



APARIMA MATTERS

E ngā mātāwaka o Aparima, tēnā koutou katoa

One of the focus points for my assembly speeches over the past few weeks has been around the idea of having a clear and defined purpose. For many young people the idea of life beyond school is a scary one and it can lead to anxiety as students look to try and link what they are doing right now with their perception of what life might be like after they leave school.

In some cases without a clear definition of 'beyond school' life, this can lead to apathy in the classroom as students struggle to see the relevance in what they are doing at school.

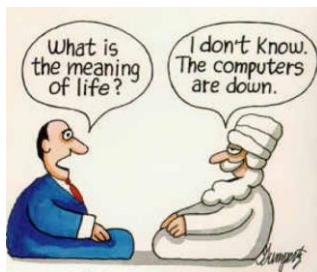
Having a clear and defined purpose helps deal with this and provides focus for young people. The focus could be on something big, like a longer-term academic or sporting goal, it could be on something really small and short term like developing a better relationship with a peer group or a teacher or getting better at a particular skill in the classroom. The idea that I have tried to convey to the students is that it doesn't matter how small their purpose may seem, it only matters if they don't have one!

Lack of purpose can mean missing out on playing the lead role in your own success story! We should all be in charge of that for ourselves, and it is never too early to start thinking about those things - they are just as important for year 7's trying to figure out their place in the world of Aparima College, as it is for Year 13's thinking about their future beyond school.

Something we pride ourselves on at Aparima College is how well we know the students and the family-like atmosphere provided. That means we can tell really easily if students have a purpose or not, and it is something we will continue to try and help them develop and improve on everyday. I encourage you to have a discussion with your children about what they think their purpose is, no matter how small, and see what comes out of that conversation !

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Cameron Davis
PRINCIPAL



Ropes Course

On 14 - 16 May the Year 12 and 13 Outdoor Recreation class embarked on a new and exciting adventure to Adventure Southland's ropes course. It had its highs and lows but overall it was great three days where everybody got involved and supported each other through thick and thin.

Throughout the three days the Level 2 students had to create goals based on things, like trusting each other or working on communication. While the Level 3 students worked on leadership and led groups through the activities. The highlight of the three days was everyone giving it a go as well as being pushed to the edge physically and emotionally. Another highlight was the giant swing, being pushed off the top of a rock climbing wall and falling six meters before the rope caught you and the swinging part began. As a class we would like to say thanks to Miss Muntz for driving us in as well as a big thank you to Mr Jones for organising the trip.

by Amy Rule



Dragon's Den at SIT

Three Young Enterprise Companies represented Aparima College at the Dragon's Den hosted by SIT, and pitched their ideas to a panel of eight judges. There was a nervous wait beforehand, but then everyone got into the swing of it, describing their products, sales strategies and target markets. The judges asked probing questions and made really useful suggestions that the teams can respond to over the next few weeks. In the end, the judges decided to invest cash into four of the products, including MyMentalTone's website which aims to support the mental health of rural teens, and Impossumble Products, who are making buffs and beanies made from possum-merino wool. Each of our companies is supporting a good cause, for example, 4Paws are making dog-walkers' kits and also donating to Southland SPCA. Impossumble Products are supporting Aparima Pestbusters, and MyMentalTone are supporting the Mental Health Foundation. The teams were all congratulated on the high standard of their presentations, and on the community-mindedness and environmental sustainability of their products and processes. They learned a lot about teamwork and how to think on their feet.

by Mrs Grove



Teacher Only Day – Friday 1 June 2018

A Southland Rural Teacher's Only Day is to be held on Friday 1 June 2018 to allow all staff members to participate in Professional Development. Therefore the school will be closed for student instruction for all Year levels. The office will also be closed.

AGM - Aparima College PTA

Wednesday 6 June at 6:00pm

Room 5 (new Junior Block)

Light refreshments to be served

Aparima College PTA need the support of all our students parents and caregivers to come onto our committee. We would love to welcome new faces along, who can offer new ideas, be enthusiastic and offer support within our brilliant school. So please consider putting your hand up and taking on the challenge of being on Aparima College PTA Committee.

Leigh Ronald President

Breaking News...

Congratulations to the Aparima College Year 7/8 Boys Basketball team who won the Southland A Grade competition final against Verdon College, 43 to 32! **and** Congratulations to the Aparima College Year 7/8 Girls Basketball team who won the Southland B Grade Competition and their final against St Johns last night, 34 to 8! Awesome results well done to you all this is great news!!!!



YOU!
KEEP BEING
AWESOME!



Cross Country Results

Four of our students travelled up to Te Anau to participate in the Southland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 16 May. Results: Henry Wallace 4th (senior boys). U16 - Taine Paulin 28th, Carlos Crawford 25th and Blake Mennell 32nd.



Pink Shirt Day

My company My Mental Tone held a senior 'Slave Auction' to raise money to set up a website with information for rural people aged from 14 - 20 on mental health issues. Year 12 and 13 students volunteered to be sold off as slaves to our students and \$196 was raised (we also received \$100 from the Dragons' Den). We also had a mufti day to raise money for the Pink Day Foundation and raised \$176. We would like to say thank you to anyone who volunteered to be a slave and participating in the pink shirt mufti day.

by James West



Clay Target Shooting News

A team of four enthusiastic young men headed off to the first Secondary Schools shoot held at the Southland Shooting Club last Sunday 13 May. Our boys have started the season brilliantly against 50 shooters from around Southland and Otago Secondary Schools. Rhys and Kori started the day off with very high scores in the skeet competition, which had them both in shoot offs. In the Senior division for Rhys which he won overall and received a wonderful trophy and Kori in the Junior division but he unfortunately was not awarded a placing on the day but certainly off to a great start in the season. In the DTL Shooting all the shooters once again shot impressively with Rhys gaining a 1st in Single Barrell and Thomas Ronald gaining a 3rd place in Points Score. Special mention must be made of Thomas Black who came along to his first shoot and shoot very well with his point score getting 50 shots out of 60. Well done Thomas we hope you now have the shooting bug and will continue to come along to these shoots. A huge thank you to Kelly and Ann who donated food for our canteen and BBQ which we ran on the day and we raised just over \$400 to go towards the teams expenses in getting to Nationals later on this year. Mr Baker and Nathan did a fabulous job on the BBQ as well. Thank you to all involved.

Don't Forget our Sporting Shoot Fundraiser this Sunday, looking forward to a fun day and the boys are up to the Challenge Mr Jones and Mr Fraser - may the best team win!

By Leigh Ronald

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 Scarves

Winter is almost here it's time to invest in an Aparima College scarf. Scarves are \$25 and can be purchased from the College office.



Aparima College Clay Shooting Team Fundraiser on this Sunday

Please come and support our college shooting team as they fundraise to help send them to the National Competitions in Christchurch. Clay Target Sporting Shoot - Start 10.00 – 10:30 am, Bryan & Kyla Bickley's Rock Quarry, 111 Carran Road, Waipango, Riverton, BBQ, Raffles & Prizes. For inquiries Leigh Ronald Ph 2246130 Neill & Keri Horrell Phone 2246056.

Up and Coming Events

27 May 2018

1 June 2018

5 June 2018

6 June 2018

11 June 2018

14 June 2018

22 June 2018

Aparima College Clay Target Shooting Fundraiser

Teacher Only Day

PPTA Union Meeting **school closing at 1:00pm**

PTA AGM – Room 5 – 6:00pm

Poetry in Action Performance

Otago University Liaison visit

Aparima College - Carnage to the Coconut Grove

SPORTS

6 June 2018

8 June 2018

12 June 2018

13 June 2018

16 June 2018

21 June 2018

24 June 2018

7 Aside Tournament – Northern Southland College

Western Primary Schools Cross Country

Southland Special Olympics Football Tournament

Southland Badminton Champs

Southland Primary Cross Country Champs

Western Y7/8 Netball

Year 9/10 Netball Tournament

Community Notice

Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College:

Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. \$40 per day. 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday 26 May 2018 and 23 June 2018. For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209 or register at Aparima College 234 8900.

Winton Football Club:

GIRLS ONLY - Southland Football is running 8 weeks of girls only football in groups of 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and 13 & 14 years. These are to be held on Friday afternoons starting 18 May, 4-5pm on the ILT Football turf. A great taster if you have not played before or some extra coaching if you are a club or college player already. Registered club players are free, all others \$20 for the season. Registration can be done on line once you click on 'read more' on the article in the latest news at www.southlandfootball.org.nz/ All enquiries to: jack@southlandfootball.org.nz

Mature Drivers Refresher Course – coming back to Riverton:

This programme is designed to allow older drivers to update their knowledge of the road rules – this is an opportunity to learn from a number of speakers, how to ensure you remain a safe driver, there will also be discussion on the rules around mobility scooters. **THERE IS NO TEST INVOLVED!!!** This programme is **free** to attend **BUT** booking is essential as a light lunch will be provided. **Date:** 10am-2.30pm Tuesday 12th June. Please phone Eileen at Community House 234 8206 to register.

Ski Week Camps 2018:

The Southland Ski Club run Ski Week Camps in the July school holidays staying at our Lodge at Coronet Peak, Queenstown.

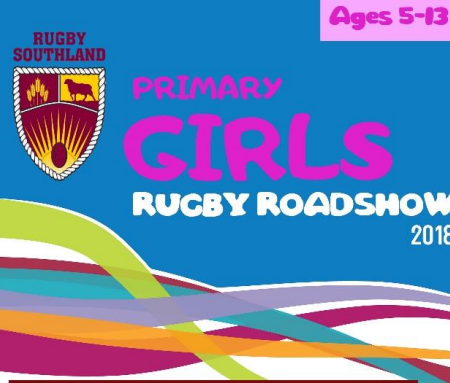
Camp package includes a 5 day lift pass, lessons twice a day (Mon-Fri), accommodation & meals, suitable for ages 10 – 18 yrs.

Choose to ski or snow board - awesome opportunity to learn or upskill.

Week 1: Sun 8th - Sat 14th

Week 2: Sun 15th - Fri 20th

Applications are taken on a first in first served basis so apply now to avoid disappointment - applications close 31st May. Please go to our website to submit your application - www.southlandskiclub.org.nz if you have any further queries contact 027 275 0665



Skills and games - Tackle and Rippa

Run by Southland's top female rugby players

10.30am-12.30pm

Sunday June 10th - Star Rugby Club, St Andrew St, Invercargill
Sunday June 17th - Blues Rugby Club, Conon St, Invercargill
Sunday June 24th - Riverton Rugby Club, Leader St, Riverton
Sunday July 1st - Mataura Rugby Club, Main St, Mataura

For more information email scott@rugbysouthland.co.nz

APARIMA COLLEGE SENIOR A NETBALL PRESENTS

CARNAGE

IN THE Coconut Grove

FRI
22 JUNE

APARIMA COLLEGE HALL
RIVERTON

TICKETS:
\$50 PER PERSON
\$500 PER TABLE OF TEN

DOORS OPEN: 6.30PM
BE SEATED BY: 7.00PM

Attend the wedding of Dolly Hefner and Vincent Limpkiss, and don't forget your sleuthing skills as there's going to be a murder and we need your help to solve it.

Dress to impress. You are attending a wedding in the tropics as a wedding guest of the Limpkiss and Hefner families, so think bling and floral.

TO BUY TICKETS PHONE ZARA ON 021 708526

EFTPOS • COURTESY COACH • CASH BAR • 3 COURSE MEAL • AUCTION + RAFFLES

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