



APARIMA MATTERS

The Aparima College Way

There is a well-known Maori proverb which says:

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Relationships are at the heart of any school. The professional relationships teachers have with their students. The respectful learning relationships students have with their teachers and each other. The positive and supportive relationships we all have during the school day as each goes about the business of learning and achieving is what makes Aparima College a pleasant place to be.

The idea that our school is a safe and happy place for everyone is a very important one. We want a positive atmosphere in our school, we want staff and students to care about each other and to care about the school and what happens here. Many past students have described their time at the school as being part of a big family, a whanau brought together by a common interests to succeed and enjoy our time here as members of Aparima College.

At the core of this belief is our overarching school value: Respect. When we initially considered what respect meant for us as a school we consulted with staff, students and the wider community. Through this consultation we came to believe 'Respect' was the core value of our school and that it could be separated out into three main concepts:

First is ***Respect for Self***. At the heart of this concept is the idea that we, as individuals need to have a healthy respect for ourselves. We need to treat ourselves well, we need to show how positive and purposeful we can be about our learning and our behaviour. We need to be honest, enthusiastic, motivated and engaged. We need to show ourselves as the best possible person we can be.

The second of the three concepts is ***Respect for Others***. It is important that we treat others as we wish to be treated. At Aparima College we do not accept bullying, we do not accept put-downs or negative teasing, we do not accept cyber bullying, we do not accept physical bullying, we do not accept dishonesty about others. This is not the Aparima College way. By asking that we show respect for others we are encouraging you all to model the behaviour you wish to have shown to you. We are encouraging you to model the behaviour that is necessary to be a successful member of society.

The third concept is ***Respect for the Environment***. This means we respect and look after our school buildings, our playground, our sports fields, our classrooms. None of us want to work in a room that smells bad or that looks bad. None of us want to walk around the school and see rubbish everywhere. What litterers may not realise is that when they are too lazy to use the rubbish bins provided they are not only being disrespectful about our school, they are being disrespectful to their fellow students and the staff, and they are also lowering the amount of respect others will show them.

Please honour our school values. Please show respect to yourself, to others and to our school environment. Hold open doors for people, say good morning, put your rubbish in the bins provided, speak nicely to each other and about each other, don't use cellphones and social media to be mean, treat yourself and each other with kindness and consideration. Be the person that you want others to like and respect.

By doing that you will be actively engaged in doing things the Aparima College way.

Principal's first assembly address to the students

Kaye Day

Principal



Governance Meeting

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Governance Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Graphics Room. A copy of the Agenda is available on request from the College office: office@aparima.school.nz

Introducing our Head Students for 2017

Emma Ronald – Head Girl

As Head Girl I will endeavour to provide support and guidance to my school peers. This role also supports the reputation of our school, and I see this as also supporting Management and the other teachers to positively promote Aparima College. I want to leave this school knowing I have given something back and made a difference.

I have spent many hours within the school, and so many of the staff have gone the "extra mile" for me. Being Head Girl allows me to go the "extra mile" for others.

I have found that if you are content and happy in your working environment then you will naturally work harder and put more effort into both school work and extra-curricular activities, which equally both contribute, to creating a well-rounded student. I want to make sure that the students of our school are able to flourish in an environment where they can enjoy themselves in. My goal this year is to establish positive interactions through lunchtime activities for all students. I would love to include our community by inviting them to shared events at Aparima College during this year.



Shakaiya Raman-Angus – Deputy Head Girl

I am Shakaiya, most known as Kaiya and I am the Deputy Head Girl of Aparima College for 2017. As deputy, my goals are to provide more Te Reo to the school to ensure students gain proper understanding of our culture and our school Tikanga and to provide a student voice for the fellow students.

I also want to encourage the students to be positive towards their years at school and to give everything a go as it goes a long way. For example, getting a leadership position when I leave Aparima after being here since 2014. I intend on having a career along the hospitality pathway.



Tyla Lonneker – Mana Leader

I am Tyla Lonneker and I am one of your three Mana Leaders for 2017. My aim throughout this school year is to inflict positivity towards all students and staff. I aim to be supportive in helping students achieve their goals and enjoy their time here at school. I am a very approachable person but overall I would like to spread positivity and help students reach their fullest potential.



Laura Menzies – Mana Leader

I am Laura Menzies and am one of your Mana Leaders for Aparima College. I intend to help out the school and students in any way I can. This leadership position encourages me to be a better role model for fellow students.

As this is my last year here, I wish for it to be constructive and worthwhile so I look forward to what this year has to bring.



Zyntarah MacDonald – Mana Leader

My name is Zyntarah MacDonald and I am one out of three of your Mana leaders for 2017. I came to Aparima College in 2012 and since then I have realised what a privilege it is to have such a small school which is why I want to help all the students make the most of this year.

My goal is to be a leader that the students in the school can look up to and come to for support for anything, and feel comfortable doing so.

I also would like to promote the school in many different ways possible and let every student strive for their best, as it has come clear to me that over the past year life can be taken from you so quick.

In my final year I would like to help improve Aparima College for the students now and students in the future.



Gateway/Work Exploration

- Reminder to Year 12 and 13 students to go and see Mrs Fraser or Mrs Cleaver if you are interested in doing Gateway this year.
- Work Exploration will be Week 2 in Term 2 on Wednesday 10, Thursday 12, Friday 13 May and this is for all Year 12 and 13 students. Students are encouraged to start thinking about where they would like to be placed for these three days and to discuss this with their parents/caregivers. If students are unsure of a career path they would like to go down, you could go the following website and take the careers quiz www.careers.govt.nz/tools/careerquest/question this is a great tool for parents and students to go through together. There is a series of questions to go through and then it collates your answers to show a career pathway to suit you. More information on Work Exploration will go out to students and parents in a couple of weeks.

Tania Cleaver

Gateway/Work Exploration Coordinator

Aparima College PTA News

Welcome to all parents and caregivers to a new year here at Aparima College, we are a very small committee that work quietly behind the scenes helping with events and assisting with practical help within the school when needed. Our first project for this year was doing the stationery orders over four days. A sincere thank you to our two families that responded to our request for help and came along to help us, with over 80 orders on our first day their help was very much appreciated, we had one ex school leaver pupil and her friend help and a mum who was able to come in her lunch hour. These extra hands certainly made a huge difference in getting these orders done in time.

by *Leigh Ronald*

Year 7 Activity Day

On Friday 3 February the Year 7's participated in a fun activity day. One of the activities were to dress up in newspaper and at the end of the day a fashion show. Every group chose one person to be a model. We could only use newspaper, tape and scissors. We had a certain amount of time to make a costume. When each group had finished making a costume for their model we had the fashion show. During the fashion show we walked around the library and did a twirl or a dance. After every model had walked around the library we got judged. Joseph Braithwaite 1st, Mya Shaw 2nd and Caitlin Colligan 3rd.

Thank you for the Year 13 and the teachers that planned the day, we all appreciated your help.

by *Caitlyn Colligan and Mya Sha*



We would like to extend a big thank you to the ladies of the Aparima College PTA for taking the time out of their busy days to come and make up all the stationery orders. We very much appreciate this help.



A Message from the Ministry of Social Development

The Ministry of Social Development's clients can now use MyMSD to apply online quickly and easily for assistance with school uniform and stationery costs, so they don't need to visit their Work and Income office. <https://my.msd.govt.nz/>

Applicants can upload verification of the cost, usually a quote from the supplier. If the payment is approved, they will receive notification by text or by email. The approved amount will be loaded to their payment card or paid direct to registered suppliers who can't receive the payment card.

A reminder to all students, please name all your uniform, PE gear and stationary. If it is not named we cannot return items to you.

MAORI EDUCATION TRUST – 2017 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications are now available, please see Mrs Ward if you would like to know more information and to collect an application form.

Up and Coming Events

21 February 2017
22 February 2017
2 March 2017
10 – 13 May 2017

Governance Meeting at 7:30pm
YES E-Day 9:00am – 1:30pm at Centre Stage, Ingill
Newsletter
Work Exploration

Sports

18 – 19 February 2017
19 February 2017
21 February 2017
23 February 2017
24 February 2017
25 February 2017
3 March 2017
7 March 2017
10 March 2017
11 March 2017
12 March 2017

Otago/Southland Water-skiing Champs
Southland Softball Champs
Southland Tennis Teams Champs
Western Swimming at Riverton
Southland Triathlon Champs
Southland Surfing Champs
APARIMA COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY
Southland Touch Tournament
Southland Athletics
Paddles Up
Southland Seniors Volleyball Champs

Community Notice

For Sale:

Aparima College uniform – Boys Blazer size 96 in very good condition. Boys trousers size 80cm, Shorts size 14 (never been worn), School tie phone 0273229552

Western Tennis Association and Tennis Southland:

Have identified Riverton as an area where we would like to increase participation in tennis. Western Tennis and Aparima College have provided financial support to spruce up the courts at the College. To support this, a four week coaching programme will be established in Term 1 2017. Expressions of interest are now being accepted. Days/dates: Saturday mornings 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3. Times: To be confirmed upon registration. Where possible. Players will be grouped with others of similar ability. Cost: TBC. The cost will be shared amongst participants in the group. Venue: Aparima College, Riverton. Queries should be directed to Tracy at Tennis Southland: Tracy@tennissouthland.co.nz 03 2112251/027 6369296.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Hosted by St. Mary's Anglican Church, Riverton
on Friday 3rd March at 7pm.
Supper to follow.

Riverton Netball Club Trials:

Saturday 18th February Juniors 10-11.30am- Seniors 1-3pm

Wednesday 22nd February - Juniors 3.30-5pm - Seniors 5.30-7pm

Sunday 26th February - All trialists to attend at 1pm

Juniors are years 4, 5 and 6 and Seniors are Year 7 and up. There will be a Future Ferns programme in Term 2 for years 1, 2 and 3!!! The trials will be held at the Aparima College courts Napier Street in Riverton. It is expected that you attend at least 2 of the 3 trials – If you can't attend trials or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact either our President Lynley Woodward 0272805279, or Club Captain Shelley Wills 0274641141. Also if there is anyone interested in coaching or managing a team please get in contact with us. We can't wait to see you there!!

Auditions:

Tall Poppy Productions is looking for young people to audition for roles in The Innocence Project - 40 Years On. I am holding auditions for dancers and actors for the production. There are also opportunities for students who write poems and who paint as there will be an exhibition of paintings based on the poetry in the production. More information can be found at <http://annacannon.co.nz/innocence-multi-media-production/>. Anna Cannon, Director/Writer, Tall Poppy Productions, The Innocence Project - 40 Years On - Phone 03 213 1191 or 027 69 33 777.

A Stitch in Time:

Riverton Union Church on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 9-11 am. Starting Thursday 23 February. A place where people can come and learn new skills. Knitting. Crochet. Sewing by hand or machine. Bring along your sewing machine if you need help with it. Maybe your machine needs a clean and oil. Work on your own projects away from home without interruptions. A chance to share your skills with others or learn from someone else. Join us for a cuppa and some company. Come along on the day or for more information contact Linley 03 2349979 or Beth 03 2348360.



Riverton Rugby Club Registration Day

A, B, C & D Grades

U14, U15 and U17/18

Registration day will be held on

Friday 24th February, at the Riverton Rugby Club rooms,

6-7pm. Subs for this season are as follows:

A,B,C & D Grades - \$45 for one player, \$80 for two,
\$110 for three or more.

U14, U15 and U17/18 - \$50 per player

Socks - \$20 per pair.

For those of you who are unable to attend,
but wish to express your interest please contact

Britt Cleaver (Convenor) on 0273793699

or email cbs.cleaver@xtra.co.nz

We are also interested in hearing from any parents
who are willing to help out with coaching and management of teams.



Riverton Athletics Club:

Wednesday nights at 6:00pm at Riverton Rugby grounds. Any queries please contact Debra 027 414 8632.

(SAYGO):

A "Steady as You Go (SAYGO)" falls prevention programme for aged 65+ adults is starting in the Union Church, Palmerston Street on Wednesdays at 11.15 to 12.15. This 11 week course of exercises will cost \$2.00 per week. Coordinator: Melissa Aitken 0275333600

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