

Aparima College Newsletter Issue: ISSUE SIX: AUGUST 2022

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A word from the Principal's desk

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,

What a joy it is to see all the students once again busy with sports and activities. This term already we have seen students participating in Netball Tournaments, Ski Trips, Snow Camp, Careers Fest, Engineering Days and Basketball. Last week we were excited to welcome prospective whānau to our school for Open Day. It was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for us to show our school in action. Thank you to all who attended.

What a cold week it has been! It has prompted the student council to discuss some uniform regulations for the winter months. We have negotiated with the students and have agreed to students wearing a winter jacket of neutral colour (previously only black), green, navy blue or black can be worn to stay warm at this time.

Thank you for your support with mask wearing, we have been fortunate to have a relatively low number of absences due to illness so far this term. We will now move to our previous position of encouraging mask wearing indoors, some teachers will ask students to wear a mask as they may be vulnerable. Our students have always been respectful of this. I would like to remind parents of the importance of regular school attendance. Research has proven time and time again, regular attendance (over 90%) is one of the most significant factors in success at school.

Next Wednesday morning I would like to invite any whānau who are around at 10am to meet me at The Crib for a coffee (my shout). This is an opportunity for us to get together and get to know each other and what matters to our rangatahi here in Riverton. I hope this will become a regular event to keep us all informed about what is happening in our school and community.

This week we were excited to launch the new school web site. Check us out at <u>www.aparima.school.nz</u>. We would like to thank Back9 Creative for all their support and hard work in putting together our new site and developing our new prospectus.

You will be aware that the school board elections were held recently. I would like to extend, on behalf of the school and community, our sincere gratitude to the hard work of the outgoing board, Lana Winders, Leon Black, Irirangi Luke, Lynley Woodward, Kaitlin Heath-Tree and Adele Bevin. Your positive attitude and pragmatic approach to school governance as steered the school well and has been very much appreciated.

We welcome the newly appointed board, Michael Berkers, Carey Fraser, Nigel Watkinson, John White and Leah Fraser, (Student election yet to be processed). I am sure the range of skills and experience they bring will continue to steer our school in a positive and innovative way.

Thank you to Lynette Heath for being our returning officer.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Speed Networking Careers

In conjunction with Great South, Aparima College ran a Speed networking careers afternoon for students from Year 10 through to Year 13.

We were privilege to have the following Career role models come and give an insight into what their career choice looks like.

- Louise Steyl from the Southland Times
- Robert Dennis and Savish Khetoo from NZ Thorough breed Racing
- John Mackley, Corey price and Sarah Philips from Ryal Bush Transport
- Amanda Linklater from Gowith Tourism
- Brooke Armishaw and Jessy Raukawa from NZ Police Force
- Sarah DeGouw and Matt Thwaites from Rayonier Matariki Forests
- Andrea de Vries from Great South.

Unfortunately, due to covid the Radiology team had to cancel at the last minute.

Each employer did a short introductory presentation followed by a more in depth talk to small groups of students.

This was a great hour and a half for the students who were able to participate in practical activities set up by the above groups.

Students were able to experience Bungee jumping and Zip lining through using VR devices provided. Rayonier brought along a drone simulator, and it was great to see students practise horse riding on an artificial horse. Jessy from the police (who is the first female member of the armed defenders squad based in Southland) allowed students to try on her flack jacket which was very heavy and made you wonder how anyone could ever run wearing one. The evaluations from the students indicated that this was a very good activity and that they got some amazing information from the experience.

By Helen Ward Careers



Career Fest 2022

On Thursday 28 July our Year 10 -13 students travelled to ILT Stadium Southland to attend Career Fest 2022. Here students were able to engage with over 40 exhibitors. There were tertiary and alternative education providers such as Frontline, industry support services and training organisations, along with businesses and government services eagerly waiting to talk with our students around their future pathways.

It was awesome to see our students so enthusiastic and engaged with the different providers. Hopefully many students have come away with ideas for their future. It was also very nice to be told how well mannered and responsive our students were from many exhibitors.

The trip was completed with a stop at McDonalds/Subway.



Gardening Elective

On Wednesday, the Gardening Elective students were harvesting our amazing crop of Daikon radishes. Most of the students took some Daikons home to experiment with some recipes, and some were taken to the Environment Centre to be sold to customers there.



Otago Tertiary Open Day

On Sunday 31 July a group of seven students and two staff headed to Dunedin for Tertiary Open Day. Our first stop was to the Anatomy Museum for a quick look after which we were privileged to have a tour of a lab at The Centre for Neuroendocrinology. This is where research into how hormones and the brain interact.

We then visited several Colleges of Residence so that students were in a good position when deciding where they might like to live in 2023.

The evening saw us all enjoy a Thai meal, then back to our accommodation for a good night's sleep. Monday students spent the day attending lectures and information kiosks around their particular subject interest. Some students looked at more Colleges while others enjoyed orientating themselves with the Otago Campus.



Aparima College REMINDER

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 24 August School will be closed for student instruction Please note - the office will be closed all day

Congratulations to the following Students

Tahla Ward Who recently competed in the Southern Country Music Awards recently.

Tahla's results from the last two weekends:

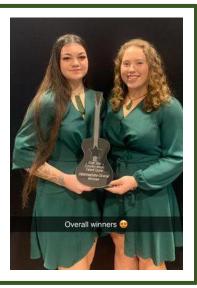
Southern County Music Awards.

Tahla was VHC (very highly commended) in her Solo & Gospel sections and won the duo section with her singing partner Maia Fletcher - their duo is called Troubadours.

Gold Star Country Music Talent Quest.

Tahla gained 1st - Solo Section and 1st in Duo section with Troubadours Tahla was Overall Runner up and Overall Winner of Intermediate section with Troubadours

Well done Tahla – A great achievement!! – Aparima College



To **Jake Wright** who has won the YES Business Card competition with his design below. He wins 300 cards from Craigs Design and Print, which he will use for his Young Enterprise business Wave Warrior – which sells surf wax in sustainable packaging.

Great Business Skills Jake – Keep up the Good Work – Aparima College!!



To Jason Columbus for making the U13 Southland Basketball Team

Great Effort Jason, Awesome Work – Aparima College



To Mali Grimwood

who has been selected for the Southland U17 Football Team.

Great Work Mali – Watch out Cristiano Ronaldo!! – Aparima College



The Weather is improving......

The sun was out again on Wednesday for electives and the students and staff enjoyed getting outside and doing their thing!





Aparima College 2023 Enrolments



Reminder that enrolments for 2023 close on Friday 30 September 2022

You will then be notified to come in for an interview and then sent an acceptance letter.

Professionals Engineers Day

Recently four of our students took part in a Professional Engineers Day where they got to learn about all the different disciplines in engineering including Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Chemical, Biomedical and Electrical. They were taken through some buildings to look at some structural elements and earthquake strengthening and got to have a behind the scenes look at the new inner-city development. In the afternoon they took part in a design challenge and won the prize for the best teamwork!

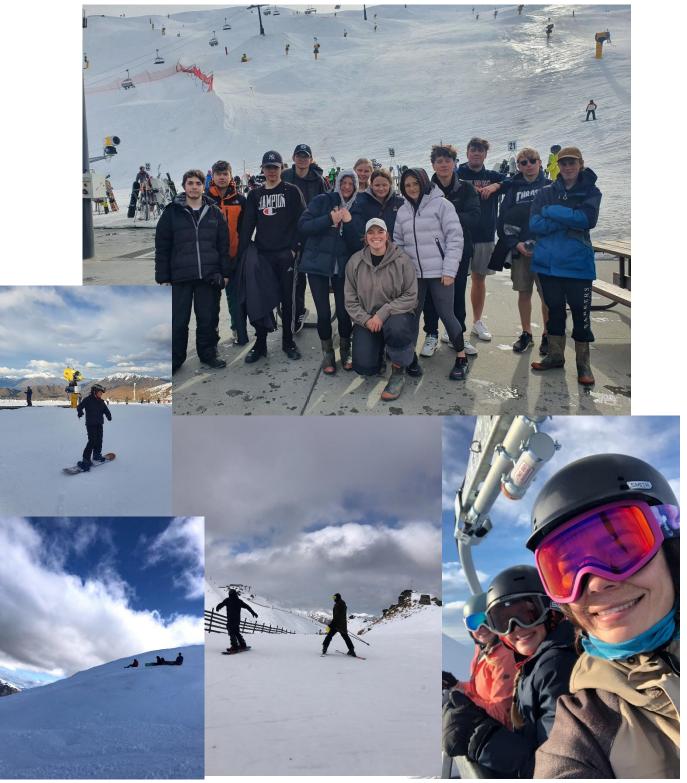




Outdoor Recreation Education Class – Snow Camp

Last week our Year 12 and 13 OREC class went up to Coronet Peak to complete our snowboarding assessment. We spent 3 days up the mountain snowboarding and were lucky enough to stay at the Southland Ski Lodge with Denis and Lynelle. With the help of our amazing snowboard instructor Sammy, we were able to execute various turns and shred down the mountain. We all had a great time exploring the mountain and gave every opportunity we were given. Big thanks to Mr Jackson, Mr Fraser and Mrs O'Neil!

by Madisyn Wills



APARIMA COLLEGE BALL

By the order of The Peaky Blinders, we request the parents/caregivers of the Aparima College ball attendees to welcome yourselves to the Aparima College Hall on Saturday 13 August at 7:00pm to watch the Grand March.

Gold Coin Donation upon entry.

Please welcome friends and family to join Aparima College pupils on this special night!

APARIMA COLLEGE JACKETS FOR SALE

We now have a school jacket available for students to purchase if they wish. Please copy and paste the link to order

http://aparimacollege.uniformnz.com/ Samples available from UniformNZ Invercargill. Please contact the College office if you have any further questions or would like to know more.



HOKONUI MÃORI ENDOWMENT FUND LAINA NIHA • SECRETARY • 87 BURROWS STREET, BLUFF 9814 • Telephone (03) 212 8962

1 July 2022

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 Māori Owners of Rakiura/Stewart Island. Applicants **must** be a Southland resident. For more information contact either:

Christian Fife – 027 225 0086 Laina Niha – (03) 212 8962 Ricky Topi – (03) 212 8556 Louise Fowler – (03) 212 8577

A copy of the Application Form for the *current 2022 academic year* is attached. All applications received must use this form and need to have all relevant sections completed, including verified bank account details, whakapapa and an original piece of writing for the essay. Also refer to the Application Information and Checklist details to ensure all sections and information is submitted. A hardcopy of the completed application form needs to be received for processing by *Friday, 30 September 2022*. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

For further information, a Facebook page has been set up via the following link: https://www.facebook.com/foveauxstrait/

> Application Forms available from the College office.

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).

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.

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.



UP AND COMING EVENTS

APARIMA COLLEGE BALL

7 A-side Year 7-8 mixed Netball Competition 7-Aside Tournament at Northern Southland College Postponement Date for 7-Aside Tournament at NSC TEACHER ONLY DAY SIT Open Day Year 11-13s Senior Netball Tournament Week 10 A-side 7/8 Girls Rugby Competition **OREC** Ropes Course BOT Meeting 6:00pm NCEA School Exams First Aid Year 12 / Safety in Action Student REP Election for BOT School PHOTOS



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Football

Winton Football will again host this popular event on Thursdays throughout term 4, first day is Thursday 20 October 2022. Schools are encouraged to make up teams, two grades in primary school level, Yr 1-5 and yr 6-8, with year 9s plus included in the adult competition, but I can usually find room for individual players needing a team. Junior games start at 5.30pm and adults from 6.30pm with two games per team each night. Registrations will be called for at the start of next month, but any enquiries can be sent to 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com



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