



APARIMA MATTERS

Punching Above Our Weight – again

There is a saying in boxing where a boxer who is fighting an opponent heavier and more dominant than him is punching above his weight. Aparima College does this. We are smaller than most of the schools around us, yet we compete with, and beat these schools in a wide range of activities.

Our YES companies are one example of this. Each year our students enter into a Southland wide competition and every year it is Aparima College's students who take out the awards and the winning positions against all of the other schools in Southland who enter this.

I looked up 'punch above your weight' in a dictionary and the definition said "to perform, achieve, or do something at a level that is considered beyond one's abilities, talents, or personal attributes." Aparima College does this regularly. Because we are a small school with low student numbers compared to the large Invercargill schools, some people think that we cannot compete. Yet, we keep proving that we are as good as, and sometimes better than our competitors. Another example is at the Southland Athletics held last week only two records were broken and one was Teagan Ashley – congratulations Teagan!

Our Facebook page showcases our achievements. It is only the beginning of the year and we have six students out of 175 who have qualified for the South Island Athletics competitions in Timaru at the weekend. This is 3 ½ % of our student population - how many other schools can boast that 3 ½ % of their students made it to the South Island Athletics. Teagan Ashley, Henry Wallace, Scott Fleck, Jacob Braithwaite, Ryan McDougall and Genna Woodward, you have made us so proud.

We have six rowers away to the Maadi Cup. We have Year 7 and 8 students out giving back to the community. We have students planning the development of The Tree Project. We have our YES companies growing their businesses. We have Aparima College graduates achieving a huge range of successful careers. Keep on punching above your weight Aparima College – our students, staff and community are incredible people and I am very proud to be part of this.

L Fraser
Acting Principal



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OREC Hump Ridge Tramp

On 12 March eighteen strong and positive Outdoor Recreation students departed Aparima College with four teachers in tow. We departed Aparima College at 7:00 am, all keen and ready to tackle the intrepid Hump Ridge tramp. This tramp takes place over three days, its 62 km long so it's not your casual Sunday stroll. On the first day we walked for seven and a half hours from Rarakau car park to Okaka Hut, this tested our lungs as we walked 890 meters up in altitude. Mr Fraser, although being at the back of the group, made a bet with Ben Cleaver that he'd crack and cry. To his surprise the man, Ben, prevailed and did it with a smile. Being the toughest day of the lot everyone was ready to hit the hay but not before a quick team bonding game of Psychiatrist.

On the second day the keen group of trampers walked 21 km from Okaka Hut to Port Craig in six hours and 30 minutes. Although the beginning of the day was filled with rain clouds and wind our positive vibes and banter prevailed through. However, this didn't prevent Tony from walking into a tree and destroying himself. This was a lot easier than the first day but there were still challenges we had to face, especially for the trampers who wore gym shoes and had to tiptoe round the mud.

As we departed Port Craig a sense of sore muscles and tiredness filled our group. The third day was less exciting as we predominantly walked along straight train tracks. Although we were all sore and tired, we remained positive participants until we reached the beach. The feeling of walking on the beach was soul destroying, it felt as if we weren't getting anywhere. But as we returned to the Rarakau car park, it dawned on us that our three day adventure was coming to a close. In the end the banter flowed, the zings were lethal and good times were had.

A massive thank you had to go out to Aparima College for letting us go, the teachers who supervised us, Mr Jones, Mr Fraser, Mrs Grove and Mrs Turner, and to Mason Herbert for supplying the tunes.

Written by Bailey Allen and Ashleigh Evans



Go Aparima!!

Five Aparima College Athletic students travelled up to Timaru at the weekend to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics. Congratulations to Teagan Ashley who is the South Island U16 Champion in the Hammer. Go Girl!!!

Great achievements from Scott Fleck in the High Jump, Henry Wallace in the 3000m and Jacob Braithwaite in the 200m, all gained personal bests.

Congratulations to Ryan McDougall who came 7th in the Discus and 5th in the Shot Put. Henry Wallace 4th in the 2km Steeplechase and Teagan Ashley 3rd in the Shot Put and Discus. Awesome work team!!!!



If anyone has any spare oven trays or oven dishes lying around and would like to donate, our Hall Kitchen could definitely use them. Please drop them off to the College office. Thank you

Leukaemia Mufti Day

On Friday 23 March a mufti day was held, it was awesome seeing the students and teachers support the leukaemia and blood cancer organisation by dressing up in orange as well as having wacky hairdos to complete their outfit, we raised \$200 just from everyone getting involved and dressing up. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Riverton Butchery for donating sausages and patties it was greatly appreciated. Also another thank you for everyone that helped me organise this day, it was awesome seeing everyone having a good time.

by Amy Rulo



A reminder to parents and caregivers that our morning notices and newsletters can be found on our website www.aparima.school.nz. Many of the student achievements and school happenings are also published on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/AparimaCollege/176201749211254.

Western Primary School Athletics Results

We wish the following students all the best as they compete in the Southland Primary School Athletics on Saturday 7 April in Invercargill:

Jackson Hitchcock - 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump

Case Neylon - 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Mali Grimwood - High Jump and Discus

Bailey Taitapanui - Shotput & Discus

Aiden Turner - 800m, Long Jump, High Jump and Shotput

Quake Webster - Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Nerf Throw

Matt Thomson - 200m, Shotput and Discus

Alice Smith - 800m, High Jump and Discus

Kaitlin Heath-Tree - Shotput, Discus and Nerf Throw

Gabriel Robinson - 800m, 1500m

Neosha Grimwood - 800m

Brayden Bevin - 200m and 800m



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 with your current email address, cell phone number and home address.

SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk)

Our 2018 SADD committee: Ryan McDougall, Courtney Loveridge, Alexis Halder, Teagan Ashley, Dom Riddell, Blake Mennell. Their aim is to make our school community more aware of dangerous driving.



Teagan Ashley and Alexis Halder are our SADD representatives and they will be attending the conference in Dunedin during the school holidays. They are very excited about this opportunity and will bring their newfound knowledge back to school to share with the rest of our students. Thank you to the SADD 'Angels' who have funded for our two girls to attend.

**Bring the world into your home –
Host an Exchange Student with Your Education!**

Your Education is a New Zealand Ministry of Education approved student exchange programme. We bring students from around the world to New Zealand to experience our wonderful way of life.

The biggest and undoubtedly most important part of the exchange experience for these young people is the host family they live in. We have dozens of host families making a difference every day in the lives of these students. But we are always looking for more!

If you feel that your family would enjoy sharing their home, learning about a foreign culture and introducing an exchange student to the New Zealand culture, then please contact us today. Our knowledgeable Area Representatives around the country can answer your questions and help you find out whether hosting a student is a suitable options for you.

For further information in your area contact: Val Hamlin (027) 414 2347 or email info@youreducation.co.nz



Coollest Year of Your Life!

Study at a high school and experience the adventure of your life. Come to a free information meeting and meet previous students and staff. Invercargill City Library, 50 Dee Street, Invercargill, 7 May 6:30pm. Sign up at sts-highschool.com or at (03) 2140 751. Everyone Welcome.

Vision Screen Year 7's


- Vision screening for all Year 7's (Please Note: Your child will not be screened if he/she is under the care of a specialist and /or optometrist)
- Parents/caregivers will be notified if further assessment is required by an Optometrist
- If you do not wish your child to be screened, please notify the School

What we do on Wet Days for Electives



**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!




Aparima College
ANZAC Assembly

Monday 9 April
at 1:45 pm in the College Hall

We have much pleasure in inviting you
to attend our ANZAC Assembly.

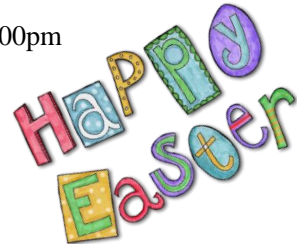
Please RSVP to the College office, 2348 900 or office@aparima.school.nz,
by Wednesday 4 April if you are able to attend.

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Up and Coming Events

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| 28 March 2018 | Defensive Driving Course 3:05 – 5:00pm |
| 30 March 2018 | Good Friday |
| 2 April 2018 | Easter Monday |
| 3 April 2018 | Easter Tuesday/Southland Anniversary Day |
| 4 April 2018 | Defensive Driving Course 3:05 – 5:00pm |
| 5 April 2018 | Parent Interviews 3:15pm |
| 9 April 2018 | ANZAC Assembly |
| 10 April 2018 | Vision Testing Year 7's 9:15am |
| 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 |



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.

Riverton Lions Aparima River Duck Race Easter Sunday 1 April 2018 12.00 Midday

First Prize: Milford Sound Nature Cruise for 2 Adults

Second Prize: Accommodation for 2 and Boating for 4 with Robbie Wallace

Third Prize: Meal Voucher at Beach House Café

Spot Prizes from Fonterra and Kaos Hairstylists

500 Ducks \$5 each Contact: Wayne Fleck 2348671 Blair Hopcroft 2348357 Euan Templeton 2246315 Beth Hine 2348080 Ducks available at The Red Door prior to race day and Riverton SuperValue Saturday 17 and 31 March 2018

Southland Life Education Community Trust AGM:


To be held Tuesday, 10th April 2018, 7.00pm at Windsor North School, Chelmsford Street, Invercargill. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee **please** make an effort to attend and support the Trust - it's for the children's benefit! Any queries to Val (03)235-8910. All welcome.

For Sale:

Church Pews for Sale. \$100 each. Contact Marion Ruda on 03 2349 321 or 027 495 7875

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 28th & 10-4pm
Sunday April 29th.



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
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*FAMILY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.BASKETBALLSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY



M.A.D. DAY OUT
(mud, adventure & discovery)
DAFFODIL BAY
8 APRIL 2018
12.00 NOON - 3.00PM

M.A.D. DAY OUT IS A FANTASTIC DAY OUT FULL OF MUD, ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Run or walk the short or long adventure tracks with optional abseil or crawl at your own pace (anytime between 12:00 noon and 2:00pm)
- Slip and slide in the mud pit and mini mud pit for under 5's (anytime)
- Bring a picnic or enjoy a Chubby As Scone
- M.A.D. Day Out will go ahead rain or shine so dress appropriately

Remember to bring a towel and a change of clothes if you are planning on getting muddy and a plastic bag for dirty clothes. A car parking permit is available on the website. Just turn up, have fun and get dirty!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
BEST OF ALL, IT'S FREE!

In conjunction with **PARKS**



www.maddayout.co.nz

Funded by the Parliamentary Service and authorised by Sarah Dowse MP, 36 Kelvin St, Invercargill

APARIMA COLLEGE CLAY SHOOTING TEAM FUNDRAISER

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



Clay Target Sporting Shoot
Sunday 27th 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.



Happy Easter everyone - have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.
Please remember to come along to our ANZAC Parade on Monday 9 April.
Please RSVP to the College office on 2348 900 or email
office@aparima.school.nz if you are able to attend.



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