



# APARIMA MATTERS

## *E ngā mātāwaka o Aparima, tēnā koutou katoa*

Welcome back to Term 1 2019 everyone! The holidays are in the rear vision mirror now and we are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things this year. 2018 was a very successful year for Aparima College and we are certainly planning on making 2019 even better.

We have had our course confirmation for our seniors and our first day for all our new students – it is an exciting time for us as we greet a new batch of students to the school. This year we are welcoming 37 new enrolments into Year 7 and several new students scattered across other levels as well, which is wonderful, and a sign of the support we are receiving from our community.

Alongside our students we have a number of new staff beginning with us this year.

Amy Bond joins us in Years 7 and 8; Alan Bailey is acting HOD PE for Term 1 while we advertise for that role; Shayne O'Neill joins us in Technology and Eve Brown is teaching our senior students Te Reo this year, in combination with her role at the Health school in Invercargill. We are very pleased to have such high calibre people joining our staff and look forward to them developing positive relationships with our students we get going in the school year.

NCEA results for the past year were very pleasing overall, with pass rates of 87.1%, 81.3% and 72.2% respectively for our Year 11,12 and 13 cohorts. This reflects the work put in by the students in the first instance and of the support they receive from our talented staff. While these results compare us very favourably with the national average of other Decile 4-7 schools (+14%, +3% and +5% respectively for Yrs 11,12 and 13) we do not want to rest on our laurels and want to maintain and improve these standards across all year levels.

We also had some stellar achievements from Year 11 students Jack Halder and Alexis Halder who gained Excellence certificate endorsements. Alongside Jack and Alexis we also had Trixi Bull, Adam Winders, Levi Mennell, Olivia Black, Briana Blasco, Teagan Ashley, Courtney Loveridge and Scott Fleck gaining Merit endorsements. These students gained over 50 credits at Excellence or Merit level out of the 80- they needed to pass Level 1 which is an enormous achievement.

With a view to improving our results and the overall performance of our students we have developed our Strategic Plan for the next three years.

Our Strategic Plan is focusing on three main areas;

1. The core skill of writing across the curriculum – ensuring we are equipping our students for the written requirements of the Curriculum as they progress through the school and can accurately show progress and next steps to parents and students. We have identified writing as a barrier to higher grades throughout the senior school and it is something we are passionate about improving.
2. Deliberately encouraging higher aspirations – we have seen through our achievement data over the past years that we have had a number of students not performing to their potential and achieving higher grades, particularly in the senior school. We are implementing an Academic Profiling system this year which we hope will help us monitor students progress more clearly and allow us time to intervene where we can. Senior students will find out more about this process once they are into their Form class routines from next week. Alongside this, a focus on our core values of FOCUS, INTEGRITY, RESILIENCE, SERVICE, TAUMATA (Aparima F.I.R.S.T) will hopefully lead us towards being able to raise motivation levels and support our kids as they aim ever higher in their achievements.
3. Curriculum Review – As a school we are always looking at how we can best deliver the curriculum and meet the needs of our students. Over the next few years we will be investigating more deeply how we do that, what other options there may be, and how we can look to improve our offering to the students. This will involve looking at the subjects we offer, the combinations of those subjects, our timetable and the implementation of BYOD as we look to try and provide greater flexibility in our options to students.

During Term 1, myself and the BOT Chairperson Leon Black will be looking at holding some 'House Meetings' around the community, to discuss the plans we have as a school and get your feedback on what is happening at Aparima College. Details will follow on our Facebook page and in a subsequent newsletter once we have confirmed location and times.

Regarding BYOD for the Senior school, please continue to get in touch with us to ask questions about BYOD. We are more than happy to provide advice about devices as we can. Your students do not need an expensive top of the range laptop in order to engage with the processes we are using at school, but we are aware of the limitations of cheaper devices that may not have very good processing power – the number of Mhz that a computer says it will run at. This and RAM are probably the two key things to look at when purchasing a device as they are the things that will determine the performance of the device. Large amounts of hard drive storage is not essential, given the way most applications take place online, but aiming for at least 1.3Mhz and 4GB RAM is probably a minimum.

Chromebooks will be absolutely fine for the majority of students, however, these are not the same as laptops as in they only run the Chrome browser, so you can't download software to use on them in the same way you can on a normal laptop.

We have a range of devices in the school that will be able to be booked from the library and used for the day. These devices will remain school property and therefore will not be allowed to go home with students.

In regards to some questions we have had around damage to devices – your contents insurance should provide cover for most things that could happen to the device. The owner of the device is responsible for it and we will encourage students to take as much care as they possibly can, both for their own devices and for others.

We appreciate the impact BYOD has on families and we will continue to provide as much advice and help as we can.

**Nāku noa nā**

**Cameron Davis**  
**Principal**

## **NCEA Endorsements**

### ***LI with Excellence:***

Alexis Halder (merit subject endorsement in History and English);

Jack Halder (DVC and English endorsed with excellence, Mathematics and Science endorsed with merit)

### ***LI with Merit:***

Teagan Ashley (merit subject endorsements in Science, History, English, Mathematics)

Olivia Black (merit subject endorsements in Mathematics, Science, English)

Briana Blasco (merit subject endorsements in Mathematics, Science, English, Art)

Scott Fleck (merit subject endorsements in Mathematics)

Courtney Loveridge (merit subject endorsement in Food and English)

Trixi Bull (merit subject endorsement in Art)

Levi Mennell (merit subject endorsements in Mathematics, Science History)

Adam Winders overall merit



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Teagan Ashley who represented Southland at the Inter Centre Athletics Team competition at Nga Puna Wai Christchurch on 19 January. Teagan won the Under 18/20 hammer, shot put and discus. She also won the overall highest individual female points for Under 18/20. Her team was also placed 2nd overall. This competition was between teams from Southland, Otago, Canterbury and Queensland. *"Way to go Teagan"*

## **Athletic Achievements**

Congratulations to Kaitlin Heath-Tree and Rueben Brand who both have been named in the Southland Interprovincial Athletics Team to compete at the New Zealand Interprovincial Championships in Christchurch at Easter.

## **Science Star**

Congratulations to Logan Murdoch for achieving three Science Badges last year, awesome effort. If you want to challenge yourself and complete investigations that will qualify you for Science Badges, see Mr Le Breton or come to Lab 13 Friday lunchtimes for "SCI FRI"

## **School-leaver work readiness inquiry**

Since July 2017, I have been conducting an inquiry towards a thesis for a Masters of Applied Practice. The inquiry focused on the work-readiness of our school-leavers from Aparima College, particularly those who go straight from school into employment. The results of the inquiry reflected perceptions of school-leaver work-readiness from across New Zealand and in other countries. Employers consider the most important aspects of work-readiness to be having a positive attitude, having good time-management and effective self-management. Educators agree that these aspects are important, but also think that academic qualifications are important, and school-leavers consider managing personal well-being to be vital. Employers and educators in our small community stood out from similar roles in larger communities in that their most important reason for investing in young people is altruism, particularly the idea that they can help school-leavers find their place in society.

A huge thank you to the employers, school-leavers and educators who gave up their time and energy to complete questionnaires and interviews in order to provide the data behind this inquiry. The findings are being actioned within our curriculum at Aparima College and may help inform the practices of other schools and communities across New Zealand and potentially overseas. My findings are available online or from Aparima College. Please contact school if you would like more information.

*By Lynne Grove*

## OUASSA Science Camp (Otago University Advanced School of School Sciences Academy)

After a long bus drive, we arrived at Arana College where we were introduced to the rest of the fifty plus students that were also on the camp. The next day we were straight into our selected projects which was chemistry. We did lots of cool experiments like making silver mirrors and hydrophobic surfaces. After we finished the project we had a few hours of free time which we spent exploring Dunedin and all the cool things to do there. The next project we did was toxicology where we used sea monkeys to test out how acidic or basic chemicals were. We used other methods as well. We then had to say goodbye to Dunedin. We 100% recommend for anyone to give this a go. You learn so many amazing things and meet heaps of cool people. We cannot wait to go back.

*from Ben Lampitt and Henry Wallace*

### For Your Information

**SCHOOL OFFICE:** The office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. All general enquires, appointments with the Principal and Deputy Principals’, communication with staff or students must be made through the office.

**College Phone:** 03 2348 900  
**Email:** [office@aparima.school.nz](mailto:office@aparima.school.nz)  
**TEXT:** 0275 244 551 (TEXT MESSAGE ONLY) Our current texting system is not working at the moment with our new software. We are exploring options how to get this service back. In the meantime, please either email the office [office@aparima.school.nz](mailto:office@aparima.school.nz) or phone on 234 8900 to let us know of absences.

**College Website:** [www.aparima.school.nz](http://www.aparima.school.nz)  
(for morning notices and newsletters etc.)

**Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/pages/AparimaCollege/176201749211254](https://www.facebook.com/pages/AparimaCollege/176201749211254)

Information will put onto our Website, Facebook and in our fortnightly newsletter.

### BELL TIMES

Form Time	8:40 – 8:45
Period One	8:45 – 9:45
Period Two	9:45 – 10:45
Interval	10:45 – 11:00
Period Three	11:00 – 12:00
Period Four	12:00 – 1:00
Lunchtime	1:00 – 1:40
Warning Bell	1:40 – 1:45
SSR/Assembly/Electives	1:45 – 2:05
Period Five	2:05 – 3:05

### Messages to Students

If you wish to leave a message for your child, this must be phoned through to the College office by 11:30 am. We cannot promise that messages will get to your child if left after 12 noon.

### Attendance

Students should ensure they are at school and in their Form Class by 8:40am and leave by 3:05 pm unless otherwise indicated. If your son or daughter is absent please contact us by 9:00 am on the day of the absence, with your child’s name, reason for the absence and the name of the person phoning/texting in. Texts will be sent to parents/caregivers for unexplained absences. Students arriving late **MUST** sign in at the office when they arrive. There are personnel in the office from 8:00 am onwards, a text message may be sent to 027 5244551 or a message may be left on the answer phone.

### Visitors to Aparima College

For the College to comply with the Heath and Safely Laws and the Vulnerable Children’s Act any person coming onto the College grounds whether it be parents, and caregivers, contractors, etc, ALL must sign in at the College office and permission will be given from there regarding access to the school.

### Leaving the College Grounds

All students who leave the college during the day **MUST** have permission from the school as well as their parents/caregivers contacting the college office. The students **MUST** sign out through the office. Late students and those returning to the college **MUST** sign in at the office. Exeat passes are available to town students who wish to go home ONLY FOR LUNCH on a regular basis. Medical, dental and other appointments should be made outside school hours whenever possible. **Reminder to Senior students – if you wish to drive a vehicle to school you must collect a permission form from the office and get this signed by a parent/caregiver and return to the office. Note that you need to bring your driver’s licence to the office to be copied. (A new form needs to be filled in every year so although you did this last year you need to do it again this year).**

### Electronic Devices / Cell Phones

If students have electronic devices or cell phones with them at school, we will accept no responsibility if these items are damaged or stolen. Cell phones will be confiscated if their use disrupts the learning of students. If confiscated parents and caregivers will be required to collect them from the College office for the first offence. If another offence occurs in the same term, they will be confiscated until the end of the term.

## School Stationary

All stationary is now purchased through OfficeMax either online or at their Invercargill office. You will find your child's stationary list online at [www.myschool.co.nz/aparima](http://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 on 2348 900. It is important that the students have their stationary as soon as possible so they can resume their lessons. Please note the school office only stocks a small amount of stationary for one-off purchases during the year if needed.

A reminder to students - Please name all uniforms, sports uniforms, drink bottles and school stationary.

## Up and Coming Events

6 February 2019

Waitangi Day

26 February 2019

Young Enterprise Kickstart Event 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

### SPORTS

27 February 2019

School Athletics

## Community Notices

### Riverton Rugby Club

YES, it's almost time to start thinking about the coming season!

We are looking for expressions of interest with regard to coaching and management positions of our A B C & D Grades.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you. New and/or returning volunteers are most welcome.

We also need to urgently fill our School Convenor role. This position is essential to the running of our school grade competition.

For any further information please contact Britt Cleaver – 027 379 3699.

## School Canteen – Lees Canteen

Aparima College's Canteen is now run by Lees Catering, you will find the Menu on the back page of this newsletter. Most things are available at morning tea time, however if you are wanting a panini, wrap for lunch this is best to be ordered at morning tea time. Any questions or queries please visit [www.facebook.com/leescanteen](http://www.facebook.com/leescanteen) and message the team for further information. The menu is constantly changing so check out their Facebook page. *Please note messages/enquiries for Canteen must go directly to Lees Catering not via the College office.*

## Aparima College - Lee's Canteen MENU

### UNDER \$6

- Wraps - \$4.00
- Panini - \$3.50
- Salads - \$3.50
- Toasted Sandwich - \$4.00\*
- Hot Meals - \$3.50
- Sushi - \$6.00
- Nachos - \$4.50\*
- Baked Potato - \$4.00\*
- Bacon & Egg Muffin - \$3.50\*
- Steamed Hot Dog - \$3.50
- Mac'n'Cheese Toppa - \$3.50
- Lasagna Toppa - \$3.50
- FRIDAY ONLY
- Hot Chips - \$3.50\*
- Burger - \$4.50\*
- Wedges - \$4.00\*
- Pies - \$4.00\*
- Sausage Rolls - \$2.50\*

### EFTPOS available

### UNDER \$3

- Vegetable Quiche - \$2.50\*
- Bacon & Egg Pie - \$2.50\*
- Chicken & Beef Kebabs - \$2.50\*
- Savouries - \$2.00
- Muffins - \$1.50
- Popcorn - \$1.00
- Cheese Roll - \$1.50
- Spaghetti Bun - \$2.50
- Garlic Bun - \$2.50
- Hawaiian Pizza - \$2.50
- Noodles - \$3.00
- Cookies - \$1.00\*
- Fruit - \$1.00
- Juicy - \$2.50

### DRINKS

- Hot Chocolate - \$2.00
- Flavoured Milk - \$2.50
- Ribena - \$3.00
- Water - \$2.00
- Iced Milk Shake - \$3.00
- Moogurt - \$2.00
- Juice - \$2.50

\*selected foods not available everyday



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