



# APARIMA MATTERS

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2016. It does not seem that long ago that we welcomed in a new academic year and already we are bidding farewell to it. Our students have had notable successes again this year, with many students achieving "personal bests." The ability of our students to foot it with the best in the country is evident and this will be attested to at the annual school prize giving ceremony on Thursday 15 December.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to the students and staff of the school who have worked hard to make 2016 a year to be proud of. It has been a real pleasure to watch the students aspire and reach personal goals, to receive local, regional and national recognition for their efforts and to acquit themselves with distinction. Our students are such wonderful ambassadors for our school, our town and our region. I would also like to thank the parents and wider community who continue to actively support the school and our many endeavours.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, on behalf of the students, staff and our commissioner Nicola Hornsey I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, prosperous and relaxing Christmas. We look forward to returning in 2017 to continue our educational journey together.

*Kaye Day  
Principal  
Aparima College*



### Visitors to Aparima College

For the College to comply with the Health and Safety Laws and The Vulnerable Children's Act any person coming onto the College grounds whether it be parents and caregivers, contractors etc. must sign in at the College office and permission will be given from there regarding access to the school.

### Year 9 Camp – Borland lodge

On Monday 21 November we Year 9's accompanied by five teachers; Mr Jones, Mr Fraser, Miss Careswell, Miss McCullum and Mrs Fraser were packed and prepared for a three day trip to Borland Lodge for this year's Year 9 Camp. We started our day by taking a two hour drive to the Lodge. The weather was slightly gloomy at first but soon brightened up as the day progressed. We arrived at the Lodge around noonish. We continued our day by playing team building games, making a bivy and going for a small hike. On our second day we headed off on a day of fun as we attended our group activities, such as kayaking, swimming, fishing and a low ropes course. On our last day we planned to go on a hike but unfortunately it was cancelled because of bad weather. Instead we drove to the ILT Stadium Southland, where we had a chance to play games with Bubble Balls. We ended the day by driving back to school. It was an awesome experience one to definitely look back on.

*by Briana Blasco*



### Year 8 Camp - Cromwell

Great time had by all on the Year 8 Camp in Cromwell.



*Aparima College Governance Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13 December at 7:00pm in the Graphics Room. All welcome to attend.*

## Gateway Programme 2017

This is an exciting programme where senior students actively participate in structured workplace learning. It offers them a chance to gain new skills and knowledge in a workplace in the community while still working towards NCEA credits. The learning is hands on and practical and is an opportunity to begin a career pathway while still at school. Please note that this is unpaid work.



One day a week for a minimum of ten weeks students will go to their respective work places and work towards achieving Unit Standards, the support from Employers is valued and their skills and knowledge will help students to achieve not only academically but also with learning how to work as a team and what exactly the job entails. Each student is required to complete 20 credits during this programme which can be completed at school or in their own time.

This year we have placed students in: Kindergarten, Primary School, Childcare, Radio, Farming, Hospitality, Retail, Building, Animal Welfare, Beauty and Therapy and Mechanic. Many students over the years have been offered full time employment and the opportunity for an apprenticeship from being on the Gateway Programme. This programme gives students the opportunity to show the employer what they are capable of and if they impress them the students never know what may come out of it. We also encourage students to ask for a reference at the end of their placement as this can be very helpful for the future.

I would like to encourage parents/caregivers of senior students to discuss Gateway as an option for 2017 and if a student is interested in finding out more please come and see myself or Mrs Fraser the first week back in 2017.

*by Tania Cleaver*

*Gateway Coordinator*

## Community Gardens

For the past five weeks the class of 9F have planted things at the community gardens next to the Riverton Child Care. We have planted things like cabbage, celery, lettuce and leeks. Nearly every day we head down to water our plants and to weed the garden. They have been a huge success.

*by Scott Fleck and Levi Mennell*



## Time for a clean out.....

If anyone has the following items no longer in use, our Soft Materials Technology class would really appreciate your donation of the following: Left over Fabric, Sheets (good condition), Curtains or Curtain lining, Thread, Wool, Buttons, Fabric Dye, and Margarine/Ice-cream Containers. A good excuse to have a spring clean of those cupboards over the Xmas holidays. Please drop off to the office or ring and leave a message with Mrs Ferguson.



## Southland Golf Championships

On 24 November Carl Bailey, Kalani Grimwood, Reuben Brand and Daniel Lord went to Drummond to play in the Southland Golf Championship. Everyone had to be at school by 8:00am in the morning. It was a quick trip to Drummond and then the action happened. We all got a sponsors T-shirt and cap which we proudly wore for the photo shoot and then the games began.

We started off doing activities, our best activity and first was snagging where we had giant wedges and hit tennis balls at a velcro target. The aim of the game was to get no points and if you missed the target altogether you get 100 points and you are trying to get the least number of points as possible.

We did three more games and then we had some lunch, we got drinks, savouries, salad and sausages on bread. Once we finished we had a game of touch rugby with four other students. We played for a little while before having to leave and head to the first tee off. So we started and the first swing for Reuben he managed to break the tee, a sign of things to come? We were playing really well and Kalani had a really cool swing. Then Reuben had his ball on the tee and he swung and managed to hit the tee out from under the ball without touching the ball.

Sadly we didn't win anything but we still had a really enjoyable day playing at the Southland Golf Championship. A special thanks to Mrs Wallace for organising the golf at the school and Mr Grimwood for walking around the golf course in the rain with us.

*by Daniel & Reuben*



## Year 9 Science Expedition

On Thursday 1 December, both Year 9 classes took a half day field trip to the estuary where we would collect data for our end of year assessment. We stopped off at five different observation sites in groups of four. The first site we analysed was at the mouth of the estuary and we walked down to as far as the edge of the river for our final site. At each site we visited, we took samples of the water, quadrat and core sample observations. With the water we were trying to find out how much salt there was in the water, at different locations of the estuary. In the quadrat and core samples, we looked for any animals, shellfish, insects, weeds and different sand layers. To top off our day we had a feed of hot chips shouted by the legendary Miss Heath!

*by Amy Shearing and Teagan Ashley*



## Year 10 Camp - Te Anau

On Monday 5th December the Year 10's set off for their three day camp in Te Anau. The vans were packed and we were all on the road to Te Anau by 9.30am. First up was to unpack and have lunch at the Te Anau Lakeview Holiday Park before we all headed off for a 3 hour walk which started at Rainbow Reach and ended back at camp in Te Anau. Next thing we knew it was tea time and then we hopped on the boat and we were off to the Glow Worm Caves.

Day two was another full day with the students being split into three groups and they all had a go at sailing, kayaking and mini golf followed by a biscuit and/or skiing on the back of Mr Fraser's boat and then a swim in the lake. After a huge day of activities it was back to camp for a late tea and then lots of laughs at the night time entertainment which were skits by the staff and students. Then on day three we had breakfast, packed up and on the road heading to Invercargill to our last activity, Bubble Ball at Stadium Southland with a stop at Queens Park for a bite of lunch. If the students were not already tired they sure were after Bubble Ball.

We were so lucky with the weather as it was lovely and sunny on day one and day two was overcast but warm with a light wind and a flat lake making it perfect for the activities. This was the first time I had been on a school camp and I congratulate Mr Jones, Mrs Fraser, Miss Careswell and Mr Fraser for a fun filled camp that was super organised, offered numerous activities and ran like clockwork. These camps are no holiday as we were up by 7am and did not get into our beds till midnight. The students were fantastic and I am sure they slept very well back in their own beds on Wednesday night. A big thank you also to Mr Hillman and Mr Van der Spuy who came up on day two to run the sailing and to Mr Fraser for using his boat, biscuit and skis.

*by Tania Cleaver*



### Starting Dates for 2017

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



## 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**

## Air Force Career

Students who are interested in an Air Force Career that can get to **Dunedin Airport on 24 January, Queenstown Airport on 25 January, and Invercargill Airport 26 January 2017** as the Air Force are going to have their Texan Air Trainers at these three locations at the end of the Xmas School Holidays. This is a unique opportunity for those students to meet and talk to the pilots and have a good look at the Aircraft. Please have them contact either myself [GREGORY.FAGG@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:GREGORY.FAGG@NZDF.mil.nz) or Bob Willis – [MICHAEL.WILLIS@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:MICHAEL.WILLIS@NZDF.mil.nz) to express interest in this opportunity. Once we have numbers we will give details of times/places etc. for the visit. *Students who have an interest in Air Force (for more information please see Mrs Ward)*

## Up and Coming Events

12 December	Duke of Edinburgh Tramp
13 December	Governance Meeting 7:00pm – Graphics Room
15 December	LAST DAY all students
15 December	PRIZE GIVING 7.30pm

**Aparima College  
would like to wish everyone a  
very Merry Christmas and a safe  
and happy New Year**



## Another busy year.....

**SPEAK  
UP &  
SING  
OUT**

## A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus. He is wearing a red hat with a white pom-pom and large red glasses. He has a pink face with rosy cheeks and a small black nose. The illustration is positioned at the top of the page, above the 'Introduction' section.



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