



APARIMA MATTERS



From the Principals Desk

What an amazingly action packed and busy term this has been. Our students have been involved in a wide variety of activities, with some students taking part in more than one thing since the start of the term. It is hard to believe that the shortest day is upon us and we have less than three weeks left of the term. Where did it go?

This year for the first time we had a small number of keen students take part in an International language competition. It was with very real pleasure and pride that I received notification of their results earlier this week. My sincere congratulations to Jack Halder, Lisa McWilliam and Maddison Scott. These three students acquitted themselves extremely well, scoring in the top 20% globally. Quite a remarkable feat for a first time entry for our school.

The annual netball fundraiser was another positive success. Well done to the staff and students for your hard work. I know this is highlight on the annual calendar and there have been a lot of positive comments received about what a fantastic time was had by all. Special mention must go to our parent and community volunteers and our netball coach and manager, Lana Winders and Debbie Monteith. These two ladies go above and beyond to support our girls each year.

At the weekly school assembly this week the school scarves being promoted by one of our Young Enterprise Scheme companies, 'Aparima Scarves' were modelled. They look warm, colourful and absolutely fantastic. The students who had already purchased a scarf were clearly proud to be able to wear these. Thank you very much to the parents and community members who have supported our students to get their company off the ground and who have also spent a lot of time knitting on our behalf. The scarf is a warm and welcome addition to our school uniform.

End of term reports are due to go out. We welcome opportunities for parents to discuss student progress and achievement with their child's teacher. There is a clear link between active parent interest in their child's learning and positive achievement at school. The end of term report is an opportunity to gather information and we hope it will provide a platform for further support for your child's learning.

Some of you may have recently seen an article about the increasing number of students taking holidays during term time. We encourage parents wherever possible to arrange vacation time out of term time, as inevitably when students are not in school gaps in learning occur. Surprisingly, time spent at school equates to only 11% of a student's year so time spent in class actively learning is crucial to continued development.

With that being said we also recognise that sometimes absence is unavoidable. It is standard practice to seek permission from the school for an absence of this sort as your child is legally required to attend school. I welcome the opportunity to discuss any vacation arrangements and support parents to develop a plan for learning to occur during the time spent away.

Kaye Day
Principal

Senior Biology Camp

Senior biology students recently attended a three day camp at Portobello, Dunedin. The camp exposed students to marine biology and zoology as they completed a wide variety of learning experiences culminating in each student undertaking their own self-designed investigation into crab behaviour. A challenging three days being exposed to university style practical work and interacting with New Zealand Marine Studies Centre staff. Our group stayed on Quarantine Island in Dunedin harbour, catching a water taxi to and from the marine centre each day. A great experience, especially the composting toilets.

by Mr Le Breton
HOD Science



Thank You

Aparima College has a large number of boys playing rugby for the Riverton Rugby Club again this season along with a few playing for various other teams.

Aparima College wish to thank the team Coaches and Managers for giving up their personal time to work with these students.

- Riverton A Grade – Phil Bevin, Peter Hollands, Kelly Turner
- Riverton Under 15 – Stephen Braithwaite, Jeremy Winders, Corey Mennell, Giavanna Smithies

Thank you again for these volunteers along with all those who make community rugby happen.

Richard Jones
Head of Physical Education

Debating

Southland Debating Competition Year 9-13 - this will be held at Southland Boys High School on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 August. We will continue to run our Debating Club on Tuesday lunchtimes in Room 9, and it would be great to see as many debaters there as possible. We will select teams nearer to the date of the competition.

by Mrs Grove

Writing Competitions

There are a number of writing competitions available at the moment:

The Life Magazine seeks poems, articles and short stories from Year 7-13 students for publication. Due by 4 August

Dan Davin Literary competition: seeks short stories from age-groups Year 7-10 and Year 11-13 by 28 July

Write offline seeks short stories or poems on the theme "Don't underestimate my alter ego" from Year 9-13 students by 1 September..

Entry to these competitions is free. Please see Mrs Grove for more information.

Visit from the SADD Coordinator

Ellie Kay from SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) came to talk to our Year 12 and 13 students about some of the programmes and activities on offer. She explained the 6 'Safe Driving' priorities:

1. Sober Drivers
2. Safe speeds
3. Avoiding risks
4. No distractions
5. Driving to conditions
6. Building experience

She outlined the opportunities available to our Year 10-13 students including an annual conference, a leadership programme and the national executive committee. Our ex-student Jacob Brown, now studying at Canterbury University, still takes part in the SADD programme. It would be great to see some of our senior students participating in the programme and promoting safe driving practices.

Watch this space for future SADD events.

by Mrs Grove



Teacher Only Day - Friday 30 June 2017

The school will be closed for student instruction for all Year levels.

Murder at Chimps Mystery Night

The annual Senior Netball Team fundraiser was held last Friday night. This year's Murder Mystery Dinner had a few new cast members as well as some cast members from the previous years. It was a successful night where we raised \$9,000 to travel to the South Island Secondary Schools tournament in Christchurch. A huge thank you to the cast of wonderful locals who took up their valuable time to practice and make it a really great show. Thank you to the local businesses who donated prizes, Debbie Monteith, Barbara Tohiariki and Lee's Catering, Ross Taylor for the amazing work on the set and everyone else that helped either before, during or after the night.

by Aparima College Senior Netball Team



From Left: Mr Jones, Tanya Colyer, Barry Leith, Patrick Westenra, Terry Gorton, Ross Taylor, Ian Brinsdon, Front: Lauren Muntz and Leigh Ronald

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for your support!

A huge thank you to the following local businesses that supported the Aparima College Senior Netball Team fundraiser: **Handyman Southland, Pankhurst Sawmilling, Ross Shaw, DT Kings LTD, Lees Catering**, The Crib Café, Orchard Cottage, The Carriers Arms Hotel, The Beach House, The Aparima Tavern, Bayside, Artisan, Te Hikoi Museum, Hammer Hardware, Riverton Pharmacy, Todd & Co, Riverton Butchery LTD, Taramea Bay Store, Aytos Dairy

Aparima Scarves


A reminder that our Aparima scarves are now on sale and can be purchased for \$25 each or \$20 for a knitting kit, just fill in an order form which are available at the College office and return along with payment to the office.
Share the warmth.



PTA AGM

To be held on Tuesday 4 July from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
All welcome.

Up and Coming Events

23 June 2017	Armed Forces visit 12:00 – 1:00pm
28 June 2017	Governance Meeting 7:00pm in Graphics Room
29 June 2017	TuNZ of Fun Social 7:00pm
30 June 2017	Teacher Only Day
4 July 2017	PTA AGM 7:00pm
7 July 2017	TERM TWO ENDS
	
24 July 2017	Term Three Starts
28 July 2017	Careers Fest 11:45 – 12:30
3 August 2017	APARIMA COLLEGE OPEN DAY
9 August 2017	Otago University Liaison 1:45pm
18 August 2017	Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle Clay Target Shooting Team Fundraiser
24 August 2017	Polyfest
28 August – 1 September	Te Kura Exams
30 August 2017	BP Challenge
4 September 2017	Parent Interviews

Sports

23 June 2017	Southland Primary Cross Country
4 July 2017	Year 7/8 Western Netball
9 - 11 August 2017	OREC Snow Camp
15 August 2017	Southland Year 8 Netball

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Immunisation Week 2017: Ensuring Teenagers and Older Children are Fully Protected

Parents and caregivers living in the Southern District are being asked to ensure that their teenager's and older children's immunisations are up to date.

Some teenagers may have missed out on important vaccinations because they were born before the National Immunisation Register reminded health professionals and parents when immunisations were due.

Currently a booster (Boostrix) immunisation against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) is offered at age 11 via your local GP, which renews the protection from these diseases that children received as babies and toddlers.

In addition, the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccination is now offered free to both males and females and is due at around 12 years of age but is available to anyone between the ages of 9 and 26 years inclusive. Year 8 students will be offered this at school, but older students and young adults can access HPV immunisation for free from their local GP. This vaccination is particularly important for younger teens because it protects them before they are likely to be exposed to the disease.

Immunisation against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) is offered at ages 15 months and 4 years of age, however those who missed out on the MMR vaccinations can still receive them at a later age. Diseases like measles are a real risk for older children and teens as the disease can spread quickly in schools when there are outbreaks.

As some teenagers may have missed out on these or other childhood immunisations, parents and caregivers are being asked to check their teen's immunisation records to make sure they are fully protected against serious diseases. All these immunisations are recommended, free and have a proven safety record.

If your teen has missed a vaccination you can take them to their local general practice to receive their vaccinations. Contact your school nurse, practice nurse or family doctor for more information.

To find out more about immunisation, visit the Ministry of Health's website (health.govt.nz/immunisation) or the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) website (immune.org.nz) or call 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or Healthline (0800 611 116).

Rugby Southland GIRLS ONLY TACKLE HAVE-A-GO DAY

Rugby Southland are calling all (new or existing) female rugby players from Under-8 to Under-13 interested in playing Rugby to come along for a morning of skills and games.

Girls will learn the key skills required to play Rugby in a controlled, fun environment with Rugby Southland Academy girls running skills and games, including our very own Black Ferns Sevens star Alena Sali.



THURSDAY 13TH JULY
10 AM - 12.30 PM*
RUGBY PARK STADIUM, INVERCARGILL

*Registrations will take place from 9.30-10 am

For more information please contact Rugby Southland
Women's Rugby Development Officer, Scott Eade;
scott@rugbysouthland.co.nz or 03 216 8694

Community Notice

Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College:

Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. Cost: \$40 per day. Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm. Date: Saturday 24th June. For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209 or register at Aparima College office 234 8900.



Riverton Swimming Club AGM

We need you!! We have lots of awesome swimmers and a very small committee! So please think about joining us ... as the saying goes 'Many hands make light work'

When: Tuesday 4th July at 7:30pm

Where: The Carriers Arms Hotel, Riverton

Te Hikoi Illustrated Talks Coming Up:

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

Guest Speaker: Trevor Bremer – Time: 4 p.m – Cost: \$12 - Refreshments to follow.

Trevor and his wife Sally moved to Tuatapere 5 months ago, from Anchorage, Alaska. The couple spent 47 years in either Canada or the United States, with Trevor working as a Geologist. He will speak of some of the interesting places in the world he has been, and what he has found. Some of his presentation will be in 3D.

SUNDAY 30TH JULY

Guest Speaker: Lana Winders (CEO of Netball Southland) – Time: 4 p.m – Cost: \$12 - Refreshments to follow. *“Go the Southern Steel!” Lana will speak on her role as CEO, Netball in general and the awesome Southern Steel. Great to hear about a positive sporting organisation from Lana.*

Learn to Ride:

We're now taking registrations for our Term 3 Learn to Ride nine-week block for kids nine years and up wanting to get on the Velodrome boards for the first time. Just \$85 covers track and bike hire, coaching, a drink bottle and a certificate. Choose either Wednesdays or Fridays from 4-5pm. Register online at www.cyclingsouth.org.nz.

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