



APARIMA MATTERS

BYOD @ APARIMA COLLEGE 2019

At Aparima College we acknowledge that we are educating our students for a world that does not exist ... yet. Jobs, careers and whole industries will rise and fall while our students are moving through school. To this end, it is vital that we bring as much of this evolving world into our teaching as is possible. In 2019 we have made the decision to take the first obvious step forwards. We will begin the process of evolving into a true BYOD school next year, this will involve moving the vast majority of our teaching and learning experiences online, then we will lead the educational journey with our students online.

This will enable them to learn the power of e-learning while also learning how to navigate the online world safely and as part of a monitored learning community. We will be moving the majority of our school resources into online formats over the course of the next three years, this will enable students to more readily work from different places and access material when it is needed.

This evolution begins, in earnest, in 2019. As outlined in the previous newsletter we have made the decision that from the beginning of 2019 it will be a requirement for all senior students (Years 11-13) to bring a device for learning to school. These devices will be used regularly across all subject areas and at all levels of the College.

It is important that students and caregivers see the benefits and understand the importance of bringing their own laptop to school each day and taking maximum advantage of the online learning environment we use - G-Suite for Education (GAFE). Additionally, teachers use a wide range of other software packages to complement learning in the classroom and enable that learning to continue at home.

Here is what you will need...

We appreciate that there can be significant expense involved in the purchasing of a laptop for learning and encourage you to source a device that is capable of covering all your child's particular needs at school for a number of years. As a general guide, A WindowsOS or MacOS laptop with at least 4gb of Ram and an i3 or equivalent processor will suffice. An expensive device, touch screen, large capacity storage device and graphics card are unnecessary for general school use. For example, while they are excellent computers, Apple MacBook computers are considered well above spec in terms of what your student will need.

A Chromebook will be suitable for most general class work however be aware that although they look like a regular laptop, a Chromebook does not run the majority of specialist subject software packages like Photoshop or Autocad, nor can they run many popular games like Minecraft or League of Legends etc. so may not be the device to suit all of your needs for home and school. However, as more and more software items become available through web browsers, Chromebooks are becoming more compatible.

We will not allow cell phones as learning devices from 2019 onwards – we do not believe that cellphones are conducive with learning due to the screen size and students connections to their cell phones being social rather than academic.

We have plans in place to be able to provide devices to students who are unable to purchase their own for the beginning of next year to enable equity across the Senior school.

We have attached a brochure from the Shape the Futures program via PCMedia as a starting point for your research on devices. If you visit the webpage listed, there are more devices coming available each week. In the meantime, you can also visit companies such as Noel Leeming, Harvey Norman (both Invercargill and Online), JB HiFi (Dunedin and online) or PB Tech (online) to see their BYOD offers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see us or email to office@aparima.school.nz and we will do our best to give you advice.

Nāku noa nā

Cameron Davis
Principal



Aparima College



B.Y.O.D Made Simple: Purpose built Education Laptops for Students

We have negotiated special discounted prices for a range of selected Education BYOD laptops. These devices are designed to accommodate day to day use in the classroom, all include a 3 year manufacturers warranty and all day battery life.

Special pricing is available only when you redeem this discount code at the check-out. Only available for purchase by students of the school and offer limited to one per student. Subject to availability.

Your exclusive discount code: **APAR2019**

 <p>TravelMate B117 Pro Academic</p> <p>Core features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all day Classroom Rugged, up to 10 hour battery <p>Reduced from \$669 to \$569 inc GST</p>	 <p>TravelMate B118 with Pen</p> <p>Core features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More performance, with touch screen and digital pen Rugged, Touch Screen, Pen, up to 13 hours battery <p>Reduced from \$879 to \$779 inc GST</p>	 <p>TravelMate X3310-M: i5/4GB</p> <p>Core features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More demanding applications such as Photoshop Full Core i5 performance for creative demands 12 hour battery <p>Reduced from \$1349 to \$1249 inc GST</p>
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Prices are valid as of 31/12/2018, whilst stocks last and are subject to change.

visit pcmediaeducation.co.nz



Tree Project Update

Over the past few weeks the Year 7/8 classes have been going out to the Tree Project area whenever the weather is fine. We have been measuring and constructing a path to fit the lie of the land, and outlining the edge of the path with branches. It has been interesting to see where the seeds that were sown in October have grown and which areas are most sheltered. We are also putting plans in place to create a time-series of photos in set areas, so that we can monitor growth and regeneration.



FaceBook Pizza Books Award

Jayson, ably supported by our wonderful librarian Mrs Wallace, has been running a Literature Club every Monday lunchtime in the Library to encourage the other Year 7 and 8 students to do the Hell's Pizza Challenge. This is sponsored by Hell's Pizza and NZ Post Books. Any student who read and reviewed seven books could win themselves a free Hell's pizza. Note: *Students have until 3 December to complete their pizza discs and claim their pizzas.*

As a result of his commitment and enthusiasm, Jayson won for the Library a selection of 12 new books from the NZ Post Children's Book Awards. Well done Jayson!

by Mrs Grove



Deow Art Workshop

On Tuesday 12 November, local artist Danny Owen (aka Deow) led an all-day workshop with our Year 10 students, sponsored by Youthline and Riverton Lions. Deow captivated the students with the story of how his career in Art had developed over 20 years, and what he was currently planning with the Sea Spray murals exhibition in Riverton this summer.

Deow discussed the properties of various paints and tools, and then encouraged the students to create some individual designs. He modelled various painting methods and supported students to bring their designs to completion.

In the afternoon, Deow created an awesome mural of a kea on the wall of the Year 10 classroom block, discussing painting and design techniques with an audience of Year 7/8 and Year 10 students, and answering their questions.

Both students and staff had a productive and creative day, and we can't wait for Deow to return to lead further workshops in future. The students are keen to monitor the progress of the gigantic murals being created in Riverton later this month, and to meet the world-class artists.

Thank you Deow and the sponsors for making this valuable day possible.

by Mrs Grove



Mural Project

Year 7/8 students working competently together on their mural projects



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

Term Dates 2019

Term One Between Monday 28 January and Thursday 7 February to Friday 12 April

Term Two Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (98 half days)

Term Three Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (100 half days)

Term Four Monday 14 October to no later than Friday 13 December* (94 half days)

* Or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for 380 half days in 2019. This final date may change due to staff professional development and NZQA exam dates.

Year 9 Camp Borland Lodge

On 14 December there were three vans that took us to Borland Lodge. One van got pulled over by the police, everyone thought that Miss Heath was speeding. Turns out that a student had left his water bottle and sleeping bag behind and Mr Watkinson kindly returned it. The journey was about an hour long. We arrived at camp and unpacked, the cabins were pretty nice and comfortable. There was a LOT of sandflies. We had free time before getting into the first activity. There were three activities - stream study, orienteering, and kayaking. The year split into three groups and had turns at who was doing the cleaning or the cooking. Once the first activities finished there were a few small activities before sleep. We did bivvy building and had a campfire and roasted marshmallows. Day 2 started early. We had to wake up at around 7:30 am or else we missed out on breakfast. Day 2 had two activities and we did spotlight and team relay before sleep. Day 3 also started early with Miss Heath coming into the cabins with a big pot and ice cream scoop because everyone was too tired to get up early. The last activity was a long hike from camp all the way to Lake Monowai. It was a long hike and the rain made it harder because the track was quite steep and it became slippery. Once that was done we got into the vans and went home. Camp was fun and enjoyable.

by Jershy Montes and Zach Thomson



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 by **Friday 30 November**.



Year 10 Market Day –

Friday 23 November 1:00 – 1:45pm. Please come and sample their products. Community, Parents and Caregivers all welcome to attend.

Up and Coming Events

23 November 2018	Year 10 Market Day
26-28 November 2018	Year 10 Camp – Te Anau
3-5 December 2018	Year 8 Camp – Cromwell
5 December 2018	Board of Trustees Meeting 12 – 2:00pm Common Room
6 December 2018	Friends of the School Morning Tea
6 – 7 December 2018	Peer Support Training Year 12 students
11 December 2018	Prizegiving 7:30 pm
12 December 2018	Last instruction day of School

SPORTS

5 December 2018	Mitre 10 Tough Kids Competition
23 November 2018	Year 7 / 8 Girls Rugby 10's - Otatau
27 November 2018	Year 7 / 8 Girls Football Festival

Community Notices

Wanted to Rent:

3-4 Bedroom House, Invercargill, Riverton and surrounding areas. Must allow Pets / Well fenced. Phone Lynette 021 156 8980 or 022 470 5083

Riverton Environment Centre - Education Workshops coming up:

Sat, 1 Dec 9am - 1:30pm –

Bountiful Backyards - 3hr combined WORKSHOP – Cost: \$45pp

- Beginner's Gardening
- Planning Your Garden
- Making Your Garden Fertile

For more information please contact the Riverton Environment Centre.

Food Forest Garden TOUR Sat, 1st

Dec 10:30am - 12pm - 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.**

RIVERTON
Christmas
TWILIGHT MARKET 2018

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

LOCATION: Main Street Riverton, The Postmaster Bakery, RSA, Union Church Hall, South Coast Environment Centre

FACE PAINTING • LIVE MUSIC
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TICKETS \$35

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