



APARIMA MATTERS

From the Principal's Desk

Recently students in Years 11-13 sat internal evidence examinations. These examinations serve a number of purposes. For students they are an opportunity to practice for the end of year examinations using the same format as national external examinations. At a subject level the examinations provide valuable feedback to classroom teachers on areas of strength and weakness for individual students, and these are handy indicators on where students need to revise.



The examinations however serve another, far more important purpose, in that they are used as comparative data for the submission of achievement to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) in the unlikely event that a student is unable to sit the national external exams in November.

At this time of year with the end of Term 3 upon us and external examinations a little over a month away it is important that senior students work hard, create study notes and revise class notes over the next few weeks. Students should be doing one to two hours of study per night from now until examinations begin. They should also be enlisting the help of staff for guidance in areas they have difficulty with.

Last week students from our school attended the Southern Institute of Technology open day. They had an interesting and informative tour and it was wonderful to receive positive feedback once again this year about how interested and well behaved our students were. They were positive ambassadors for our school. We know how great our students are, but it is always nice to receive compliments and positive comments from other organisations about our students.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Evans on having her essay "A Slice of Life" published in the Flying Kiwis book. Ashleigh won a competition in July for her writing and the book has now been published in both English and Chinese. The book is destined for the overseas student market and will also be used as a gift for visiting Chinese dignitaries to New Zealand so it is a wonderful achievement for Ashleigh.

With holidays fast approaching we encourage all of our students to have a restful break, recharge their learning batteries and prepare for Term 4. For the senior students this will be a short term so it is vitally important they rest, recharge and stay fit and healthy for the rigours of their external examinations. Of course this will have to be accomplished while still maintaining a regimen of study appropriate to the number of examinations they are entered for.

Kaye Day
Principal

Ki-O-Rahi

On Tuesday 29 August, a group of Year 9/10 and some senior students went to Stadium Southland to play Ki-o-Rahi with a few other schools. When we got there we were so excited and nervous at the same time as we haven't even had a practice. We had a welcoming then went straight into playing Ki-o-Rahi our first game was against Aurora College where they came in strong and won. Our second game was against Gore High it was close but they also won. Our third game was against Central Southland College Team 1 this was a close game but we ended up winning the game, we were all happy as it was our first win and pumped for our next game. Our last game was against Central Southland College Team 2 we were playing our hardest and won with a score of 12-8. This was a great day out of all the teams. Te Wharekura o Arowhenua came first and Gore High coming second. To finish the day off we went to McDonalds and had a mean feed. I would like to thank Mr Grimwood for bringing us in and out of town, running around after us and cheering us on with his great words. I would also like to thank Ms Dixon for coming along, helping us out, telling us the tricks and tips of ki-o-rahi and supporting us through our games thanks guys for your help. This was a great opportunity to play a Māori game and have a lot of fun.

by Amanda Bull



Basketball

During Term 2 Aparima College entered a Year 9/10 basketball team to compete in a Southland wide basketball competition. We were placed in the highest grade so we only ended up winning one game but we had fun nonetheless. The basketball team would like to send a special thanks to Shane Galvin who has given his time and expertise to help.

by Levi Mennell



Sports Wagon

James Maclean, Dylan Goulding and Quin Arthur have created this 'Sports Wagon' to help encourage students to get out and get active during intervals and lunchtimes. They started by surveying the students about which activities or sports equipment they would prefer, and then did a cost analysis from various online retailers. Lastly they put a proposal to the PB4L Committee, which was accepted. Senior students will run the Sports Wagon, handing out and receiving back the equipment every day, monitoring the equipment and modelling fair-play behaviour for the younger students. James, Dylan and Quin would welcome ideas for helping to keep this initiative sustainable for the future.

by Mrs Grove



2018 Subject Selection Information Evening - 24 October 2017

Please join us at 7:00 pm in the College Hall for the 2018 Year 11, 12 and 13 Subject Selection Information evening. An opportunity to speak with teachers from the different curriculum areas about the subjects on offer for senior students in 2018. Senior Studies booklets will be issued to all 2018 senior students or available from the College office.

Top Art Exhibition

Year 12 and 13 student's visited the National Top Art Exhibition held at the Southland Museum and Art Gallery. Students were able to view and draw inspiration and get new ideas from some of the best photography and painting work from around New Zealand. Students were also able to share ideas and gain feedback on their own work from the Museum's education advisor and curator.

by Mr Buckley



Visual Art Students - Holiday Art Tutorials

5 – 6 October – Thursday and Friday - 11:00am till 3:00pm
9 October – Monday Y13's
12 – 13 October – Thursday and Friday – 11:00am till 3:00pm

Science Fair

On 14 September Aparima had a Year 7/8 Science Fair. All the Year 7 and 8 students created a Science project related to Science in Western Southland. There was a people's choice award and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended.

The Top Three were:

1st: Riverton Beaches. Maddisyn Wills, Tahla Ward, Kaitlin Heath-Tree and Caitlin Kennedy

2nd: Birds in Western Southland. Tiffany Henry-Hewson, Leigha Fuller and Jershy Montes

3rd: Pests in Western Southland. Tessa Lindsay and Tiana Turnbull.

Highly Commended:

Aurora Australis, Fish of Western Southland, Aparima Waste.

Peoples Choice: - Aurora Australis. Genna Woodward, Alexe Buckland-Lonneker and Kalani Grimwood.

A number of these projects were taken down to Riverton Primary School and were displayed alongside many other science projects from Western Southland Schools. Awards were given out for the most creative exhibits and to the ones with the best information.

by Maddisyn, Tahla, Kaitlin & Caitlin



Happy Holidays Everyone

First day of Term 4 is Monday 16 October.

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

SIT Open Day

On Friday 22 September all Year 10 students and a small number of senior students went to Invercargill to SIT to have a look at what course /career options SIT has to offer. It was also a good opportunity to look at requirements for different career options so that students can more easily make subject selections for NCEA.

On arrival students were formally welcomed to SIT by Penny Simmonds, the CEO. Tours around the Campus gave our students an insight into tertiary training. There was also mini expo stalls set up from Environmental Management, Fashion, Information Technology, Nursing, Trades and Vet Nursing.

Students were also offered a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

Also at lunch time a number of students attended the Down Town Campus in Don Street for a concert put on by the performance and audio departments of SIT.

As always our students were a delight to take away.

by Mrs Ward



Year 12 First Aid Course

On 25 and 26 September our Year 12 students competed a two day First Aid Course. The students gained unit standards for this course as well as gaining a First Aid Certificate. CPR was a favourite. Learning how to use a defibrillator was an eye opener as we have three in Riverton. A big thank you to Dean from Red Cross for coming out and teaching us First Aid skills.

by Jaimee Watson



Give Aparima College the chance to win iPads with the Cash for Communities 2017 Programme:

PGG Wrightson and Balance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash for Communities and give farmers an opportunity to raise funds for their local school or Rescue Helicopter. PGG Wrightson and Balance Agri-Nutrients will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser purchased by farmers who have registered and nominated their school or Rescue Helicopter. Aparima College could receive free iPads – the more nominations your school receives, the higher your chance of winning. For more information please visit cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz or phone 03 372 0965.

Aparima's published Author, Ashleigh Evans

In July Ashleigh Evans entered a competition asking for kiwi-flavoured essays that could be entered into a book that would be published in time for Chinese Language Week.

Ashleigh's essay "Pineapple lumps, pavlova and pies" was selected for publication in a book entitled 'Flying Kiwis' which contains 50 essays written by school students as a celebration of New Zealand's creativity, ingenuity and multi-cultural society.

The book will be launched on 16th October at the start of Chinese Language Week, and the essays have been translated into Mandarin by the Confucius Institute. The book will be promoted in New Zealand, China, the USA and the UK, as a resource for schools and libraries and also as a gift for Chinese students, teachers and dignitaries.

For Chinese Language week we are encouraging everyone at school to learn five basic phrases in Mandarin.

by Mrs Grove



Breaking News

Today we learned that Aparima College has been nominated for the nationwide SADD (Students against Dangerous Driving) School of the Month because of the range of our student-driven activities, so fingers crossed. We'll find out the result over the next few days.

Up and Coming Events

29 September 2017

16 October 2017

19 October 2017

23 October 2017

24 October 2017

25 October 2017

1 November 2017

6 November 2017

9 November 2017

Last day of Term 3

First day back of Term 4

School Photos

Labour Day

OPTIONS NIGHT 7:00pm

Southland YES Awards

SIT 11:00am – 2:00pm

Year 8 Camp Cromwell

HPV Vaccinations

NCEA Exams Start

Good Luck

to our shooters who
will be competing
in the National
Clay Target
Shooting Champs
in Hamilton

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 2017

Riverton Athletics Club will start back the 1st Wednesday of Term 4 6pm at the Rugby Club rooms. All welcome. Any enquiries to Kelly 0273514726.



Flower Show
"Celebrating Spring"

On display will be Flowers, Floral Art, Fine China with a story and cake and plant stalls

Held: Union Church, Palmerston Street, Riverton
When: Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October 2017 - 11am-4pm
Cost: \$5.00 which includes a cuppa and cake
Tickets: available from the Op Shop at the Union Church, Shirley Cleaver on 03 2348 758, Helen Wylie 03 2348 627, Claire Anderson 03 2348 304 - Door sales also available

Proceeds are going to "Operation Christmas Child"

PATCHWORK: with Angela Richardson at Aparima College. Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. \$40 per day, 9:30am to 4:40pm. Saturday 28 October For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209 or register at Aparima College 234 8900.

Riverton Twilight Tennis:

When Friday nights 6pm (from 20th October)

Where Aparima College

You may have noticed more activity on the tennis courts last summer at Aparima College. The courts were upgraded with repainted lines and new nets and there was even a tournament held there in March. We are heading back into tennis season so I thought it timely to rally up the troops! Twilight Tennis is for everyone, regardless of ages and stages (beginners/intermediate/experienced) and we will organise games/lessons depending on who presents on the night. Play starts at 6pm and a BBQ will be cranked up for hungry participants (gold coin donation). Racquets will be available if required. Any queries please contact Jo 021 400557.

WALLACETOWN SOFTBALL CLUB: - Youth Teams

Registrations for the new season are now open. Please contact Andrew Stark 027-939-0408 or Steve Harley 027-766-7175 or e-mail to wallacetownsoftball@gmail.com to register your interest. New players are always welcome from 5 year olds up. If anyone is interested in coaching/managing a team, please let us know as well.



COMMUNITY SWIM CHALLENGE
(Business, Family, Social Teams)

Riverton District Baths
50th Birthday

So get your squad/team organised and register to take part in a range of fun water based relays!

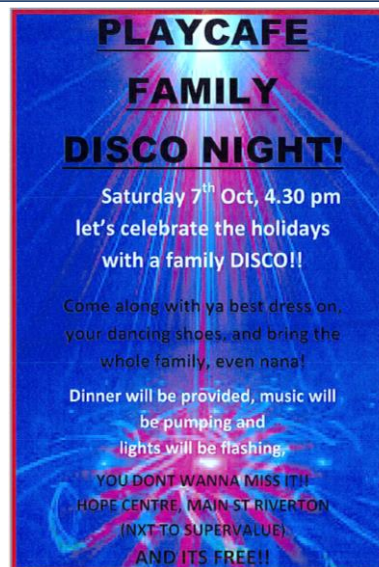
When: Saturday 25th November
11am at the Riverton Swimming Pool

Cost: \$50 per team (4 people in a team)
Adult & Kids teams (kids aged 15years and under)
Kids can swim in a team with adults but no adults in a kids team!

Entries close: Friday 17th November
Any queries or to register your team email or phone/text Lisa lbrady@rivertonschoolnz.net 0279193418

A BBQ will be operating on the day

Will your team take the trophy on the day?



PLAYCAFE FAMILY DISCO NIGHT!

Saturday 7th Oct, 4.30 pm
let's celebrate the holidays with a family DISCO!!

Come along with ya best dress on, your dancing shoes, and bring the whole family, even nana!

Dinner will be provided, music will be pumping and lights will be flashing.

YOU DONT WANNA MISS IT!!
HOPE CENTRE, MAIN ST RIVERTON
(NXT TO SUPERVALUE)
AND ITS FREE!!



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Repurposed Pages
For school aged children

At a Southland District Library near you

WINTON	10.30am-12.30pm	Monday 2 Oct
LUMSDEN	10.30am-12.30pm	Wed 4 Oct
RIVERTON	10.30am-12.30pm	Friday 6 Oct
OTAUTAU	10.30am-12.30pm	Monday 9 Oct
TE ANAU	2pm-4pm	Thurs 12 Oct

PH: 0800 732 542 TO BOOK A PLACE



Riverton District Baths
50th Birthday Celebration Dinner

Saturday 25th November

Aparima College Hall
7pm

Come help us celebrate & fundraise!

- *Delicious 3 course Meal*
- *Cash Bar*
- *Guest Speaker*
- *Raffles*
- *Auctions*

Tickets and enquires to Rebekah - 0273514132.
Kelly - 0273514726.

\$50 ticket
Book a table of 10 or individual

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