



APARIMA MATTERS

E ngā mātāwaka o Aparima, tēnā koutou katoa

Student voice is really important to us here at Aparima College. We have made a change to our weekly schedule to try and improve the way we collect student voice and give students a more regular chance to discuss their ideas with the leadership Team at school.

Every second week during what was assembly time, we now have a structured opportunity for Years 7-9, Years 9-10, and Years 11-13 to each speak with a member of the Leadership Team.

Currently we are working on ideas around our curriculum delivery, options structures and core values for the school. It has been a rewarding process so far and is something we will definitely be continuing with.

Alongside this, we recently underwent a self-review process using Health Promoting Schools as an advisor service. The Leadership team, the staff and the Years 12-13 student have completed the review process and over the next term we will be looking at the report generated and developing some key strategic goals out of this. As we develop the goals we will be sharing this information with the community to keep you involved in the process.

At the same time, the busy life of school has been continuing with loads of activities happening - speech competitions; Netball tournaments and inter-school rugby games among some of the activities.

Best of luck to our Tournament teams going away next week - I'm sure you will represent us proudly.

Nāku noa nā

Cameron Davis
PRINCIPAL

Good Luck Tournament Teams!

PTA Thank You - School Ball

Thank you to the ladies and the three Year 10 girls who helped with the preparation and serving of the food for the ball. Also to the men who kept an eye on the door – thank you. It was a pleasure to see these young people all dressed up and the wonderful community support they received for the parade.

Karen Fleck
President PTA

A Collection of Year 9 Poetry

CHILLING BREATH

Chilling breath of Wind
Frozen Stuff everywhere now
The cold upon us.



By Cain McDougall

INTO THE DEEP

Cold and wet
My body begins to shake
I try not to fret
My lungs start to ache

I feel myself sink
Deeper into the deep
I try not to think
Drift off into external sleep

My future no longer bright
I begin to see the light.

By Summa Lonneker

F.O.R.E.S.T

Laying on the ground
Breathing in the earthy scent
The Canopy looms.

In the dark of night
The creature prowls once again
Striking fear into hearts.

Towering giants
Standing still deserving life
The light slowly fades

A lady bug crawls
Across a green speckled leaf
Travelling her world

Trekking through the trees
Light filtering through the leaves
A feeling of peace

Crashing through the trees
Running, fleeing, escaping
Into the forest



By Genna Woodward

Aparima College Ball 2018



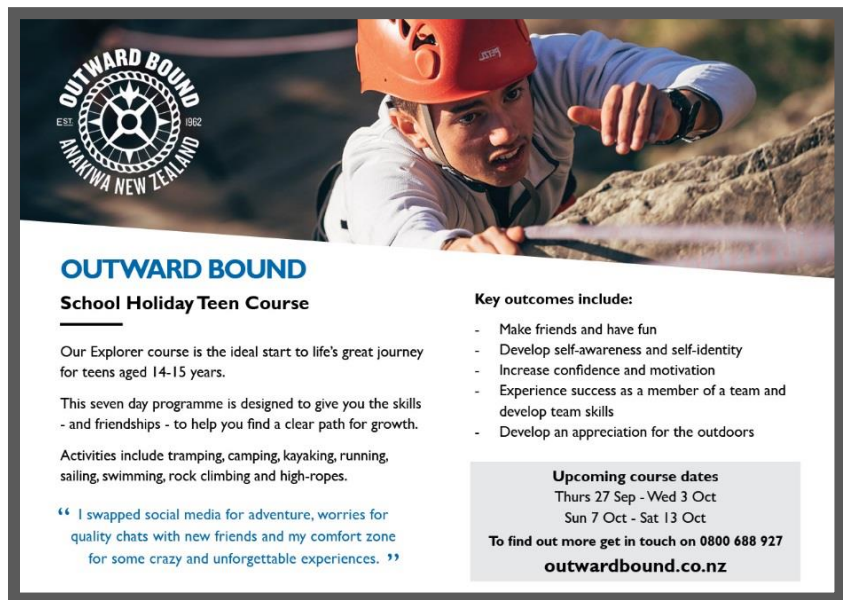
How to Ensure Your Child Grows Up a 'Healthy Gamer'

Children have endless access to video games via their devices and consoles, and for many it has become a key activity in their daily routine. The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing recommends that children aged 13-18 years old should be limited to 30 minutes of video games per day, and not be exposed to online violent video games.

Watch out for any negative behaviour that may occur as a result of the games, such as getting angry or agitated after playing, or when they are asked to stop. Look out for erratic changes in their mood or behaviour including interactions with friends and getting outdoors. All these behaviours are a sign that their time on devices needs to be reduced. For further information check out the Stuff article www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/games/106380000/how-to-ensure-your-child-grows-up-a-healthy-gamer

Holden Street Smart

Holden Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country. Holden Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead. Holden Street Smart will be delivering its programme throughout these next School Holidays at the following venues: **Highlands Motorsport Park** – Cromwell - Sun 30 September. **Mike Pero Motorsport Park** – Christchurch - Tues 2 and Wed 3 October. Registrations are open for only \$49 at www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz. A You Tube link to our introduction video and also a brief one sentence outline of the Holden Street Programme <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO49nI-gCGU>. Registrations can be completed via the easy to use pages on our website: www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz



OUTWARD BOUND
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School Holiday Teen Course

Our Explorer course is the ideal start to life's great journey for teens aged 14-15 years.

This seven day programme is designed to give you the skills - and friendships - to help you find a clear path for growth.

Activities include tramping, camping, kayaking, running, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and high-ropes.

“ I swapped social media for adventure, worries for quality chats with new friends and my comfort zone for some crazy and unforgettable experiences. ”

Key outcomes include:

- Make friends and have fun
- Develop self-awareness and self-identity
- Increase confidence and motivation
- Experience success as a member of a team and develop team skills
- Develop an appreciation for the outdoors

Upcoming course dates
Thurs 27 Sep - Wed 3 Oct
Sun 7 Oct - Sat 13 Oct

To find out more get in touch on 0800 688 927
outwardbound.co.nz

Attention Parents/Caregivers

Have you downloaded KAMAR onto your device? KAMAR allows parents/caregiver to access data relating to your child. The information on the App allows you to keep in touch with daily notices, your child's attendance, up and coming events, student timetable etc. If you have not yet downloaded this and would like to, please contact Joanne at the office on 03 2348 900 or email office@aparima.school.nz and Joanne will be able to guide you through this process.

Hokonui Maori Endowment Fund

Applications are invited from tertiary and secondary school students Year 9 onwards for the Hokonui Endowment Fund. Application forms can be obtained from the College office. **Applications to be received by Sunday 30 September 2018.**

Congratulations to Neosha and Mali Grimwood who have made it into the Southland Under 13 Basketball Team. Awesome Work.

Good Luck to the Aparima College U15 Rugby Team heading to Queenstown to play in the South Island Tournament. Also the Aparima College Netball Team heading off to participate in the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Dunedin.

Up and Coming Events

28-31 August 2018	Senior Exam Week
30 August 2018	PolyFest
31 August 2018	Dan Davin Literacy Awards at 6:30 pm
5 September 2018	Forces Visit 1:00 pm
10 September 2018	Parent Interviews
17 September 2018	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the College
19 September 2018	Otago University Liaison Visit 1:00 pm
25 September 2018	HPV Immunisations 1:40 pm

SPORTS

31 August 2018	Snowsports Trip
1 September 2018	Clay Target Shooting Wanaka
1-5 September 2018	SISS U15 Rugby Tournament
1-6 September 2018	SISS Netball Tournament Dunedin
29 September 2018	Clay Target Shooting National Champs Christchurch

Community Notices

Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College:

Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. \$40 per day. 9:30am to 4:30pm. 22 September 2018, Saturday 27 October and Saturday 17 November 2018. For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 224 6209 or register at Aparima College 234 8900.

Adventure Skills Development

ONLINE ENROLMENTS NOW LIVE for the October 2018 and January 2019 ADVENTURE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT programme at Whenua Iti Outdoors - multi-activity, residential, adventure programme (ages 14+). 9 days and 8 nights of sea-kayaking, rock climbing, caving, bush survival, navigation and living in the outdoors. Plus, the opportunity to achieve up to 15 NCEA Level 3 credits embedded in the programme. Starts Weds 17th January. Cost \$1600pp to inc all transport (ex Nelson), food, equipment, tuition, adventures, training and fun! STRICTLY limited places. (Airport pick-up/drop-off can be coordinated for those from out of region). www.wio.org.nz <http://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/whenuaiti-courses/adventure-skills-academy/>

Winton Football Club:

The club will again be organizing our popular 5 aside football league, for junior and senior teams. This will take place on Thursday evenings in Term 4. Start and finish date to be announced. Format will be similar to the 2017 games so start getting your teams together and a more detailed notice will go out in September calling for entries.

The Riverton Rowing Club: wish to advise that the rowing season is about to get underway for the season and invite anyone 13 years to 80 years old, who would like to give rowing a try, to come to the Clubrooms on any Sunday morning at 10am and have a go. If you would like more information please contact our President Jessie Blakie.

Wallacetown Softball Club: – Youth Teams

Registrations for the new season are now open. Please contact Andrew Stark 027-939-0408 or Steve Harley 027-766-7175, email wallacetownsoftball@gmail.com, or message us on our Wallacetown Softball Club Facebook page to register your interest. New players are always welcome from 5 year olds up. If anyone is interested in coaching/managing a team, please let us know as well.

Riverton Toy Library

We are having our AGM at 7 p.m. on Friday 31st August at the Beach House Cafe and looking for a new Secretary and President. We are a friendly bunch of mums and would love to keep this awesome service open to all families in and around Riverton. We would love to have you on board. – Please RSVP to Rike Raines 021 466 505.

Wheel Reel: SADD Road Safety Short Video Competition

This September SADD has joined forces with the NZ Police to bring you Wheel Reel. Do you have a road safety message that you want to share and think you have what it takes? We challenge you to create a 30 second or less video clip that is designed to encourage positive and safe driving behaviour. It must relate to one of SADD's 6 Principles or NZ Police focus areas of restraints impairment distraction and speed.

Six principles

SADD focuses on six key issues affecting young driver safety.

1. Sober drivers
2. Safe speeds
3. No distractions
4. Avoiding risks
5. Driving to the conditions
6. Building experience

Film your clip, fill in the [consent form](#) and send to team@sadd.org.nz by 5pm 21st September 2018. You can also submit via GoogleDrive by clicking on the button below. There are some epic prizes up for grabs, first prize being the opportunity to work alongside the NZ Police media team! We have some great spot prizes from our awesome partners including AA Driving School, Caltex, KiwiPlates along with SADD merchandise.

The poster is colorful with a rainbow background. At the top right is the KiwiPlates logo. The main title 'SADD Wheel Reel' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'ROAD SAFETY SHORT VIDEO COMPETITION' is written in smaller white letters. A large white circle in the center contains the text 'To Enter:' followed by instructions: 'Create a short video under 30 seconds in duration and send it to us at team@sadd.org.nz. You must also include the entry consent form found at sadd.org.nz/rememberseptember2018'. Below this, it says 'Your video must focus on a road safety theme or positive message relating to at least one of the 6 SADD Principles or NZ Police areas of focus - restraints, impairment, distraction and speed.' and 'Share with us that you have entered by tagging @saddnz on Facebook or Instagram to go in the draw for some awesome spot prizes!'. To the right of the central circle is another white circle with 'Win! Major prize' and 'The opportunity to work alongside the NZ Police Media team!'. Below this, it says 'Learn what they do, how media is managed and what happens behind the scenes at NZ Police'. To the right of that is a third white circle with 'Win! Spot prizes' and 'Hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes'. Below this, it lists 'Prizes from the AA Driving School, Kiwiplates, Caltex and SADD are up for grabs'. At the bottom left, it says 'Entries close 5pm Friday 21st September. Winner will be announced on Friday 28th September. Full terms and conditions and prize details will be available on SADD website. For more info go to sadd.org.nz/rememberseptember2018'. At the bottom right is the SADD logo with the text 'STUDENTS AGAINST DANGEROUS DRIVING' and the AA logo.

Aparima College's SADD committee have a number of exciting activities planned for September, all based around helping to improved road safety and reduce risk on our roads. So watch this space.
by **Teagan and Alexis**

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