



APARIMA MATTERS

From the Principals Desk

We are now well into the second term, which traditionally is one of the most challenging and busiest terms of our school calendar. The term is action packed with many events between now and the end of term, many of which I mentioned in the last newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who took part in the three Aparima College basketball teams.



What amazing results from such young students. You were fantastic ambassadors for sport and for our school and I am extremely proud of you all. Thank you also to the parents who supported these students each week, without you they would not have had the opportunity to participate and compete. I would also like to acknowledge the coaching team of staff and parents. You are often the unsung heroes in student sporting involvement and achievement. Your willingness to support our students has not gone unnoticed and we are appreciative of your efforts on behalf of our students and the school.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's schools, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than any other family factors. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Perhaps the most important thing you can do as parents is develop a partnership with the school to support your child's learning. Two simple ways that you can show your child you are invested in their schooling are to ask your child to tell you about what they learned at school that day; and to make sure that they complete all homework and assignments 'to the best of their ability' and that they hand it in by the due date. If your child knows you are going to be interested in their learning they will understand that their educational success is important to you, and therefore it will become important to them.

Last Monday we welcomed Mrs Sarah Dowie, MP for Invercargill, into our school. Mrs Dowie spoke to students about her journey leading up to her entering the political arena and she also talked about the importance of setting goals and following passions and interests. It was an engaging and lively presentation and one that our students clearly enjoyed. The presentation was followed by a Question & Answer session. Our students were initially shy to ask questions, but once one hand went up it was quickly followed by more.

This part of the assembly was informative, enjoyable and at times hilariously entertaining as our students challenged Mrs Dowie with some interesting questions about her role as a Member of Parliament. I think one of the highlights for me was when Mrs Dowie was asked if she had ever met Donald Trump.

I have received a thank you letter from Mrs Dowie and I would like to share a couple of comments she has made about our school: "Aparima College is a wonderful school and has some of the most engaging students I have met", "I especially enjoyed the Q&A session".

Thank you to Mrs Dowie and her team for making this visit possible and for the engaging and informative presentation she delivered to our students. I am sure this went a long way to demystifying for our students the essential role our politicians play in governing our country.

Recently we have had a number of students signing out from the school to attend 'appointments'. We know at times these are unavoidable during school time; however we do ask that students provide a note outlining the date, time and location of the appointment; or alternatively an email, phone call or text to the college office providing the same details would be appreciated. We are required to provide details of attendance to the Ministry of Education and we are also charged with ensuring that student attendance at school is in accordance with the Education Act.

Next week is the annual country high schools 7-Aside Tournament held at Northern Southland College in Lumsden. This is an action-packed day where all of our schools compete in a variety of winter sports against students from all Southland rural secondary schools. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer on their children and our school teams.

Kaye Day
Principal



Sarah Dowie
with our
students Sam
and Rose

Venture Southland Visit

On Tuesday 16 May Venture Southland ran a careers information forum for our Year 10 -13 students. Representatives from the following businesses came to the College and spoke to our students. DT Kings, Fulton Hogan, Pankhurst Sawmill, Rayonier, Bremca and McNeill's.

Each representative spoke for two minutes, then students went into small groups and were able to talk with each representative and ask questions. This was extremely successful and all representatives commented on how engaged our students were and the positive behaviour our students displayed.

Our students came away with a greater understanding of the different jobs available out there, in particular opportunities for women in mostly male dominated industries.

We look forward to this running again next year.

by Mrs Ward



Southland Cross Country Results

Aparima came second in the Under 13s teams section in the Southland Cross Country. Henry Wallace Under 16 - 4th overall, Mason Herbert Under 16 - 15th, Aiden Turner Under 13 - 10th, Brayden Bevin Under 13 - 11th, Charlie McDonald Under 13 - 23rd, Matt Thomson Under 13 - 23rd equal, James Willis Under 13 - 23rd equal, Ethan McDonald Under 13 - 37th, Mackenzie Shaw Under 14 - 30th, Alice Smith Under 13 - 15th. Well done team!



Work Exploration 10 – 12 May 2017

Work Exploration is a programme in which our Year 12 and 13 students are placed in actual work situations for a short period of time. This experience is to help students with their career choice for the future and to give the students the opportunity to try something new.

This year 31 students were placed out into workplaces ranging from childcare, hospitality, a roading gang, paint and decorating, pharmacy, tattooist, maternity, animal care, retail, fitness, engineering, airport, farming, building and tourism.

The feedback from the employers has been fantastic with comments like: “a pleasure to have”, “fitted in well”, “completed work to a high standard”, “polite and respectful”, “easy to teach”, “willing to give anything a go” and “fantastic attitude”.

The feedback for our students was also good with comments like “I enjoyed it and would consider this for a job when I leave school”, “I learnt new skills”, “everyone was so nice and friendly”, “they were really supportive and treated me awesomely”, “I thoroughly enjoyed it”, “amazing”, “would definitely go back”, “they were welcoming and friendly”, “best time of my life – everything was a blast” and “it’s what I want to do”.

Some of the students now have a clearer picture of the direction they would like to take, some are following up with a Gateway placement with their employer to experience more and some now know this is not the path they would like to go down but can now look in a different direction. Something that is really important when students are considering employment is that students need to get their drivers licences as soon as they can, as many employers require their staff to hold a drivers licence and as we do not have public transport out this way you need to be able to get to your workplace. If a student is wanting to drive diggers, trucks etc it takes a while to get to the class of licence that is required so don't delay. Please remember that our Careers Adviser here at the school is Mrs Ward and students are encouraged to go and see her for careers advice. I would like to thank the employers for taking the time to give these students this opportunity to go out and experience a career choice they have wanted to explore for the future and to the parents/caregivers for ensuring your child gets to their placement.

by Tania Cleaver

Work Exploration Coordinator





Year 7/8 Basketball

2017 is the first year that Aparima College has had three teams entered into the Southland Basketball Junior High competition. All of these teams had a successful season with all of them finishing in the top three in each of their grades.

The Aparima Warriors consisted of Quake Webster, Kalani Grimwood, Carl Bailey, Nicholas Mennell, Sam Pratt and Aiden Turner. This team was playing the very competitive A grade and had a great season against some tough opposition. This team narrowly missed playing off for the top two spots and ended up playing for 3rd and 4th. They won their final game comfortably to come in 3rd place in the A-grade, a fantastic achievement.

The Aparima Aces consisted of Rose Winders, Brooklyn Hitchcock, Kayla Dawson, Madisyn Wills, Tahla Ward and Kaitlin Heath-Tree. This was the first time playing basketball for three of the girls and they had a great season winning all but two games. In the final against James Hargest they narrowly lost the game by only two points. Congratulations to the Aparima Aces who finished their season Runner-up in the B-grade.

The Aparima Breakers were the most successful of the three teams. They not only won their final to win their grade but vastly improved their skills and teamwork throughout the season. This team included Zach Thomson, Reuben Brand, Kyren Tohiariki, Kaleb Starkey, Brayden Bevin, Vaughan Tihore and Joseph Braithwaite. They were unbeaten throughout the season and finished top of the Boys B2 grade. A huge congratulations to these boys!

The success of the teams is directly linked to Shane Galvin's involvement and guidance throughout the season. The coaches and students would like to thank Shane for the time and knowledge that he has contributed to the development of the three teams. Bring on next season!





Aparima Aces – Girls B1 Runner
Up in the 2017 Junior High
Basketball League



Aparima Breakers - Boys B2
Winners in the 2017 Junior High
Basketball League

Aparima Scarves

We are well under way with the production of our scarves. These scarves are the perfect addition to the uniform with the weather we are currently having. They are made from pure New Zealand wool so we guarantee they will keep you warm and rugged up. Scarves are now on sale and can be purchased for \$25 each or \$20 for a kitting kit, just fill in and order form which are available at the College office and return along with payment to the office. Share the warmth.



Excellent News

We just found out that Joel has been selected to represent Southland and Central Lakes at the Enterprise in Action event in Wellington from 4 - 7 August. He will be one of two representatives from the region.

This is an event run by Young Enterprise Trust. Representatives from each region gather in Wellington/Auckland in teams sponsored by NZ businesses. During an intensive weekend they work together to bring a product to market. It is an excellent experience of high-energy business. Winning team-members are usually offered scholarships and six of the students are chosen to represent NZ in the global champs usually held somewhere in Asia. In the past Aparima has been incredibly lucky to have sent Olivia Hammond, Jessica Black, Christina Grove, and Kristen MacKenzie to this event. It's great to finally be sending a boy!

by Mrs Grove

Senior Netball

The Senior Netball Team have started their build-up to the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in September and have played two games in the Southland Wide Senior B competition. They have had some tough competition going down to James Hargest and St Peters College and will take on Southland Girls High this week. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Riverton Community Op-Shop for their generous support of the team heading to Christchurch in September. The annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser on Friday 16 June is coming up so please book a table through the office. A night not to be missed!

by Zara Heath

APARIMA COLLEGE CLAY SHOOTING TEAM FUNDRAISER

To help send College Shooting Team to National Competitions

in Hamilton **30 Sept – 2 Oct 2017**



Clay Target Shoot

Sunday 28 May 2017

\$35.00 Registration

Start 10.00 – 10:30 am



New Venue New Venue New Venue

Bryan Bickley's Rock Quarry

111 Carran Road , Waipango, Riverton

Ammunition available to purchase (Must have Firearms Licence)

BBQ, Raffles & Prizes.

For inquiries Leigh Ronald, phone 2246130 or Neill & Keri Horrell, phone 2246056

Aparima Clay Shooting Team

Our team of five attended their first Intercollegiate Secondary School Shoot on Sunday 14 May. For their first shoot of the season and only two practices behind them, the whole team came away with some brilliant results. Kori Horrell our newest and youngest team member has given himself a starting point with his scores in the four shooting events he participated in and should be happy with how he shot. He had higher scores than many of his team mates when they attended their first intercollegiate shoot. Nathan Gorton also improved on his scores from the same event last year as well as competing in Skeet for the first time with only having been able to attend one practice so far, he should also be happy with his first shoot for the season.

At prize giving it was fantastic to hear three of our team's names being continuously called out for their shooting efforts. Congratulations to Rhys Horrell who was presented with the Gutsell Trophy for High Overall All (Top shooter in senior & junior Level, Rhys is a junior) in individual Skeet, he also teamed up with Thomas Ronald in the two man team which they also won overall and Thomas Ronald also placed 2nd for Junior Skeet, which was his first time shooting in this event at competitions. Blake Turner came away with an impressive gold medal in the Junior Single Barrel by coming 1st and Rhys also coming 3rd, Blake also placed 3rd in Junior Single Rise event and last but not least Thomas also came 2nd in the Junior Points Score.

The team have another six intercollegiate Secondary School Shoots to attend over the next three months before they head away to Hamilton to represent their School at the National Secondary Schools Competition at the end of September. We have been continuously fundraising as well as receiving generous grants to get our shooters there. Our next big fundraiser is this weekend with a Sporting Shoot being held on Bryan & Kyla Bickley's property at 111 Carran Road, Waipango on this Sunday 28th starting 10-10.30am. Come along for some exciting shooting opportunities with heaps of prizes and raffles up for grabs.

by Leigh Ronald



A Very Big Thank You

To members of the community for generously donating fabrics and containers and offering their support to the Soft Materials department (in particular Jessie Blakie, Shirley from the OP Shop, Julie McWilliam, Lynley Ferguson, Dawn Asher, Zara Heath, Wendy Anderson and many others who have kindly donated. All the materials that have been donated are being used for making soft toys, aprons and hoodies.

Anyone who still has fabrics, sheets, old curtains at home and would like to drop them off are more than welcome. The students and I really appreciate this and the students are enjoying the variety of fabrics to choose from.

by Mrs Ferguson



Needing Extra Warmth This Winter.....

For those of you who are still feeling the cold or would like to wrap up even warmer over the winter, please remember there is a woollen vest option which is part of the school uniform that you can wear and may want to invest in. These can be purchased from H & J Smith, Invercargill.

Up and Coming Events

25 May 2017
31 May – 2 June 2017
5 June 2017
6 – 9 June 2017
16 June 2017
20 June 2017
22 June 2017
23 June 2017
7 July 2017

Sports

24 - 26 May 2017
30 May 2017
16 June
21 June 2017

Dragons Den YES Companies
Senior Biology Camp – Dunedin
QUEENS BIRTHDAY
Senior Exam Week
Aparima College Netball Murder Mystery Night
Tiki Taane Performance
Incubator Programme
Armed Forces visit 12:00 – 1:00pm
TERM TWO ENDS

OREC Ropes Course
7 Aside Tournament – Northern Southland College
Southland Cross Country
Year 5 & 6 Western Netball

Community Notice

PATCHWORK

Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College

Beginners to Advance

Everyone Welcome. Cost: \$40 per day. Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Dates: Saturday 1st April Saturday 29th April, Saturday 27th May and Saturday 24th June.

For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209

or register at Aparima College office 234 8900.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes at the Senior Citizens Room. 1 hour classes - \$10. Check out Yogatastic NZ Facebook page for timetable. Or call Emma on 021 339 446 – All welcome.

AGM - Riverton Community Medical Trust

6 June 2017 7.30pm

6 Verdun Street, Riverton

All welcome - contact Janice Anderson 03 2348478



Riverton Nature Discoverers

Come join the adventure
Kids 5-12 yrs
Families of all ages
fun, interesting & real

Explore
Create
Nurture
Develop
Connect

For more information contact the
South Coast Environment Centre
234 8717 or education@sees.org.nz

1 Child \$5
2 Children \$8
3+ Children \$10

Wednesdays
3:15-4:45pm

Union Church Hall, Palmerston Street

APARIMA COLLEGE
SENIOR NETBALL TEAM FUNDRAISER

MURDER AT CHIMPS MYSTERY NIGHT

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE
APARIMA COLLEGE HALL
DOORS OPEN: 6.30PM
SEATED BY: 7PM

CASH BAR
DRESS TO THEME
RAFFLES/AUCTION

3 COURSE MEAL INCLUDED
IF ANY DIET REQUIREMENTS PLEASE
STATE WHEN PURCHASING TICKET

TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON
\$500 PER TABLE (SEATS 10)
LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE

FOR TICKETS PHONE APARIMA
COLLEGE ON 03 234 8900
PICK-UP FROM COLLEGE OFFICE

PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR TICKETS BY WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

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