



# APARIMA MATTERS



## From the Principal's Desk

Following the Ministry of Education approval of our 10 Year Property Plan the school is now in a position to begin the much awaited redevelopment of the Junior area of the school. Innovative learning spaces that allow for a variety of teaching and learning scenarios are now the norm when redesigning learning spaces with opportunities for teachers and students to work collaboratively in small groups or come together for large group shared teaching experiences.

Naturally as an older school we are constrained by the physical design of the buildings that already exist on the school site, however in consultation with architects and our project manager we have settled on an exciting design that makes the most of the space available.

The school is about to begin a curriculum redesign investigation process. The process will involve a curriculum design team consisting of senior managers and teaching staff investigating a variety of curriculum design models across a range of schools in NZ, as well as engaging in the study of pedagogy and undertaking professional reading. School visits will be an integral part of the design process. The curriculum design process is intended to realign the school's practice with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning effective practice. It is anticipated that the curriculum redesign process will take approximately 18 months from inception until roll out in time for the commencement of the 2019 school year.

To sit alongside this curriculum redesign must be a strong commitment to digital technologies in schools and a thorough investigation of both tethered devices and moving the school rapidly toward a BYOD (bring your own device) environment. In New Zealand in July 2016 the Minister of Education announced the introduction of digital technologies into the New Zealand Curriculum. With this came the intention to value digital fluency across all subjects – that is the appropriate and confident use of technological thinking and tool use. NZQA has announced the implementation of external examinations becoming digitally administered starting in 2018.

Senior students have approximately 13 weeks until end of year external examinations. Please encourage them to begin reviewing and revising their learning notes in preparation for externals. Approximately 1 hour of revision a night at this time of year is generally sufficient to ensure students are well prepared.

*Kaye Day  
Principal*

## Improving safety at Riverton Bridge

We have been given the chance to make a change within the community and surroundings, so myself and Jaimee Watson have decided to challenge ourselves and make a change. As some of you know we have posted on Facebook raising concern about the reflective mirror on the north side of the Riverton bridge. We have taken it to the community to get their opinion and thoughts on this idea.

We have had great comments and heaps of support for which we are really pleased. I have been in contact with Maureen Deuchrass who is Southland's Road User Safety Advisor. From there she emailed some of her contacts to raise my concern with them. They then forwarded my emails to Josh Webb who is involved with NZTA and I'm currently waiting for a response from him to see where to go next. This has progressed faster than we were expecting which is a positive thing and we are grateful for community support.

*by Katie Ronald Year 12*



## Sporting Achievements

Madisyn Wills, Rose Winders and Teagan Ashley who have made Central Netball Representative Teams. They will compete in tournaments in Invercargill, Balclutha and Gore.

Quake Webster, Nicholas Mennell and Aiden Turner who have made the Southland U13 Representative Basketball Teams.

Also to Jackson Bevin made the Under 15 Southland Basketball Team.

Kaitlin Heath-Tree made the U13 Invercargill Collier girls Hockey team to play in national tournament in Tauranga in October.

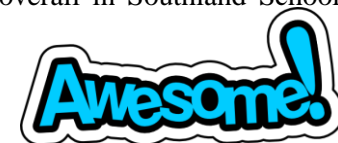
Madisyn Wills made the U13 Invercargill Festival girls Hockey team to play in South Island tournament in Christchurch in October. Well done to you all.

## Hands-On Otago (14 - 19 January 2018)

Applications are now open for Year 12 students to apply to attend this great experience, real life studies in a university setting. Staying at a Hall of residence and interacting with University lecturers, tutors and senior students, small groups focus on a selected field of interest. Over 30 projects are offered including areas such as philosophy, archaeology, marine studies, biochemistry, and genetics. See Mr Le Breton for more details and how to apply.

## Congratulations

Aparima College Year 7 netball team came third overall in Southland Schools Tournament. Great work team!



## CareerFest 2017

On Friday 28 July students from Year 10, 12 and 13 went to ILT Stadium Southland for CareerFest Southland 2017.

CareerFest is an annual event which offers students the opportunity to engage in conversations with education providers, industry training experts, businesses and government agencies to learn about the world of work in a variety of settings.

Students are able to clarify goals and talk directly with those offering training or who are directly engaged in the work force.

The 46 exhibitor stands were diverse, with students experiencing caring for animals, using balance boards for health, braiding hair and riding exercise bikes.

Thank you to staff who attended and supported students on this trip.

*by Mrs Ward*



## English Perfect World Series

This is a competition run through Education Perfect in which 90 of our students competed against students from all over the world, including Australia, Canada, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and Hong Kong. Our students had to answer as many questions as they could on grammar, spelling, vocabulary, language features and comprehension. Globally, nearly 15 million questions were answered.

The combined effort of students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have gained Aparima College a remarkable standing in New Zealand and globally. Of the small schools, we are ranked **First in the world** out of 83 schools, and 68<sup>th</sup> globally out of 1036 schools, and 29<sup>th</sup> out of the 252 NZ schools that participated. It was also really pleasing that 14 of our students gained awards including:

- Tynan Brown from Year 11 who gained a Silver Award by answering over 2000 questions,
- Trixie Bull, Jamie Rule and Levi Mennell who gained Bronze Awards by answering more than 1000 questions, and
- Tony Watson, Blake Mennell, Taine Paulin, Courtney Loveridge, Erin Seager, Ben Cleaver, Jakob Woodward, Olivia Black, Taleaha King and Scott Fleck, who all gained Credit Awards for answering over 500 questions.

These students all gain certificates and entry into a global prize draw for iTunes vouchers, ipads and laptops. Well done everyone!

*by Mrs Grove*

## Pasta Pasta Pasta!!

The Year 8's have made pasta from scratch this week - processing technologies. Today they enjoyed their creations to which they added a homemade Italian tomato sauce.



**A reminder SPCA Cup Cake Day**  
**Homes Fur All**  
Monday 14 August

Cupcakes will be on sale during interval and  
Lunchtime \$2 each.

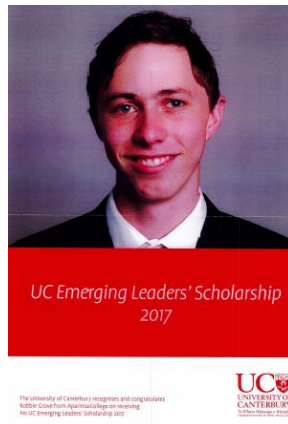




## Emerging Leaders Scholarship

Congratulations to Robbie Grove in receiving the University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders Scholarship. This pays for some of the tuition fees and a place on the Emerging Leaders Development Programme, and is granted for academic excellence and leadership.

Robbie Grove wishes to thank the staff of Aparima College and his Boys Brigade Leaders for all the guidance and support they gave him while he was growing up in Riverton. Currently he is really enjoying the first year of his Engineering degree and, amongst a wide range of projects, is working with a fellow student on coding for Formula E cars.



## Clay Shooting

Our clay shooting boys headed off to Dunedin for the first weekend of the holidays to compete on the Saturday in the South Island Secondary School Championship. With over 100 shooters this was a huge event with a number of teams from the North Island also competing. A brilliant shoot by Rhys in the skeet saw him take out a South Island 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall, he also made it through to a shoot off for single barrel but unfortunately wasn't able to get a placing.

Another bright and early start on the Sunday morning saw the boys competing at the Dunedin Secondary Schools Intercollegiate shoot, also with a large number of shooters, over 90, saw the team get some great placings. Kori and Thomas competed against each other along with two other shooters in the junior shoot off for skeet, where Thomas came away with a silver medal, Rhys also kept on with his winning streak by also being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for his silver medal in Singles Rise.

The following weekend saw us heading up Wreys Bush for the Nightcaps Intercollegiate shoot, once again Aparima College was proudly on the podium again, with Blake Turner coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Single Barrel, he was the only junior of the day to hit all his 10 targets (this is called a possible). Rhys carried on with an exceptional shoot for the whole day with receiving trophies and medals for being High overall in Single Rise and also High overall for High Guns.



It is so rewarding to see all these shooters doing so well against other school teams and shooters, our next Secondary School shoot is on the 13 August up at Balfour.

*by Leigh Ronald*



## Homes Fur All

Would like to thank all the customers who supported us at the Twilight Market and to Jo Grimwood for the donation of recycled tennis balls. Community members are also welcome to join us for our Cake Decoration Competition on Monday 14 August at 1:45pm till 2:15pm. All proceeds to Southland SPCA.

*by Quin Arthur*



## PTA News

We held our AGM last Tuesday evening with our same office bearers being re-elected, Leigh Ronald – President, Karen Fleck - Secretary, Wendy Black-Treasurer, and Matt Gibbs- School Rep. It was great to welcome Mrs Leah Fraser - Deputy Principal and to welcome two new members onto committee.

It was very rewarding to see what we had accomplished over this last year as well as what has also be provided for our students through the PTA just recently. We purchased 10 rowing suits that our rowers wore at this year's Maadi Cup. We have sold the Entertainment books as a fundraiser last year and also just recently this year, raising approx. \$500.00. We catered for an evening supper at a Cyber Safety Presentation and also helped the 2016 Year 13s' with their Senior Ball. We began this year with doing all the stationery orders within the school. At our April meeting we applied to the Riverton Community Op-Shop grant to purchase 15 Dress soft shell jackets, these are available to all students who will represent the school at academic, cultural and sporting events. We were very privileged and grateful to receive the full grant we applied for from the Op-Shop, so the PTA has also purchased a further 5 Jackets to make 20 available at any time. We are also buying a further 20 black shorts to help complete the College rugby uniform, but these can also be used for other team events as well.

On Thursday 3 August we are putting on a morning tea for our Open Day here at the College and we finish off the weekend with helping once again run this year's Senior Ball on Saturday 5 August. We are a small committee who work quietly in the background, we would love more members and helpers from families within the school to come along to our meetings and offer your ideas and thoughts on how we can benefit our students and school.

by Leigh Ronald

## Up and Coming Events

5 August 2017	Aparima College School Ball
9 August 2017	Otago University Liaison 1:45pm
<b>14 August 2017</b>	<b>SPCA Cup Cake Day – Homes Fur All</b>
18 August 2017	Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle
	Clay Target Shooting Team Fundraiser
18-22 August 2017	Life Education Bus
23 August 2017	Governance Meeting 7:00pm Graphics Room
24 August 2017	Polyfest
28 August – 1 September	Te Kura Exams
30 August 2017	BP Challenge Year 11 students
30 August 2017	Lincoln University Liaison 8:50am
19 – 20 August 2017	Year 9-13 Southland Debating
11 September 2017	PARENT INTERVIEWS (NOTE: change of date)

### Sports

9 - 11 August 2017	OREC Snow Camp
15 August 2017	Southland Year 8 Netball
4 September 2017	SISS Netball Tournament Christchurch
4 September 2017	Under 15 Rugby Tournament Greyouth

# 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](mailto:rlanderson@farmside.co.nz). **Applications close: 31 October 2017**

### Environment Centre

We are very grateful for any donations for our Environment Centre building so we can own it debt free in three months' time

**Bank Account:** SCES – Building Fundraiser Account

03-1355-0724408-02 or <https://givealittle.co.nz/donate/org/sces>

*Thank you to everyone who has donated so far we have secured the building and have only \$10,000 left to raise as of April 2017*

**South Coast Environment Centre, 154 Palmerston Street**

Riverton 9822, Phone/Fax (03) 234 8717 - Website [www.sces.org.nz](http://www.sces.org.nz)

### For Sale:

Dark stained Wooden  
Bunks and 2 Mattresses  
offers phone 234 8109.

## Heritage Fruit Tree Sale

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
10.00am to 4.00pm*

Held at the South Coast Environment Centre

154 Palmerston St, Riverton

(032348717) [office@scs.org.nz](mailto:office@scs.org.nz)

<http://www.sces.org.nz/open-orchard-project/buy-fruit-trees>



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