



APARIMA MATTERS

E ngā mātāwaka o Aparima, tēnā koutou katoa

It is very hard to believe that this is the final newsletter of the year and that 2018 is coming to an end.

We have had a remarkably busy and successful year at Aparima College. Our students have done us all proud with their academic and sporting successes; their efforts in representing us at cultural activities; putting their cases forward for sponsorship of major events and just being fantastic young people !

I am very proud to be the Principal of this school and think the community should be equally as proud of the young people we are sending out to take on the world.

I would like to take the opportunity to again publicly thank my extremely hard working staff, whose dedication to finding ways for the students to succeed is unparalleled. Our staff are always on the lookout for different ways of engaging our students, making our curriculum more relevant and meaningful for our students and challenging them to be their best. This is our mantra and will remain so for years to come.

As many of you may already know, we are both sad and excited to announce that our Deputy Principal, Ray Laurenson, is leaving us to take up the position of Associate Rector at Southland Boys' High School for the start of next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ray to further his leadership skills and we wish him all the best with this move. I would like to personally thank Ray for his tireless efforts during his tenure at Aparima College. Ray is dedicated to improvement and has been an integral part of Aparima College's journey over the past four years. We will miss him, but again, wish him all the best for the next adventure.

We are currently in the process of appointing a replacement in the Leadership Team and hope to be able to announce that very soon.

To all the parents /whanau in our community - thank you for your continued efforts in supporting us to provide the best possible education for your children. It is a privilege to play this part in the lives of young people and we look forward to seeing you all again next year for an even more successful 2019 !

Best wishes for the Christmas holidays and New Year - please travel safe and look after yourselves and your families during this time. We look forward to seeing you at Prizegiving - 7:30 pm next Tuesday, 11 December to finish off the year with a celebration of our students wonderful achievements.

Nāku noa nā

Cameron Davis
Principal



6 December 2018

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An Update from the Board of Trustees

It has been a whirlwind year for the Board of Trustees at Aparima College since the removal of the Commissioner and our election in June.

Since being elected we have been kept very busy with getting to know our roles and developing a plan for the successful future of our school.

We have adopted the policy framework set out from NZSTA (School Trustees Association) to give us a platform to build from as a new BOT. These policies are reviewed on a regular cycle to ensure we are keeping up to date with best practice and putting our school in the best position to achieve success.

We have enjoyed very good support and an ongoing dialogue with both NZSTA and ERO to ensure we have robust systems in place and the best possible outcomes for our students at the forefront of our minds when making decisions around the governance of the school. Members of our BOT have also attended training sessions provided by the Ministry of Education and NZSTA and will continue to do so.

We have inherited a financial situation at the school that needs to be redressed. We would like to congratulate the Principal, Cameron Davis and his staff for managing this situation effectively, while being able to maintain the excellent opportunities that are provided to our students.

As Chairperson of the BOT, I am committed to ongoing monthly reports to our community in 2019 to keep you appraised of the progress the school is making from a governance point of view and for you to feel assured that we are heading in the right direction. We will also be holding community meetings and surveys to the community early next year around our curriculum options and delivery.

There are new BOT elections coming again in June as we get back onto a normal election cycle and I encourage those of you interested in the success of the school to keep an eye out for further information early next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Prize giving next Tuesday evening.

Until then, on behalf of the BOT, I want to wish the students, staff and whanau a safe, Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year.

Regards

Nāku noa nā

Leon Black
BOT Chairperson



Athletes

Tegan Ashley and Henry Wallace competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Dunedin over the weekend. Tegan had two top 10 placings. 8th in Senior Girls Discus, 9th in Hammer and finished 15th in the Shot Put. Henry finished 14th in his 3000m heat and was 13th in the Steeplechase final. Well done Aparima!



Aparima College PTA

We held our last meeting for the year on 29 November at the Beach House followed by desert. We regretfully farewelled Leigh Ronald who has been very actively involved in PTA while her children Emma, Katie and Thomas attended Aparima College. Leigh will be missed.

It would be great to see some new faces at our first meeting for 2019 on the **12 February at 6.00 pm.** PTA gets involved in helping to run the School Ball, providing food for Open Days and Orientation Days and also a small amount of fundraising for items for our children's benefit.

Next year hopefully in Term One we are planning a community event More about that and the date in the New Year. Have a great Christmas break everyone

Karen Fleck
President

Summer News from Project Crimson

TREEmendous Schools for 2019 - We are thrilled to announce our TREEmendous schools for 2019

Our joint initiative with The Mazda Foundation helps to transform schools' outdoor education spaces through creating fantastic open-air learning zones full of native trees and shrubs. Over the 11 years TREEmendous has been running, we have visited 44 schools, planted 34,035 plants, met 6,245 people and cooked over 12,000 sausages!

Next year, five schools from around the country will be joining that list. The schools are: Aparima College (Southland), Coromandel Area School, Hukerenui School (Northland), Konini Primary School (Lower Hutt) and Te Uku School (Waikato).

They have each designed an environmentally focused outdoor education area which the TREEmendous team are looking forward to bringing to life!

Type in the following link for more information: <https://projectcrimson.org.nz/2019-winning-schools/>



Estuary Visit

Year 9 Science trip: Our students were investigating the biodiversity of our estuary by gathering data about the populations of animals and plants that live there. Great weather and great fun - we live in an amazing place!



Year 10 Camp – Te Anau

On Monday the 26th of November the year 10's headed off to Te Anau for three fun filled days away from school. The students enjoyed a jam packed itinerary including tramping, frisbee golf, and sailing, kayaking, movie night at Fiordland cinema, Biscuiting and water skiing not to mention a beautiful boat ride across the lake to explore the glow worm caves. According to Mathew Colligan the camp was 'Gangsta' which we will take as a big thumbs up. Many thanks to all involved in making this camp a success.



Year 8 Camp – Cromwell



Office Hours and Opening Information 2018/19

Monday 17 – Thursday 20 December 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Office will reopen on:

Monday 21 January - Friday 25 January 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday 28 January 9:00 am Teacher Only Day **Office hours 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Tuesday 29 January 8:45 am Year 11 Course confirmation followed by class as normal.
9:45 am Year 12 and 13 course confirmation followed by class as normal

Wednesday 30 January All students to attend

Year 9 Poetry

That was the beach!

Remember the sight of waves crashing against
The sand, and the endless blue?

Remember the sound of the beach palm tree leaves
Blowing against each other and the
Songs of the sea birds?
That was the beach.

Remember the smell of the salty breeze?
Remember the rough feeling of sand on our hands
and the cold gentle breeze?
That was the beach.

Remember the taste of fruit in our mouths, both sweet
and sour?
Remember sitting down beside the waves, with the golden ray of the
Sun radiating its heat on us?
Remember feeling so relaxed that you might melt?
Do you remember saying, "I don't want to go back"?
That was the beach.

By Grego Blasco



BACK to school

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The Thrush

A brown bird is the Thrush
A speckled sort of brown
Is always in a rush
Living in a town
Is quick to chitter
and is quick to skitter.

By Logan Murdoch

Sun

Hot yellow sun rays
It beats down ready to burn
We swelter and sweat.

Haikus by
Fiona McNaughton

Outstanding Accounts

Thank you to those who have settled their accounts we really appreciate it. For those who still have outstanding accounts could you please settle these before the end of the term. If you wish to pay online you can obtain a bank account number from the College office. Please note that if you are paying us online that you make sure the student's name and what the payment is for is included.

Library Books and Text Books

It is that time of year to have a tidy up of your bedrooms and gather up all the school text books and library books. Library books need to be return to the Library and text books need to be returned to the office ASAP please.

School Stationary Requirements 2019

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School stationary purchasing easy for next year. You will find your child's stationary list online now at www.myschool.co.nz/aparima. Simply search for our school, select your child's Year level and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website. If you have any questions or need help about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact the College office.



**Wishing you all a safe
and Happy Christmas**

**Students a reminder of the
Treemendous Challenge on Monday
(Walk to Moores Reserve)**

**See you at our Prize Giving on
Tuesday night
at 7:30 pm!**

Up and Coming Events

6 – 7 December 2018
10 December 2018

11 December 2018
12 December 2018

Peer Support Training Year 12 students
Aparima Treemendous Challenge - Walk to Moores Reserve
Prizegiving 7:30 pm
Last instruction day of School

Community Notices

Food Forest Garden TOUR

Thu, 13 Dec 10:30am - 12pm

. A guided tour with Robert/Robyn Guyton through their 25 year old forest garden. Cost \$10 per person (Children \$5). There is a minimum charge of \$50 per tour.

Registration Essential. Tours usually run for 1 ½ hours. **If you would like to arrange a private tour, please contact us.**

For Sale:

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TWILIGHT MARKET 2018

Friday 7th December 2018 • From 5pm-8pm

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The Catlins Summer Programme 2019

All welcome!

Contact details

Programme director Jim Young 03 415 8532 027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz

For changes or updates

Check with the organisers and/or South Otago Forest & Bird Facebook page
www.facebook.com/ForestAndBirdSouthOtago/ - Events

Important information

- Before taking part in outdoor activities you must pay careful attention to the safety briefing and sign the register.
- Most activities are suitable for children, but children **must** be accompanied by an adult.
- Make sure that you have clothing and footwear suitable for our changeable weather.
- Activities may have limited numbers of participants so advance booking is recommended.
- Most activities don't have set charges, but a gold coin donation is appreciated.



Forest & Bird
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For more information about this Programme please visit the Facebook Page
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