



# APARIMA MATTERS

## ANZAC Assembly

Thank you staff and students for our heartfelt ANZAC service on Monday.

Thank you to members of our community, the Riverton RSA, Riverton, Thornbury and Otautau Primary Schools for joining in with our service and wreath laying ceremony.

**“We will remember them”**



## A Special Visit to Aparima

At 9.15 am on 6 April the Navy Seasprite Helicopter landed on our school field. We were very fortunate that our application for this visit was successful being one of only four schools being visited in Southland. The Seasprite had three crew and three support staff on board. On the ground to meet them was the Southern Region Recruitment Officer and all of Aparima College. The landing was spectacular with cut grass blowing everywhere. (Interesting note: the force from the blades can move packs that weigh around 50kg) Students and staff were well back.

After landing students were put into groups and Forces personnel gave each group a comprehensive talk and outside tour of the Chopper. This took around 45 minutes.

The weather by this stage had set in and students headed back to class full of ideas for writing as well as for some senior students perhaps an insight into a future career. At exactly 10.25am the Seasprite flew into the sky after warming up for around ten minutes.

I was delighted and pretty proud of ourselves, before leaving we were told that from the nine schools already visited in the South Island, Aparima College students were the most welcoming, engaged in the visit and had by far the best range of questions for the crew.

Let's hope they come back soon.

*by Mrs Ward*



## Motocross

Three Aparima College students Grayson Elder, Blake Turner and Tony Watson attended the Southland Secondary Schools Motor X near Riversdale. Congratulations Blake who came second in one race, Tony who came third in another and Blake gained a third overall placing. Great results Team!



## Visit from The Wool Shed – 30<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May

For the first two weeks of Term 2, Aparima College will be hosting The Wool Shed. This is a container that houses samples of wool and information about the wool-growing process. It is open for parties of up to 8 visitors at any one time, and takes about 30 minutes to tour through. If you are interested in visiting the Wool Shed, please contact the School Office. Aparima students will tour through with their class.

As this is the first year that The Wool Shed has toured the South Island, Aparima College is delighted to have been chosen as the host for its official opening. This will happen on Monday 30 April, with Dr Liz Craig among other VIP guests.



## Tree Project

As most of you will know the Aparima College Tree Project is up and running this year. Our members Nicholas Mennell, Rose Winders, Kalani Grimwood and I with our new Year 8 team Tahla Ward, Madisyn Wills, Kaitlin Heath-Tree, Brayden Bevin and Kyren Tohiariki are working on different elements of our very large project.

Our new group members joined us a couple weeks ago and are going to help us achieve our final goals by working with us now and continuing our work after we are no longer students here. We are working on our propagation unit with our caretaker Mr Taylor. We are also in the process of meeting with the Runaka and Southland District Council.

We now have a fantastic logo for our project thanks to Olivia Black and Brooklyn Hitchcock the two winners of our logo competition. They have worked with Mr Buckley and Mr Grimwood to create the pictured final logo that will represent Aparima College's Tree Project.

*by Genna Woodward*



## Southland Swimming

Southland Swimming Championships were held on Sunday and congratulations to the following students: Bridget Adams 4<sup>th</sup> backstroke, Madiysn Wills 5<sup>th</sup> butterfly and a special mention to our resident fish Thomas Black who got two 1<sup>st</sup> places in backstroke and butterfly and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in freestyle.

## Athletics

Results from Aparima athletes at the Southland Athletics Championship on Saturday. All students who participated from Aparima did so with distinction, however a couple of notable mentions: Case Neylon 1<sup>st</sup> 200m and 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m. Kaitlin Heath-Tree 2<sup>nd</sup> Nerf Throw. Jackson Hitchcock 4<sup>th</sup> 200m and 4<sup>th</sup> 800m. Case and Jackson got third in the combined Western relay team. Awesome work Team!

## Year 7/8 Girls Basketball

On 27 March, the Aparima Aces played a great game. We won 19-18 against St John Breaker's. Neosha Grimwood had a headache but she played really well and scored us some goals for our team. Keep up the work girls!

*by Tahla Ward*

## Year 7/8 Boys Basketball

Tuesday afternoon the Aparima 7/8 boys team vs Southland Boys High School at 5.30pm. It was a close for the first three quarters and we were losing for most of it, but at the last quarter everyone stepped up and played their best. We had four fast breaks one after another and Kyren hit a nice outside shot. We ended up winning 22 - 32

*by Quake Webster*

## Aparima College Clay Target 2018

The start of the Southland Secondary Schools Clay bird shooting season is about to start and here at Aparima College our fundraising efforts have already started, with the hope of sending our team away to the National Championships being held in Christchurch this year in September/October.

On Sunday we held a BBQ fundraiser up at the Western Southland Club Duck Shooters Shoot. A massive thank you must go to **Riverton Butchery** for donating all our sausages to make this a great fundraiser start for us and also to the Western Club for allowing us to use this shoot for our first fundraiser.

Our next catering fundraiser will be at the first Southland Secondary Schools Shoot being held at the Southland Clay Target Club out at Oreti 13 May, where we will be running a canteen and BBQ. Once again we have already received tremendous support from local businesses by offering support and sponsorship to our team. A huge thank you to **Brendon Shearing Contracting** who have donated free baling of donated straw which will be sold to also help our fundraising account to increase to hopefully reach our target.

Once again we are able to put on our fabulous Major Fun Sporting Shoot to be held on Sunday 27 May.

Due to the generosity of **Bryan and Kyla Bickley** offering their property to hold this awesome event and the continued support they have offered to The Clay Shooting Team over a number of years. Pencil this date on your calendar now, more information will be advertised at a later date.

*by Leigh Ronald*

## Attention All Aparima College Parents/Caregivers

We would like to make sure your contact details are correct. We are finding that some of the email addresses, cell phone numbers and addresses we have loaded into our system have changed and we have not been advised.

Teachers would like to inform parents of their child's progress and we need this information updated in case of an emergency. If your details have changed we would very much appreciate if you could please either text only to 027 5244 551 or email [office@aparima.school.nz](mailto:office@aparima.school.nz) with your current email address, cell phone number and home address.

## Aparima College PTA Report Term One

A huge thank you to parents and caregivers who offered and came along to help with our stationery orders at the beginning of the year, your time was very much appreciated. This can be a big job with us doing over 50 stationery orders on one given day for our pupils.

It was fantastic to see our athletes wearing the jackets representing our school up in Timaru recently. These jackets were purchased by us along with a generous donation from the Riverton Op-Shop Community Trust.

On the first day back of Term Two we are delighted to help with the serving of morning tea following the Hakapowhiri to welcome our new Principal Mr Cameron Davis and our new Year 7 Students.

We are once again selling The Entertainment Book for a fundraiser, this is excellent value with many great deals available to be used in Southland and Otago. There is a sample book available to look at in the school office and the Southland District Council office, please call in and have a browse, you will be surprised at the fantastic offers and for every book sold we receive \$12.00 that we can then put towards resources for our students.

We will be hold our AGM in the beginning of Term Two and we would love to see you come along and support us and also join our committee.

*by Leigh Ronald*

## Aparima College Board of Trustee Elections 2018

The elections for a new Board of Trustees are to be held shortly. This is for a term of approximately one year and a fresh election will be held in mid 2019 to realign the school with the national triennial election process.

Key dates for the election process are:

17 April	Close Main Electoral Roll
24 April	Call for nominations by
8 May	Close supplementary Roll
10 May	Nominations Close at noon (12:00pm)
15 May	Voting Papers Issued by
24 May	Voting Day
30 May	Count Votes
31 May	Board/Staff take office

A role needs to be complied of all eligible voters. To help bring the roll up to date could you please inspect the roll at the College Office. Please make sure you are on the roll (particularly addresses, as at each election we have voting envelopes returned because people have moved and not advised the school) this is so you can receive nomination forms and voting papers.

**Note to Remember:** The school term finishes 13 April and Term 2 restarts on 30 April 2018. Any queries contact Lynette Heath, Returning Officer, phone 021 354494 or email [heathfam@outlook.co.nz](mailto:heathfam@outlook.co.nz)

## Support Aparima College Riverton and you'll be rewarded!

We are raising funds for our fundraising and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our fundraiser.

PLUS, order now to receive **over \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly). Please contact Leigh Ronald 03 224 6130

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Happy Holidays everyone, students please stay safe and we will see you all back on Monday 30 April for Term Two

## Up and Coming Events

11 April 2018	Defensive Driving Course 3:05 – 5:00pm
13 April 2018	Last day of School
25-27 April 2018	SADD Conference Dunedin
30 April 2018	First day of Term Two
30 April – 4 May	The Wool Shed Container
7 May 2018	Tertiary Open Day
9 – 11 May 2018	Work Exploration Week Y12-13's
27 May 2018	Aparima College Clay Target Shooting Fundraiser

### SPORTS

13 April 2018	Swimming Sports
14-16 May 2018	OREC Ropes Course

happy holidays!

# Community Notice

## **Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College:**

Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. \$40 per day. 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday 28 April 2018. For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209 or register at Aparima College 234 8900.

## **The Southland Brick Show 28-29 April 2018:**

Southland's Biggest Lego Display - Children \$2, Adults \$3, under 2's Free - Ascot Park Hotel Invercargill, Cnr Tay St & Racecourse Rd. 10-5pm Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> & 10-4pm Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Southland District Libraries present:**

### **Bags of Fun! – April School Holiday program.**

Single use plastic bags are choking waterways, beaches, oceans, and filling landfills around the world. In this school holiday program we will be discussing what people around the world are doing to manage the waste whilst, in some cases, turning it into an income. We will look at what we can do on a personal level to reduce the waste and damage in NZ and learn some new craft skills along the way. **Dates and times as follows: Lumsden Library 16 April 2-4pm, Winton Library 18 April 10-12noon, Te Anau Library 19 April 2-4pm, Riverton Library 20 April 10-12noon, Otatau Library 27 April 10-12noon.** Phone me on 0800 732 542 if you need any further details.

## **Volunteers desperately needed:**

Te Hikoi Museum is a great asset to our community, but we are struggling. Some locals think that the heritage charge in their rates comes to us, but that is not the case, only a small part comes back to Te Hikoi - it's not enough to cover our overheads and we have to apply each year for it, so we are heavily reliant on volunteers. Our current volunteer shortage means we don't always have someone to cover front of house duties, which means little time for the manager to focus on making us more sustainable. We apologise if we are unable to accommodate guided school visits or if you find us closed some days that will just be the reality if the manager gets sick or needs to take leave. If you would like to help out by volunteering, please get in touch, a few hours a week from you could be enough to help give us momentum to get things flying again.

**Spirit of Adventure:** Half Day Sail around Auckland Harbour – Thursday 12 April 2018, 9am – 12noon. Book online [www.spiritofadventure.org.nz](http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz).



**SOUTHLAND SHOOTERS**  
- SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION -  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND  
9AM-3PM  
YEARS 3-6 THURSDAY 19 APRIL \$35  
YEARS 7-10 TUESDAY 24 APRIL \$35  
\*FAMILY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO  
[WWW.BASKETBALLSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY](http://WWW.BASKETBALLSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY)

For Sale: Church Pews for Sale.  
\$100 each. Contact Marion Ruda on  
03 234 9321 or 027 495 7875.

## APARIMA COLLEGE CLAY SHOOTING TEAM FUNDRAISER

To help send College Shooting Team to National Competitions  
In Christchurch 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018



Clay Target Sporting Shoot  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
\$40.00 Registration  
(60 Targets)

Start 10.00 – 10:30 am

Bryan & Kyla Bickley's Rock Quarry  
111 Carran Road, Waipango, Riverton

Ammunition available to purchase (Must have Firearms  
Licence)

BBQ, Raffles & Prizes.

For inquiries Leigh Ronald Ph 2246130 Neill & Keri Horrell  
Ph 2246056



## Aparima College Scarves

Now that the weather is getting a little cooler out there, perhaps it's time for students to invest in an Aparima College scarf \$25 each or if you would to knit your own a knitting kit for \$20 can also be purchased that contains everything you need to make your scarf. Scarves and Knitting Kits can be purchased from the College office.



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