use of our beautiful environment to encourage creativity. Our literary footprint is becoming deeper every year.

by Mrs Grove

Congratulations to

Jackson Bevin who has been made captain of the Southland Under 13 Rugby Team who had their first game on Saturday 3 September.

Year 11 Art Feature 2016

Year 11 or NCEA Level 1 Art is the student’s first introduction into the world of the “ARTBOARD”. After developing their skills and ideas with some research and practise with a variety of different techniques, the students embark on a major project to produce at least 12 finished pieces of art which they present on two large A1 boards in a folio format. There has been a wide variety of fascinating themes chosen this year including culture, identity, manga, music and the world wars. The work these talented young people are producing has been outstanding so far and parents, you can be very proud of your children. I do encourage all parents and students to remind each other of the importance of work outside of class time on the boards though – there is still much work to be done! Aim for merit and excellence Year 11’s – you are capable of it. Well done and keep up the good work.

by Mr Buckley

Kalani Elder



Amy Rule



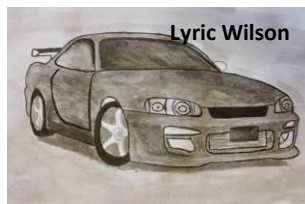
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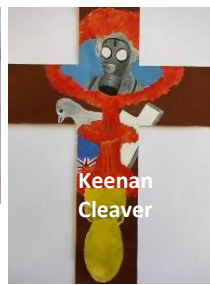
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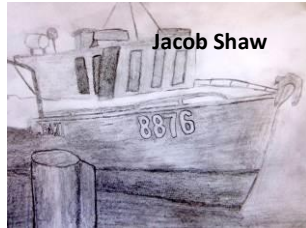
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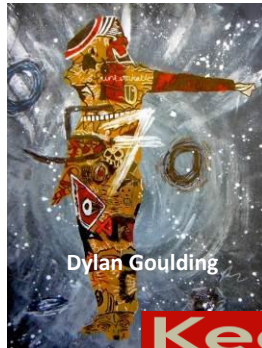
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Dylan Goulding



Ashleigh Evans



James Maclean

**Keep up the
Great work!**

Aparima College Clay Target Shooting Team

On the weekend of the 4 and 5 September with the wonderful support of parents and grandparents our team headed away for the weekend to compete in more secondary schools shooting competitions at Wanaka on the Saturday and Alexandra on the Sunday. Rewarding results for all our shooters they should all be proud of. Not everyone got placings in the team, but I can say that in each competition there is improvement and with some fine tuning and adjustments I'm sure some great results and maybe personal bests are awaiting our team at the Nationals, which we fly out to in Christchurch next Friday 23 September. Alexandra results once again showed Abbey shooting fantastically and receiving placings in 1st Senior Skeet, 2nd Ladies point's score and winning Ladies High Gun. Rhys also had his eyes on the target and won 1st Junior Skeet, as well and teaming with Abbey to also win the two person Skeet Team competition. Once again putting Aparima College on the winner's board. It was to be a busy day on the Sunday in Alexandra with 16 squads representing their schools in this competition. With most of our team members having to have shoots offs, more pleasing results were recorded. Thomas was placed 2nd in Junior Points Score and Abbey continued with more great shooting results placing 2nd Senior Points Score, 3rd Single Barrel and the icing on the cake receiving HOA for the day out of all the shooters. A huge highlight for the team was the naming of Rhys to compete for the Southland Skeet team against an Otago Team as well as Thomas and Abbey being named in the DTL Southland Team also shooting against Otago. Three members are only picked for each skeet team and five in the DTL team, so when you consider there were approx. 80 students shooting, Aparima College certainly has some wonderful talent. We wish our college Clay Target Shooting all the best for next weekend's National competition and hope you do well and enjoy the experience you will have at competing at this level.

by Leigh Ronald

Aparima Ink visit to Larnach Castle

The Aparima Ink group are a group of Year 8 boys who are developing their writing skills. This year, their writing has been based around the theme of castles, and they were fortunate enough to visit Larnach Castle in Dunedin on the 5 – 6 September. This is what they had to say about their trip.

by Mrs McNab

The Trip by Matthew Colligan 8W

At 7:00am last Monday our adventure began. Split between two cars, the eight members of Aparima Ink, plus three adults embarked on a wet drive towards Dunedin. I travelled to Dunedin with Grayson, Harry, Aaron, Mrs McNab and Mr McNab. It took us a couple of hours. We spoke in anticipation of the adventures ahead. On the trip back on Tuesday, we swapped cars and we went with Mr Gibbs for the trip back to Riverton. We arrived in Riverton at about 5:30pm on Tuesday afternoon.

The Castle by Harry Willis 8G

We went straight to Larnach Castle. We had morning tea in the old ballroom. We looked at some weapons and saw some old guns. Then we watched a video about the castle. While we were looking around the castle, Mrs McNab said "try to find some places where there could have been murder holes". After the video, we split into two groups of four. In the castle I saw the old bathroom and old bedrooms and lots of other old rooms. My group went up to the top of the castle and took photos of the view. After we finished looking around the castle, we looked at the jails. We did some writing in the stables for an hour. Then, after we finished the writing we hopped into the cars and went to the albatross colony.

The Albatross Colony by Cameron Goulding 8W

On our trip we stopped for lunch at the Albatross Colony, which was high on a hill. It was so windy a little girl and her mum nearly blew away and it was hard to walk against the wind. There were no albatross in sight, so we went down to the beach where the sea-lions were slouching all around, on the other side of a wire fence. We saw about six sea-lions there. We enjoyed the Albatross Colony.

The Motel by Quaylan King 8W

After the Albatross Colony, we booked into the Beach Lodge Motel. We chose our rooms. Cameron, Jack Deans and I were in one room and Matthew, Aaron, Grayson, Harry and Jack Herbert were in the other unit. I didn't get to pick my own bed, sadly, but it was still fine. After dinner we settled down for a good sleep. Next morning we got up at 7:00am. We went to the beach and back for a walk. It was very cold. There was a kitchen in the motel, so we had breakfast there.

Great Taste Restaurant by Grayson Elder 8W

On Monday night 5 September, we went out for dinner at Great Taste, which is a buffet restaurant. The food was good. When I came out, I was pretty full! The food they had was blue cod, chips, noodles, spring rolls and pudding. After dinner, we went to Signal Hill which is at the top of a very steep road. We looked at the view of the lights. We played spotlight tag. It was really cold and windy.

Baldwin Street and the Gardens by Aaron Lonneker

On the trip we went to Baldwin Street, which is the steepest street in the world. It is so steep that when we rolled a water bottle down the hill, it went very fast. Harry tried to catch it as it went down the hill. We also went to the gardens to eat morning tea. We visited the bird aviary and ate our morning tea. We looked at the birds, and one of them said "hi" to us. It was good.

Train Station and Settlers Museum by Jack Deans 8W

On the second day of our trip, we went to the Dunedin Train Station. We saw a long train that had about six carriages and two engines. We had a photo taken on the end of the train. Then we went to the Otago Settlers' Museum. In there we saw old trains, boats, trams, old buses and a lot more interesting things.

The Esplanade by Jack Herbert 8M

On Tuesday we had pizza for lunch. We ate it at The Esplanade. The pizzas were Pepperoni, Hawaiian, Beef and Onion and Cheese. We watched the seagulls and ate our Pizzas. After that we all got back into the cars for the trip home.



Locating the crest above the Castle doors



Checking out the dungeons



Taieri Gorge Train

NCEA OPTIONS EVENING

This is for all Year 10, 11 and 12 students which is being held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 7:00pm in the College Hall.

This is an opportunity to meet with Heads of Departments and discuss your child's subject choices for 2017.

Please circle this date on your calendar. More information will go out via email at the start of next term.



Writing time in the castle stables. Aaron, Harry, Grayson, Mrs McNab and Matthew.



Writing in the stables for Jack H, Cameron, Jack D and Mr Gibbs

Help raise funds for Aparima College

This spring PGG Wrightson and Balance Agra-Nutrients will again run the Cash for Communities programme and give farmers another opportunity to raise funds for their local school, St John, Rescue Helicopter or other listed community club or group. The programme will run between 1 September and 30 November 2016. We will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Balance Agra-Nutrients fertilizer purchased by farmers who have registered for the programme at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz. For more information please contact us at cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz or phone 03 372 0818.

Hokonui Maori Endowment Fund Applications

A reminder that all Hokonui Maori Endowment Fund Application Forms need to be received by Friday 30 September 2016, Forms available from the College Office.

Winner of Year 10 Wood Raffle

We would like to congratulate Keri Horrell who won the Wood Raffle sold by the Year 10 students raising money for the Lakes Distracts Rescue Trust. This was drawn by Mrs Day.

Happy Holidays Everyone

First day of term is Monday 10 October 2016

Year 11 - 13 Students don't forget to study!!

UP AND COMING EVENTS

14-20 September

21-23 September

23 September

10 October

13 October

18 October

24 October

SENIOR EXAMS

Year 11 BP Business Challenge SGHS

TERM THREE ENDS

TERM FOUR BEGINS

Newsletter

NCEA Options Night 7:00pm

LABOUR DAY

Good Luck to our shooters who will be competing in the South Island/ NZ Clay Target Shooting Champs during the holidays.

SPORT

24 September

South Island and North Island Clay Target Champs

Community Notice

Riverton Community Medical Trust:

We wish to inform Individuals, Community Groups and Organisations that we are offering a Grant. This is to provide resources, programmes or training likely to enhance the public awareness, benefit or access to Health Services. A map showing the designated area including Riverton, Orepuki, Colac Bay, Thornbury and Waimatuku is included in the Guidelines. Application Guidelines and Application Forms can be received by contacting J Anderson 03 2348-478 or rlanderson@farmside.co.nz - **Applications close: 31 October 2016**

Riverton Swimming Club:

We're only a few weeks away from the start of a new year for Riverton swimming club. We have had lots of names of children who would like to swim but we are in **URGENT NEED OF MORE COACHES**. Please, please, please consider offering a small amount of your time once per week to help these kids learn potentially lifesaving skills. Anyone who can swim themselves or have helped out at school swimming will be able to coach this level and the club will provide support and assistance if needed to help you gain confidence. There is also the option to gain NZQA qualification whilst coaching.

If interested please contact Angela Allen on angienjoel@hotmail.com or phone 0279319901.

Summer Football:

The Winton Football Club Inc. will again be running the popular 5-aside football (soccer) league on Thursday evenings (13 Oct – 15 Dec) with the same programme as last year except primary school will have two sections; year 6 – 8 and year 5 and below with the allowance for one year 6 player in this grade if schools have difficulty finding enough younger players. Adult competition is year 9 upwards. Juniors \$10 per player, games (2 each) kick off at 5.30pm and adults \$100 per team, games start at 6.30pm. Enquiries can be made to 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com Registrations will close on 24 September 2016.

WALLACETOWN SOFTBALL CLUB:

Registrations for the new season are being taken for the Wallacetown Softball Club. New players are always welcome from 5 year olds up to and including adults. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Andrew Stark 027-939-0408 or Steve Harley 027-766-7175. If you've never tried softball come along and have a go.

Heritage Fruit Tree Grafting Workshops:

Sunday 18th September. Held at Riverton Primary School Hall, Princess Street

Learn how to graft your own Heritage Apple tree with tutors Robert & Robyn Guyton

* Workshop Start Times: 10am ~ 11.30am ~ 1.30pm ~ 3.00pm * Workshops cost \$5 per person + \$5 per tree (Max 20 trees) * Pre-register to ensure a space at your preferred time. By phoning 234 8717 or emailing

education@sces.org.nz More **information on our website** www.sces.org.nz South Coast Environment Society, 154 Palmerstone St, Riverton

NOTICE OF AGM:

The South Coast Environment Society AGM will be held on Tuesday the 4th of October, 7pm at the South Coast Environment Centre, 154 Palmerstone Street, and Riverton. Everyone is welcome; we would love to see some new faces! For more information please phone 03 234 8717 or email office@sces.org.nz <http://www.sces.org.nz/>



Farm life can be tough

Flood Snow Wind Drought
Stress Financial Personal

Be aware of how you are coping

What to watch for

- Loss of energy or motivation
- Persistent anxiety
- Interrupted sleep patterns
- Feeling of isolation

What you can do

- Talk to someone you trust
- partner, family, friend, GP

or call
Southland Rural Support Trust
0800 787 254
Services are free and confidential



HOLIDAY FUN for the kids: September 28-30

Our 3 day SINGING & DRAMA holiday programme is back these holidays!!!! To WIN your child's space in this workshop, simply 'like' our 'SPEAK UP & SING OUT' FB page and 'share/comment on this post to be in the draw (2 spaces to be won!) If you'd like to register your child, email: alicejade27@gmail.com. **WHAT:** Fun & Interactive Singing & Drama Workshop. Children learn skills and techniques with the creative arts and create their own mini-musicals which they perform to parents on the last day. **WHO:** Children ages 5-13 years (ALL confidence/skill levels welcome) **WHERE:** 117 Spey Street (C3 Church) **WHEN:** 9am - 3pm (Wednesday 28th-Friday 30th September) **COST:** \$115 for 3 days **RUN BY:** Qualified teachers Alice Fraser & Cheryl Burgess

Variety Concert:

You are invited to the Invercargill Variety Concert Saturday 22nd October at 6.30pm - Lindisfarne Community Centre - 22 Lindisfarne Street, Invercargill. A fantastic night of fun and entertainment. An annual event not to be missed! Come early as seats fill up quickly. Door Sales \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Organised by Anna Cannon Music Studio Phone 03 2131191, text 0276933777 or email anna@annacannon.co.nz


Holiday Swim Lessons: Splash Palace:

Start your learn to swim programme with the Splash Palace Holiday Swim School from 3 years • 5 lessons over 1 week • 2 weeks to choose from - **WEEK 1:** Monday, Sept 26 - Friday, Sept 30 or **WEEK 2:** Monday, Oct 3 - Friday, Oct 7. Boating safety and survival course plus diving lessons also available during week 2. Must be able to swim 50 metres confidently. **For more information** Phone 217 7506 or email: swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz

Let's Get Creative Workshop:


Song Writing – Composition - Creative Writing, Friday 7th October, 10am - 4.00pm - Anna Cannon Music Studio - Numbers are Limited so Register Now \$50.00 for the day!

<http://annacannon.co.nz/lets-get-creative-workshop/> Or Text 0276933777 or Phone 03 2131191 NOW



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