



APARIMA MATTERS

Message from the Principal

This is the last newsletter by the College prior to senior students taking study leave and sitting end of year examinations. As senior students you are about to embark on a period of intense study and concentration – although one would hope you had been studying long before now. Oprah Winfrey once said “Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.” If those words are indeed true, which I believe they are, then this is an opportunity for you all to gain a stamp in your passport and a nationally recognised qualification under your belt. I encourage you all to make the most of the time you have in examinations to achieve all you are capable of.

Study in short bursts Research shows studying in small short bursts can be very effective, especially if you are lacking motivation or the information is challenging. The iStudyAlarm, downloadable from iTunes or Google Play, times you to study for 20 minutes and gives you a 5 minute break. It also has 27 study tips, 12 exam tips and 12 break ideas. Practice old exam papers Not only does this allow you to find out which questions you know and don't know, it also will give you a sense of how the paper is structured so you become familiar with the language and way questions are asked. Old exam papers can be accessed online through the study it website <http://www.studyit.org.nz/> . The advantage of having the old papers also means you can practice the paper over several days, without the time pressure of a real exam. Once you have finished a section, check online for the answers. Again focus your study time on the questions you got wrong.

I wish the senior students every success for their external examinations.

*Kaye Day
Principal*



Going Places.....

Jessica Ladbrook, our Deputy Head Girl, has won a prestigious award, The Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship. This entitles Jessica to preferential entry to her chosen hall of residence, automatic course approval and \$6,000 towards her university costs. Jessica has a confident attitude and a well thought out plan for her future. Congratulations Jessica, we look forward to hearing about the amazing things you achieve in your life.

*By Mrs Fraser
Deputy Principal*



Congratulations to.....

Grayson Elder who was named in the South Island Under 48kg Rugby Team. Well done Grayson.

S.M.A.C Maths

On Wednesday 21 September at James Hargest College, four Year 9 students Jack Halder, Scott Fleck, Olivia Black and Courtney Loveridge participated in the Year 9 S.M.A.C Maths competition. After a gruelling 30 minutes we finished. We were placed in the top nine, and surprisingly we ended up with a delicious spot prize, a chocolate calculator each. It was great effort put in by everyone. A team of four Year 10 students also participated; Sam Menzies, Ben Cleaver, Henry Wallace and Mary-Jane Grove. We would like to say thank you to Mr Fraser for entering us and Miss Careswell for watching and supporting us; also our parents.

by Olivia Black and Courtney Loveridge



Young Enterprise

In Year 10 English we have entered in the Young Enterprise Epic Challenge. Our group (Ben, Henry, Jaedyn and Tony) were then put to the 'challenge' to collect information about different careers and jobs, and then promote one. We decided to research the career, Veterinarian. It was a challenge trying to gather information and put it all together on a website. We have now sent the website and all our information, now we wait for a response to say that we are the champions.

by *Henry Wallace*



The Epic Challenge

Recently in Year 10 we have been looking at 'The Epic Challenge', this has involved researching primary industries, studying target markets and producing a promotional strategy. Our team (Sinainn Pollard and I) studied the career of Environmental Science. Our promotional strategy included building a website, creating social media accounts and making a promotional video. We have entered our website into the national competition which has \$8000 of prizes up for grabs.

by *Mary Jane Grove*



Poster Competition

Longwood Care Home are running a poster competition for a static image. The poster is to provide information around the Whanau room which is called Cosy Nook. The poster should be an open invitation to family to use the room and to help themselves to the facilities available in the room.

The winning entry will be displayed on the main window of the room. Competitors have free choice around the size of the poster. The first prize is a voucher to the value of \$50 and there will be spot prizes.

Competition closes on the 2nd of December. If you require further information see Mr Buckley

by *Mrs Ward*

Te Ara Whakatipu (My Experience)

During the first week of the holidays, I got to take part in an adventure that took me deep into Fiordland. It was an amazing experience that I wish more people could have been part of. Sadly the numbers were limited to 11 but next year the opportunity shall arise again for students between ages 14-18 and a registered member of Ngāi Tahu.

I am very thankful to those that helped me be part of this tramp in the Hollyford Valley giving me the opportunity to walk in the footprints of my ancestors.

This tramp was a seven day adventure. Day one was just a get together day with the trampers arriving from Wellington, Christchurch and other places across New Zealand. Day two we got into the van and travelled to the start of the Hollyford track, a 20 km track which we crushed out in a few hours with many stops along the way for our very knowledgeable guide to teach us many cool and exciting things about the plants around us. We reached the lodge where we stayed for the next few days. Our wonderful leaders had many activities for us to do like, constructing an eel trap from supple jack (vines), flax weaving, visiting a seal colony (where a yellow crested penguin came a meter away from us), visiting a failed settlement called Jamestown, and many other amazing things.

I would like to emphasise the fact that normally this trip would have cost anywhere between \$2000 to \$3000 but because of the amazing benefits for Ngāi Tahu members all we had to pay for was the travelling cost to get to the first lodge.

I took many things away from this tramp, new leadership skills, and new knowledge on topics like the Haast Eagle and trees, but most of all I got to see people become better people than what they were. Many of the other trampers were shy on the first few days but seeing someone who is normally shy lead discussions and helping others was an experience itself.

I would recommend this adventure to everyone who can take part, and I promise you will not be let down by it.

by *Joel Seager*

Cups and Trophies

All cups and trophies received by students at last year's Aparima College prize giving are to be cleaned and returned to the College office ASAP please.



Aparima College PRIZE GIVING

is being held on
Thursday 15 December at 7:30pm

**All students, Year 7-13, must attend and be in full correct
school uniform.**

Everyone is to be seated by 7:20pm

All Welcome



Year 12 Photography in Action.....



Work by Zyntarah MacDonald



Work by Laura Menzies



Career information for Senior Students and Parents

At this time of year students are selecting subjects for NCEA classes or looking at moving into a career or another tertiary provider.

If your child is in this position here are a number of websites you can visit for information.

NCEA

NZQA have put out a really good little video around how NCEA works. If you attended the Options Night on 18 October you would have viewed this video. If you were unable to attend then you can see this video by going to YouTube and typing in Understanding NCEA (animated version). The NZQA site www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualification also gives very good information and direction around how this qualification works.

Leaving School

Career Quest – Careers New Zealand – This website has an amazing amount of information. It is the government website for career education and well worth an in depth look.

This site holds the latest information available. It is regularly updated and has many links to other sites that pertain to career information. There is also an on line quiz that you can do with your child.

At Aparima College our students complete this quiz in Year 10 in preparation for subject selection for NCEA Level 1. We also take our Year 10 students to the Career Fest held in August and the Open Day at SIT in September. Career decision making is a unit of work covered in year 10 English so these visits fit nicely into this learning.

This site gives information for those leaving school www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-careers/im-at-school-and-need-ideas/thinking-about-leaving-school/leaving-school-checklist

If you are wanting to know more about different occupations the following site is useful please visit www.mbie.govt.nz

There are a number of publications available for students. These are kept in the school library and there are enough that the students can take them home.

LEAVING SCHOOL – A free guide to study and career options for secondary school students Years 10 – 13

JETmag – The essential guide to life after school. JETmag is available on line as well. Just type in JETmag in Google search engine and you will be able to access it.

CareersNZ have also put out a video which you can access on YouTube called –Student Life in New Zealand. Five students are interviewed about their experiences as students. This video gives good advice and a realistic view of student life.

To know anything about studying at another Tertiary Provider such as a University, Polytechnic or Private training provider e.g. SAE Institute, the best advice I can give you is to go to their website and read the information provided. There is generally a free number to call for information. If you don't know what providers are out there do a Google search for providers for the area that you are interested in.

by Mrs Ward
Careers Advisor

UP AND COMING EVENTS

4 November	Senior Students last day
7 November	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
8 November	First Aid Course Year 12
9 November	NZQA EXAMS START
11 November	Aparima Ink Medieval Feast
15 November	Year 9 NZ Speech Exams
16 November	Year 6 Orientation Visit
21 – 23 November	Year 9 Camp Borland Lodge
30 – 2 December	Year 8 Camp
5 – 7 December	Year 10 Camp
15 December	Last day all students
15 December	Prize giving 7.30pm
30 January 2017	First day of Term 1
	11:00 am Course Confirmation Year 11 and 13 students.
	12:00 pm Course Confirmation Year 12 students
	Period 5 classes for all Year 11-13 students
31 January 2017	All students to attend



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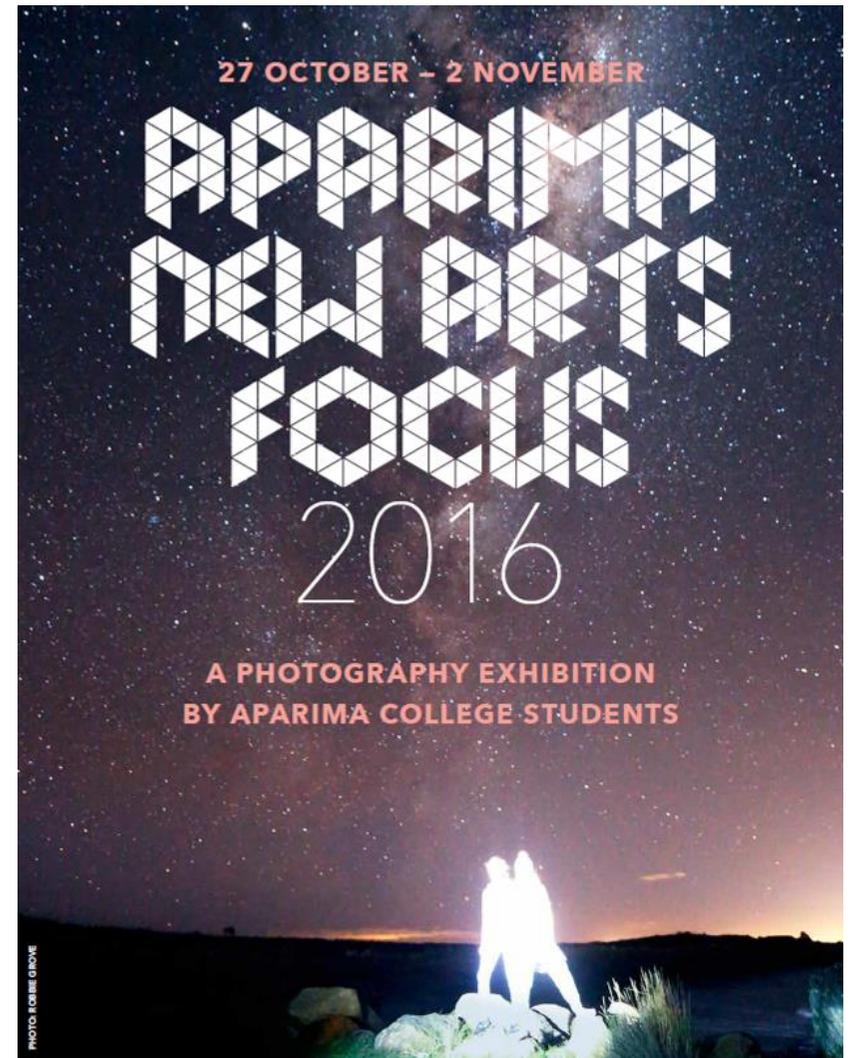
4 November	Southland Secondary Sports Awards
29 November	Southland Jnr Ki O Rahi Tournament

Community Notice

Riverton Community Medical Trust:

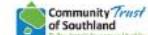
We wish to inform Individuals, Community Groups and Organisations that we are offering a Grant. This is to provide resources, programmes or training likely to enhance the public awareness, benefit or access to Health Services. A map showing the designated area including Riverton, Orepuke, Colac Bay,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

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 149 Palmerston Street, Riverton
 Open: 12pm-4pm Thursday to Sunday
www.rivertonarts.org.nz

SUPPORTED BY:



Invitations to the Public Opening at the Riverton Arts Centre
 will be sent home on Friday.

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