

# Aparima Matters

# E ngā mātāwaka o Aparima, tēnā koutou katoa

Week 9 is about to finish -2 weeks to go until the holidays!!

Students and teachers are working really hard to finish the term well – our senior students are finishing off assessments and many have gained credits at Merit and Excellence level which is something we acknowledged in assembly this week. We are making a concerted effort to get our students aiming as high as they possibly can regardless of whether it is in or outside of class.

After our assembly on Monday we held a lockdown drill to go through our processes and make sure we are in a good position to keep everybody safe and secure should we be subject to an event that required a lockdown. The students did really well going through that process and as a staff we have identified areas we need to look at to ensure our processes are solid.

Next week as you know we are closing early on Monday – please make contact with the office (if you haven't already) if your child needs to be supervised at school for the afternoon.

Please note, we are working on the issues that are stopping the KAMAR portal from working properly. My apologies for how long this is taking, but there are some server issues in the background that have required a lot of time and effort from our IT support company. I am hopeful we are close to a solution to this in the coming week.

Coming up in the last week of school we have our ANZAC Assembly on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm - we welcome all parents and caregivers and members of the community to attend this service. Also swimming sports on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. This is also a house competition so please encourage your child to participate and gain valuable points for their house!

Nāku noa nā

Cameron Davis Principal

# **Congratulations**

Huge congratulations to Teagan Ashley who is one of ten young Southland sports people to be accepted into the Academy Southland Programme in 2019.

This programme is for developing young elite athletes aspiring to compete at an international level. Well done Teagan and we look forward to seeing you competing on the international stage!



# **Southland Athletics Champions**

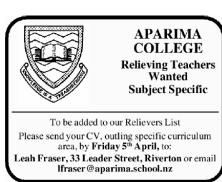
A 14 strong Aparima College Team competed at the Southland Athletics Championships on Friday 15 March. It was a very successful day with one Southland record, four Southland titles and five students qualifying to go to the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics champs in Nelson.

A huge congratulations to Teagan Ashley for breaking the Southland record in the Senior Girls Hammer with a throw of 47.93m.

#### Results were:

Teagan Ashley – 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Girls Hammer, 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot put Kaitlin Heath-Tree – 1<sup>st</sup> U14 Girls Javelin, 3rd Discus Henry Wallace – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Senior Boys 2000m steeplechase Reuben Brand – 1<sup>st</sup> U14 Boys High Jump Ryan McDougall – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Boys Discus





# Reminder of School Closure Monday 1st April at 1:00 pm

Just a quick note to remind you all that we are closing the school early on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April for teachers to prepare information for the Pastoral Care Managers so we can arrange some parent conversations regarding student progress. School will be closed from 1:00 pm. Buses will run at normal times on this day. If you require your child to be supervised at school that afternoon, we ask that you make direct contact with the office so they can collate a list of students requiring supervision and we can staff that accordingly.

## **Hump Ridge**

On 13 March, 15 students and four teachers went on a tramp at the Hump Ridge track. We did this for three days and stayed at two separate huts. Along the tramp we had plenty of banter and also learnt about the booming mill trade around Port Craig.

The first day we went from Rarakau car park to Okaka Lodge, a 21 km tramp where a lot of it was uphill. This was, in my opinion, the hardest day but it was the most enjoyable. At Okaka Lodge we hung out and enjoyed an evening of board games and good yarns.

The second day we went from Okaka Lodge down to Port Craig, this was another 21 km day which we spent a fair amount of it going downhill. On this day we crossed three viaducts, the biggest being the Percy Burn Viaduct which is the largest viaduct in the Southern hemisphere, being 35 metres above the ground and 125 metres long, the rest of this day was all flat and we were stoked to arrive at Port Craig. This was another enjoyable night to rest up for a long day tomorrow

The third day was from Port Craig back to the Rarakau Carpark, this was 20 km of painstaking walking, majority of it being flat but a few ups and downs for the start, we spent a bit of time walking on the beach which felt like it went on forever.

All round I'd say this tramp was well worth going on and I will definitely be going next year.

#### by Levi Mennell and Scott Fleck





### **PTA Cabaret Event Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest the PTA
Cabaret that was to be held on
6<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled.
This is very disappointing for the small PTA
committee that work hard to fundraise for
the benefit of all the children.

# Thank you from the Year 13 Students

We were busy fundraising last weekend to help with decorating and hire costs for the Aparima College School Ball coming up in May. We ran a firewood raffle, scratchie boards and we also worked in shifts being waiters at a wedding on Saturday afternoon and evening. On behalf of the Year 13 students at Aparima College we would like to thank the community for supporting our fundraiser over the weekend and we would like to congratulate the following winners:

#### Scratchie Board Winners were:

Betty Eade Francis Marcia Oliver Maree Blight and Pam Allen

#### Firewood Raffle Winner:

Dick Hall

We would like to thank Pankhurst Sawmilling for donating the firewood, Riverton SuperValue for allowing us to sell tickets outside the shop, Henry Cleaver for taking us to get the firewood and to David and Tania Cleaver for helping leading up to, and over the weekend.



Good Luck to our sporting athletes competing in the Southland Primary Athletics in Invercargill and South Island Athletics in Nelson this weekend.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students who have gained merit and excellence grades at NCEA already this year.

#### Level 1

Emmerson Armstrong gained an Excellence in Maths. Jackson Bevin, Thomas Black, Cameron Goulding, Casey Halder, Kori Horrell, Sam Johnston, Quaylan King, and Lisa McWilliam all gained a merit in Maths

#### Level 2

Alexis Halder gained an Excellence in Classical Studies. Teagan Ashley, Olivia Black, Briana Blasco, Jack Halder, Courtney Loveridge, Levi Mennell and Jamie Rule all gained a merit in Biology. Well done all of you and we look forward to more students gaining these high grades



# Wear Gumboots with your Uniform to School on 5 April

Having depression is like walking through mud every day. On Friday 5 April 2019, I AM HOPE is holding a Gumboot Friday where people are to wear gumboots, give a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for just one day to show their support for those suffering from depression. It's a fun way for Kiwis to join in the mental health conversation, while raising money to provide FREE and timely counselling for any kid in need. They aim to raise \$2 million. As a school we will be participating in this.

# **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

1 April 2019	School Closing 1:00 pm
3 April 2019	Otago University Liaison Visit
5 April 2019	Wear Gumboots with your Uniform to School
11 April 2019	ANZAC Assembly 2.30 pm
12 April 2019	Last day of Term One
29 April 2019	First day of Term Two
8 – 10 May 2019	Work Exploration Year 12-13's
11 May 2019	Aparima College Ball

#### **SPORTS**

29-31 March 2019	South Island Athletics in Nelson
30 March 2019	Southland Primary School Athletics - Invercargill
31 March 2019	South Island Athletics Nelson
8 April 2019	Ki-o-rahi Tournament in Takitimu
12 April 2019	School Swimming Sports
1 May 2019	School Cross Country

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### Patchwork with Angela Richardson at Aparima College

Beginners to Advance. Everyone Welcome. \$40 per day. 9:30am till 4:30pm. 27 April. For more information please ring Kathleen Hancox 03 224 6209. Or register at Aparima College 03 2348 900.



#### Measles:

It is a highly contagious disease spread when someone breathes in the virus that someone coughs or sneezes into the air by an infected person. A person with measles is infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the appearance of a rash. It can take up to 18 days from being exposed to the virus to developing symptoms which can include fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore eyes (very similar to the flu).

Phone (03) 2348 717 ~ Email: education@sces.org.nz ~ www.sces.org.nz

The best protection against measles is through immunisation with MMR vaccine. This is normally given to children at 15mths and 4 years. Two doses of MMR provide protection against measles in over 95% of those immunised.

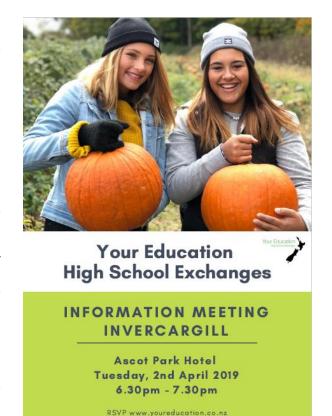
For people born before 1 January 1969 you are considered to be immune.

For anyone born **after 1 January 1969** who has not had measles - To verify your immunisation status, or your children's, check your Plunket books. If after checking these books you are unsure, contact your regular Medical Centre for clarification and advice.

Riverton Medical Centre

#### Central Junior Hockey Club:

Calling all players interested in playing in the Invercargill Junior High (Year 7 & 8) Hockey Competition on a Thursday night in Terms 2 and 3. Our club will again be entering teams in this competition composed of keen hockey players from Central and Western Schools. We also include vear 6's in our teams where we can. As our players all travel from various rural schools we have our team trainings at 4pm for an hour every Thursday at the Invercargill Turf before our games begin. If you are keen please contact Joanne 0273337694 Macgregor joandneilstandish@gmail.com and tell us your Name, School, Year at School, Date of Birth and all contact details. Alternatively, you can also contact Rosanne Allan 02771518209 Rosanne@farmside.co.nz.





Or call 0800 991 991 for more information



# **Help our Fundraising Cause! Entertainment Books**

This year we are raising money for our School. Please help us achieve our goal by purchasing an Entertainment Membership from us. Aparima College receives 20% from every Membership sold so tell your family and friends to support us as well. Purchase your Membership online today at: www.entbook.co.nz/2605e64





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