



Aparima College Newsletter

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Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

(With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive)

Kia ora e te whānau,

How great is it to see events back on the school calendar, many of our students have re-engaged quickly with after school sports, representing the school and demonstrating our values in the wider community. Thank you to everyone who attended the parent teacher interviews this term. Having parents once again on-site gave the feel of returning to something more like normal and the energy at school was lifted. For us it highlighted the importance of working alongside you as parents in your child's education. If you were unable to attend parent interviews, please check the KAMAR portal which is being updated with your child's course of study (Years 11-13). You are also able to email your child's teacher for an update or to make an appointment.

The winter months are settling in and we are working hard to ensure adequate ventilation exists in classrooms whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature. We are a part of the Ministry's ventilation project and are monitoring CO2 levels in several classrooms. This data will help inform our needs. Students are encouraged to bring a black jacket to school to wear and keep warm. Masks continue to be encouraged and a reminder that if students are unwell, they should remain home. There has been some understandable confusion regarding re-isolating and the ministry of health provides clear guidelines around this. [Catching COVID-19 again | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Thank you for your continued support in getting your children to school on time. We continue to focus on regular attendance here at school and we certainly notice the difference in engagement, school pride and achievement when learners are here regularly. Being on time means your child settles into the routine of the day and feels relaxed and confident, lateness puts them on the back foot from the onset. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any difficulties you may be having in regard to getting your child to school.

Teacher Only Day was a valuable time for us as teachers to focus on the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisites for NCEA. These are an indicator for learners that the foundations of literacy and numeracy are strong as they move into future pathways. Literacy and Numeracy will be taught across the curriculum. With students being given several opportunities to achieve the co-requisites in years 10-12. The co-requisites will not carry any credits for NCEA but are required in order to achieve NCEA.

We are currently planning a range of activities for our Matariki celebrations. We will be hoping to tie these in with celebrations happening in the township. This year will see the whole of New Zealand officially mark Matariki with a public holiday on the 24th June. Matariki provides an ideal opportunity to explore and pass on and sustain aspects of our culture and heritage. It is of course a time of celebration and the sharing of food and stories, to this end we will be hosting a Matariki breakfast on Thursday 23rd June (8:30am – 10:30am). This will be an opportunity for you to come along and share some kai with our rangatahi and Kaiako and have a look at some of the activities and mahi they have been engaged in throughout the week. We look forward to catching up with you then.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma

Aparima College Ball Fundraiser

The Year 13 students are selling Cupcakes to help fundraise for decorations for the school ball

Orders to be in by Tuesday 7 June and they will be handed out on Friday 10 June

Order forms have been handed out to the students

Spare forms available from the office

**Cupcakes -
\$3.00 each**



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Pink Shirt Day

Pretty in Pink... brighten the day!! Fantastic to see the students standing up against bullying.



Aparima College PTA

At the recent PTA AGM, two long standing volunteers stepped down from their committee roles. Wendy Black as Treasurer and Wendy McNaughton as Secretary.

Thank you, Wendy Black, for your active participation for over a decade. You have been Treasurer since 2018 and the many volunteer hours you have given the school community is greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you, Wendy McNaughton, for your contributions over the years. You stepped up for Secretary in 2018 and your volunteer mahi has also been really appreciated. Whilst the secretary role was not filled, Karla Evans is the new PTA Treasurer and Jo Grimwood the PTA President.

We're a friendly bunch & we welcome all parents and caregivers to our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday June 14 at 7:30 pm in the staffroom.

by Jo Grimwood
PTA

A poster for Aparima College Jackets for sale. The poster is framed with a thick black border and a green outline. It features the title 'APARIMA COLLEGE JACKETS FOR SALE' in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text reads: 'We now have a school jacket available for students to purchase if they wish. Please copy and paste the link to order' followed by the URL 'http://aparimacollege.uniformnz.com/'. Below the URL, it says 'Samples available from UniformNZ Invercargill. Please contact the College office if you have any further questions or would like to know more.' At the bottom of the poster is a black school jacket with a green and yellow crest on the left chest. The poster is shown as a stack of three, with the top one being the most prominent.

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Southland Orienteering

On Monday, May 23rd the Year 9 Social Studies classes were visited by Paul Horner, the President of Southland Orienteering Club. He taught us about map features and the use of maps and compasses. Then we got to design our own little Orienteering course around the school and walk/run it.



Gateway Updates



Anaru Crawford getting ready to go on his Gateway Placement at Invercargill Engineering.



James Willis at his gateway placement at Southland Honda last term. He was having morning tea when I arrived, and this was the only photo I managed to get before they went into covid mode in their workshop. by *Mrs Ward, Gateway*

Good Luck to our junior students who are running in the Western Cross Country in Otautau today!

Girls Festival

Girls Festival at ILT Stadium recently - our wahine are paired up with Waiau Area School. All the wahine had a lot of fun with wheelchair basketball and boxfit and a range of other activities. An enjoyable day had by all.



Year 9/10 Boys Basketball

Our Basketballs are off to a great start to the season, winning their first couple of games.



Girls Rugby

It was fantastic to see our Aparima College Girls' rugby playing on the Riverton Domain on Monday night. They play in a Year 9/10 Rugby Southland Tournament on Monday nights. Our girls scored a number of impressive tries. Well done to all involved.



Entrance to Aparima College

We are currently looking at the entrance into Aparima College. One idea is to develop an entrance way on the corner that is currently closed off by the school sign.

Our understanding is that the current "well structure" and school name was built to frame the original bricks from the original school building. We are proposing that the original bricks be preserved with the structure framing them removed and replaced with something that represents the history and future aspirations of Aparima College.

If you know the history of this structure or have any objections to this proposal, please email the school office
office@apariama.school.nz



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.

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 to advise a reason for leaving. 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. **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).**

Reminder - Attendance

Students should ensure they are at school and in their Form Class by 8:40am and leave by 3:00 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 in. Absences can also be put through using the Kamar app on your phone. Any problems accessing this app please contact the College office. Automatic texts will be sent to parents/caregivers for unexplained absences. Students arriving late **MUST** sign in at the office when they arrive.

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UP AND COMING EVENTS – 2022

2 June 2022	Western Cross Country
6 June 2022	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
13 June 2022	BOT Meeting 6pm
14 June 2022	PTA Meeting – 7:30pm College Staffroom
17 June 2022	Lip Sync and Air Guitar Competition
24 June 2022	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY
29 June 2022	Volleyball House Challenge
1 July 2022	Volleyball House Challenge
4 July 2022	BOT Meeting 6pm
6 July 2022	Career Speed Info afternoon
28 July 2022	Careers Fest

COMMUNITY EVENTS

New Zealand Lions Clubs Youth Activities



YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST

DISTRICT 202F CONTEST

DATE: SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022
VENUE: SENIOR CITIZEN ROOMS 10B ARDWICK STREET, GORE
TIME: 10.30am (contestants must report by 10.10am sharp)

Family and friends of contestants are welcome to attend to offer support.

The Lions Clubs of New Zealand offer youth 16-21 years of age the opportunity to participate in a public speaking competition. Youth must have attained seventeen years of age and not have had their 21st birthday by 1 December 2021.

Youth will be required to deliver a prepared speech of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The topic is at the discretion of the contestant. Penalty points apply for under and over time.

An additional impromptu speech of not more than two minutes on a topic determined by the judges will also be delivered by each contestant. Penalty points apply for over time.

District Finals will be held throughout NZ during May and June 2022 to determine the winners per district. These winners will travel to the National Finals to be held in Wellington. All travel to the finals is at the expense of New Zealand Lions Clubs. The National Finalists will be required to deliver the two speeches as aforementioned.

If you are interested in this contest, please contact Lions District 202F Young Speechmaker Co-ordinator

Julie King Phone: 027 232 1095 email: g.j.king26@gmail.com

Please Note: Lions District 202F closing date for entries is Friday 27 May 2022