



# Aparima College Newsletter

Issue: SEPTEMBER



Aparima College  
33 Leader Street  
Riverton 9822  
Telephone: 03 2348 900

Email: [office@aparima.school.nz](mailto:office@aparima.school.nz)

Website: [www.aparima.school.nz](http://www.aparima.school.nz)

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

*(To all groups in and around Riverton)*

It seems ridiculous that we are now in September !! As many families will be, school is getting very busy at the moment leading towards the end of Term 3.

We have a half day coming up on 16<sup>th</sup> September where staff will be under-taking some professional development led by Kathryn Berkett of Engage Consulting. This is about the neuroscience behind teenage brains and how we as teachers can develop our understanding of the many and varied responses teenagers to their experiences. We are looking forward to this afternoon with an esteemed presenter.

In terms of communications to you as parents we would like to remind people to ensure that they are signed up for the KAMAR app, which allows access to up to date information on attendance and achievement for your students. The information on the app and on the parent portal which can be accessed through the app, is our best way of presenting you with regular, accurate information about the progress of your child. We believe that this will be more effective than our previous reporting system but will only work if we ensure you all have access. We have sent out login information to people multiple times, so you should be able to access it, but if for any reason you can't, please don't hesitate to contact us and we can go over it with you.

In addition to this we have just signed up to an app called Skool Loop, which Riverton Primary also uses. This is an app that we will be looking to utilise to streamline our communications out to parents, it is free on App Store or Google Play and is simple to use. Once you have it active on your phone, you can choose to register for certain groups, i.e. year groups, or sports teams etc, to ensure you receive notification messages for these groups. All people are registered automatically for the general group.

We hope that this will be another way of developing our communications to you as parents in a simple, cost effective way.

Obviously as we head towards the end of term 3, we are starting to gear up for the following year in terms of staffing and timetable options. Once our option choices are finalised for next year we will be giving out the Senior Options booklet for our students to look through the potential courses for next year. Following that an online form will be sent out to be completed by parents in consultation with the students at the beginning of next term. This form will indicate subject choices for 2021. This information will be used to build our first draft of the timetable and we will be connecting with students and families over the first few weeks of next term to ensure that information is collected and accurate.

Also, in regard to 2021, we are looking to push forward with our agenda of BYOD for the senior school. For next year we will no longer be offering the ability for Chromebooks to be borrowed from the library for senior students. This is in response to some surveys done by staff around use of the devices, time out of class collecting and returning devices and the benefits of students having the devices with them. Many of our senior students already have their own devices but don't bring them to school as it is simpler to borrow one from the library. We need senior students to have access to a device at all times for the multitude of tasks that are being completed digitally but will require them to bring their own device with them.

We have a number of possible ways of helping families for whom this may present issues and we would ask that if this is the case for you, please let us know as soon as possible so we can assist you. This assistance can be in different forms, so please get in touch and discuss your specific needs with us. For those families whose students already have devices, please encourage them to bring them to school every day.


Our focus for the junior school is different, as we look closely at the tasks that are being completed across the junior school and the potential benefits / issues around having a device. However, for the senior school we recognise that access to a device is a constant benefit for these students across the curriculum.



In the last week of school, we have a sports exchange with Northern Southland College being planned. This will obviously take into account Covid Alert Levels, but we are hopeful that we will be at Level 1 and able to push ahead with this as a wonderful opportunity for the students from both schools. We will keep you informed as we move closer to the date.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge the sad passing of Ron Bull last night. Our condolences go to the family at this difficult time and wish them the best as they navigate the tangihanga process.

Nāku noa nā

Cameron Davis  
Principal


RURAL EDUCATION






**PRESENTED BY KATHRYN BERKETT**


## ENHANCING EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE


**STUDENTS WELL BEING - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*"Learn valuable tools to understand the neuroscience behind decreasing stress and anxiety in the students in your schools."*

 **Wednesday 16 SEPTEMBER**

 **1pm - 4pm**

 **\$10 per person**

 **Aparima College Hall  
33 Leader Street,  
RIVERTON**

ENGAGE

MORE CONTROL. LESS STRESS.



www.engagetraining.co.nz

*To understand why stress and anxiety are increasing, we first need to unpack how incredibly different this generation is to the last.*

*Learn what impact this difference is having on the development of student's emotional resilience. Through this knowledge, you can become more aware of how to increase the resilience of those around us.*

*The information will be easily understood and will make so much sense, you will wonder how you got by without it!*

Schools **MUST** register their teachers for this session by 7 September 2020. Please phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email [enquiries@reap.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@reap.co.nz) to secure spaces.

 Southern REAP Inc
 

Have you downloaded our school app yet?

Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:

In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



Available on the



Available on Google play



# Finalists in the Beautiful Schools Awards

Aparima College has been selected by Keep New Zealand Beautiful as one of three finalists in the Sustainable Schools category. The winner of this category will be chosen at the Awards Ceremony in Auckland on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The judges were impressed with the variety of activities that we have been doing around our local environment. It has been a year since our Tremendous tree-planting event, and since then we have planted over 1000 native trees, planted a small food garden with a tunnel-house and compost bins, started recycling plastic bottles, run a soup kitchen, conducted Sustainable Coastline beach surveys, formed a student-led EnviroCouncil, created a Wellbeing Walkway, and have started a Seed Library. We have learned so much about our local history, our environment, and how we can take action to mitigate some of the challenges that we face. We really appreciate all our supporters who help us on this ongoing journey.

## Enterprise in Action

Our Deputy Head Boy, Dom Riddell, has been selected as one of two Young Enterprise students to represent Southland at the Enterprise in Action event in Wellington next week. He will join a team of students from everywhere south of Auckland in taking a product to market in the space of 48 hours. The event has been described as “Young Enterprise on Steroids” and gives students a chance to network with like-minded people, learn new business skills and be mentored by business coaches from across New Zealand’s major companies. We wish Dom every success.

## New Normal Young Enterprise Company

Our Young Enterprise business, known as New Normal, aims to save the community with our home-made hand sanitizer. To raise capital for production we are fundraising at lunchtime on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, selling drinks (\$1) and ice-cream cups (\$3). The drink bottles will be recycled to hold our hand sanitizer.



## Simply Green Young Enterprise Company

Kia Ora, we are Simply Green, and our Young Enterprise product Kohi Bags are ready for sale. Our Kohi Bags are made from environmentally friendly Jute material and are an alternative to plastic produce bags. Their dimensions are 20x30cm (folded in half) and they come with a beautifully presented Karakia Kai to encourage spiritual connections between individuals and their Kai. They cost \$5.00 each. Please contact [grace.thomson@aparima.school.nz](mailto:grace.thomson@aparima.school.nz) or ask at the office.



# Otago/Southland Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

The three day Otago/Southland Secondary Schools Netball tournament was held in Invercargill at the beginning of the week. The Senior Netball team stayed together in Riverton and travelled to Invercargill each day for the tournament. The girls lost two games, drew one game and won two games to finish 7th out of 12 teams in the B grade. Which is a great achievement for a young team. Congratulations to Brooklyn Hitchcock and Rose Winders who were identified as *"talented players"* during the tournament.

A huge thank you to Lana Winders and Debbie Monteith for giving up their time to coach and manage the team. Also, a huge thank you Ian Brinsdon, parents and grandparents for their support throughout the tournament it was epic!



## U15 Rugby Tournament

The Aparima College U15 rugby team recently completed in the South Island U15 tournament, doing very well. Very impressive results including wins against St Peters winning 10-0 and an impressive 50-5 win against Menzies, a 61-12 win over Cromwell, and a 5-5 draw.

They made the final against Dunstan going down 26-10. Fantastic efforts lads! Big thank you to the team's coaches, managers and parent supports.





**2021 Enrolments**  
*due by*  
**25 September 2020**

Please either drop this off at the college or email to [office@aparima.school.nz](mailto:office@aparima.school.nz)

Please remember to attach a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 03 2348 900.

# Humans of Aparima College

A few of our students are interviewing and sharing stories of our people. “Welcome to Humans of Aparima College”

## Mr Gibbs

Mr Gibbs is another one of the Year 7/8 form teachers and enjoys teaching 7/8G. He has taught at Aparima College for six years now and had previously been relief teaching as well as teaching in Balclutha. His main passion is motorbikes. At home he owns five motorbikes and has been riding them for over 25 years. He very much dislikes Harley Davidson motorbikes, as they do not make the sort of bikes he likes, however, his favourite brand would have to be Ducati.

When he was younger, he raced motocross for quite a few years and then changed to road racing in his early twenties. In addition to this, he also raced side cars for five years at national level and came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Zealand. He also crashed his motorbike when he was 12 and went to hospital, luckily there was nothing wrong, he only had a concussion. During school he did not know what he wanted to be do, so he ended up trying a few different things. He first started off by going to Polytech, then worked at Repco, after that he worked at Farm Machinery, then moved into trucking, afterwards he worked at a roofing company and then trained as a school teacher.



## Mr Jackson

At the beginning of this year, Mr Jackson and his family moved down to Riverton all the way from the North Island. He is now our Head of Department for PE and Health here at Aparima. Mr Jackson’s hobbies include sport, coaching and teaching. He enjoys spending time with his family outdoors and going for walks. His favorite sport is hockey. He has played in U13, U15 and U17 teams for Bay of Plenty and the NZ Defense Force. Mr Jackson has also coached high school hockey teams. When he was younger, his ultimate goal/dream was to become a P.E. teacher or play for NZ’s hockey team, the Black Sticks.

Mr Jackson has been to 15 countries in total, which include Asia, The Islands, Australia, and also spent time in Antarctica for 28 days, unloading shipping containers for Winter. After Mr Jackson left school, he went and joined the NZ Navy for 9 years. He said it was an incredible life experience and got to travel lots because of it.

His best experiences in life include getting married, the birth of his son, Riley Jackson and travelling around NZ. His biggest goal is to just enjoy life.



# Hokonui Endowment Fund

Applications are invited from tertiary and secondary school students Year 9 onwards for the Hokonui Endowment Fund. The Hokonui Endowment Fund is an education fund for applicants who can trace their whakapapa to the original Maori Owners of Rakiura/Steward Island. Applicants must be a Southland resident. A copy of the Application Form for the 2020 academic year is available at the **College office**. A hardcopy of the completed application form needs to be received for processing by **Wednesday, 30 September 2020**. For further information, a Facebook page has been set up via the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/foveauxstrait/>

## Entertainment Books

Once again Aparima College are selling Entertainment Books. 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.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2605e64](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2605e64).

## Community Partnership Funds Now Open

Do you have a community project underway and need a funding boost? Good news - the Community Partnership Funds are now open for applications. Designed to financially support local initiatives and projects, your local community board has a Community Partnership Fund from which to allocate grants for local applications. All relevant information, criteria, closing dates and application forms can be found at [www.southlanddc.govt.nz/cpf](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/cpf)

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

7-9 September 2020	OREC Ropes Course
9 September 2020	BIG Clean Up - Electives
<b>16 September 2020</b>	<b>Half Day – Teacher Only Afternoon</b>
21 September 2020	BOT Meeting 6:00pm Room 5
25 September 2020	Last Day of Term 3
12 October 2020	Term 4 starts

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Winton Football Summer League

The club is planning another season of its popular 5 aside summer league in Term 4 on Thursdays starting 15 October for 8 weeks. Primary school students have two grades Yr 1-5 and Yr 6-8 plus the adult's section for college students and older. Junior games start at 5.30pm and have two games being finished by 6.30pm. Adults have 2 games with the first one kicking off at 6.30pm. If schools do not have enough to form a team or there are individuals looking for a team, we can usually sort something out. Registrations will be called in a couple of weeks so in the meantime start getting your teams organized. Enquiries can be sent to [5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com](mailto:5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com)

