



Aparima College Newsletter

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*Aparima Ambassadors
Today we walked around the Riverton Village finding
points of interest for visitors and newcomers. We also
learned of more local history.
Outside learning at its best !!*

He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Tena koutou katoa,

A very warm welcome to the 2023 school year. It has been an excellent start to the new term with teachers, staff and students all buzzing with new learning opportunities being implemented. It has been exciting to experience the excitement around the campus and to hear students and teachers talking about their learning and the opportunities ahead in 2023.

All new students are settling well as are our new teachers. Our budding journalist have interviewed the new staff and their interviews are in this newsletter. Our new head of PE and year 9 and 10 Dean, Shane Ripley, joins us from James Hargest College. Shane brings a wealth of experience to Aparima College and we look forward to the continued growth and development of the department. Doreen Lata and Kalpesh Narayan join Aparima College from Fiji, they are strengthening our Mathematics and Science Department, teaching Physics, Chemistry and Maths. They have settled in Riverton with their family and we look forward to them becoming a part of the school and wider community. We welcome Toni Daane who also joins us from James Hargest College. Toni is a highly experienced Teacher Aid whose passion and enthusiasm for learning will, I'm sure be infectious. We also welcome our new Sports Co-ordinator Adele Bevin who has been very much involved in sports in our community for years.

2023 looks certain to be a year where all events and activities look set to be happening; let's hope for a pandemic free year! It will be challenging for families to get back in the swing of getting organised for activities. We encourage students to be involved in extra curricular activities and appreciate that they cannot do so without your support. Thank you in advance for this support.

I encourage you to join the PTA. This year the major fundraising focus will be for Kapa Haka uniforms. The PTA also support the school with events such as the Ball and Open Day. The partnership with the PTA is valued and very important to a small school.

I look forward to meeting with you over the course of the next few weeks.

Ka kite ano,

Aloma Williams
Principal

Teacher Only Day

Great learning recently for our teachers and staff from Aparima College and Riverton Primary. Learning the rich history of Ngāi Tahu we are on a journey of discovery, weaving the rich tapestry of our place. A great start to 2023!!



Introducing our Head Students

Kaitlin Heath-Tree

Kia ora koutou! My name is Kaitlin Heath-Tree and I am one of your Head Students for 2023. As my time as a head student, I aim to be as approachable as possible. I will be working on the student council alongside a range of individuals to uplift student voice. I will also be working to make sure the council is sustained for the coming years. As well as this, I will be involved in various projects/groups such as the breakfast club, kapa haka and peer support which will allow me to interact with a wide range of students. I really love reading, surfing and playing sports (previous to sustaining a knee injury). I am planning on studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury next year, however I am really looking forward to working with the students and faculty this year.

Kio Ora

by Kaitlin



Tahla Ward

Kia ora. My name is Tahla Ward and I'm very excited to be one of your Head Students for 2023! My vision for Aparima College is to have a stronger bond between our arts and culture here at school. This is something I aim to achieve before the end of my Aparima journey! This year I will be involved with our kapa haka rōpū, student council, senior netball team and peer support. I would like to build great relationships with our new students through the peer support programme. I hope to be approachable and helpful so students can talk to me when they are needing someone to speak with! Next year, I would like to further my education by doing Māori studies at polytech or university, which will set me up to hopefully get a career alongside Te Puni Kōkiri!

Ngā mihi nui

Tahla



Keira Lonneker

Hello, my name is Keira Lonneker, and I have been selected as the 2023 prefect. This role has given me the opportunity to work alongside the 2023 head students. I'm looking forward to what this year has in store for myself and am thrilled for what's to come. My goal for 2023 is to ensure that the ball as well as other activities are well-organised and run smoothly. As well as making sure that other students feel comfortable to reach out to myself and the head students. I am looking forward to getting to know the students of Aparima College. I am planning to study early childhood education next year at the University of Otago.

Keira



APARIMA COLLEGE - MUFTI DAY




Valentine's Day Non- Uniform Fundraiser!

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

WEAR PINK!

**THIS IS AN APARIMA COLLEGE BALL FUNDRAISER SO
PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION**



**A REMINDER TO
NAME ALL SCHOOL
UNIFORM /
PE GEAR SO IF
FOUND IT CAN BE
RETURNED**

Kia tu Fridays

Friday is the best day of the week at Aparima College because you get to pick what activity you want to do. You can choose from a wide variety of options including Toi Māori, where you learn to speak Te Reo, do Mau Rakau, Poi dancing and Māori art such as making tukutuku panels. Another option is Hospitality. Why spend money on groceries when you can make your own pizza with a topping of cherry tomatoes from the school's tunnel houses? You could learn about the Science of Food, making butterscotch from your own homemade butter. Or you could go surfing at Colac Bay, although apparently it was really hot wearing wetsuits this Friday. You could take skateboards to the skatepark to practice your balance for surfing. In Art, you could make use of local landscapes by visiting the beach to do still-life drawing. You could choose sports and recreation, playing ball games but also needing to take regular breaks in the shade to cool down. You could be an Aparima Ambassador, visiting Te Hikoī museum or be an Aparima Writer, visiting the District Library to research children's books and start making your own book. If you are a senior student, you could work individually on your passion projects such as learning a language or doing a sustainability project. As roving reporters, we toured the school grounds and asked everyone about their experiences.

by Ciara, Madison, Katie and Cassie



The Science behind Food

Week 1 – We used cream to make butter, we compared different techniques to see if any were faster or better. We found that smaller amounts of cream turned to butter faster when shaken in jars, a manual whisk takes the longest and an electric beater works fast but makes a lot of mess.

We separated out the buttermilk from the butter, washing the butter well under running cold water to remove all of the buttermilk. This was to stop the butter going rancid.

We then used the leftover buttermilk to make pikelets with jam and some cream we saved.

The butter we made is going to be flavoured next week and used on the naan we are going to make. Week 2 we are looking at the science of how yeast affects bread making.



Pou Tahi

These rangatahi have been practicing every week since August 2022. They are preparing for grading at the end of next month to gain Pou tahi. It hasn't been easy with a lot of sweat to learn all the waewae, ahai and taiaha. They have a waanga end of this month where they train all the weekend with little sleep. Tino pai o Mahi.



Aparima Ambassadors

Visiting Te Hikoi to start exploring our local history. Students are choosing a topic to research and become expert on to inform visitors and newcomers of our turangawaewae



Library Winner

The winner of the “I got caught reading” summer 22/23 challenge is Alex Horrell.

Alex’s mum Courtney discovered that Alex had snuck his book along for the ride when they went out to put up fences on the farm.



Alex and his dog on the quad bike finding some time to get stuck into a good book.

We Welcome Mrs Doreen Lata, our new Head of Mathematics

Mrs Lata has come to Aparima College to teach Mathematics and Physics. She comes from Fiji, where the population is a fifth of the size of New Zealand's. There are only two seasons in Fiji, with temperatures ranging from 21 to 30+ degrees. Her husband, Mr Narayan, has come to teach Mathematics and Chemistry. He loves fishing and recently caught a 35kg Kawakawa fish. Mrs Lata loves reading, and also loves spicy food and even brought spices with her. She makes roti (flat bread) every day for lunch along with curry. She and her family visited New Zealand and really liked it, so they returned to Fiji to organise their paperwork to get a visa that would allow them to work here to teach Maths and Science. Mrs Lata has come with her husband Mr Narayan and their two daughters, Disha in Year 7 and Krishi in Year 9. They arrived in Auckland on 16th January and watched the Rugby Sevens. In Fiji, rugby is a favourite sport. There are many differences between Fijian and NZ classrooms, including class size. In Fiji class sizes can be up to 40 students! In Fiji, Maths is compulsory through to Year 13, and they have to do both Statistics and Calculus. In NZ we have smaller classes and have less content. In Fiji the curriculum is very rigid, broad and mandatory, so students would not have the opportunities to take options and have flexible days such as our Kia Tu Fridays. All students take examinations and there is lots of pressure. In Fiji most of the teaching is done from the whiteboard whereas at Aparima there is more time for teachers to spend with each student, and most of the work is done online. In Fiji students must sit at their desks and not move. Uniform is also strict in Fiji, for example girls wear ribbons in their plaits, and boys wear a formal sulu. Here, the first thing the daughters did was to get their hair cut. If you see Mrs Lata and her family around, please say "bula!" which is the same as saying 'kia ora!'.



For Your Information

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

College Phone: 03 2348 900

Email: office@aparima.school.nz

College Website: www.aparima.school.nz

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/aparimacollegenz/>

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

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.

Bell Times – 2023

8:40 – 8:50am	Form time
8:50 – 9:40	Period 1
9:40 – 10:30	Period 2
10:30-10:50	INTERVAL
10:50 – 11:40	Period 3
11:40 – 12:30	Period 4
12:30 – 1:20	LUNCH
1:20 – 2:10	Period 5
2:10 – 3:00	Period 6

Attendance

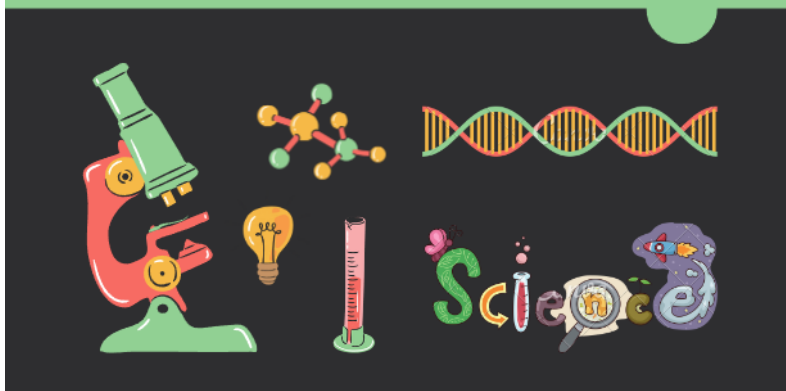
Students should ensure they are at school and in their Form Class by 8:40am and leave by 3:00 pm unless otherwise indicated. If your son or daughter is absent, please contact us by 9:00 am on the day of the absence, with your child's name, reason for the absence and the name of the person phoning/texting 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, or a message may be left on the answer phone.

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. Exit 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).

Safety Glasses

If any students who have accidentally
taken home safety glasses from the
Science block can they please be
returned ASAP
Thank you



If anyone has any spare
uniform items they no longer
require and would like to
donate to the College this
would be very much
appreciated.



LEE'S CATERING TERM 1 MENU

Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

MONDAY

Week 1: Roast Chicken

Week 2: Roast Ham

TUESDAY

Week 1: Smoked Chicken Pasta Salad
with Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2: Tex Mex Pasta Salad
with Fruit Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Week 1: Pork and Pineapple Chowmein

Week 2: Lee's Butter Chicken on Rice

THURSDAY

Week 1:
Nacho Taters

Week 2:
Cheesy Corn and Chicken
Pasta Bake with Scone

FRIDAY

Week 1: Chicken Sandwich
with Potato Salad and Cake

Week 2: Teriyaki Chicken
Bento

DIETARY

All dietary meals are
provided similar to
daily meal

NOTE: A form has gone out this week to students giving them the option of opting out or advising of dietary requirements. If your child has not completed this form can you please ask them to collect one from the office.



Student Devices for Aparima College

2022-23 Curriculum - Order Now

Our families have been offered access to buy affordable devices directly from Conbrio Technology. These are second hand. Brand new is available. Models & brands do vary depending on availability. We can provide WINZ quotes.

Windows Laptop

Second Hand Device

- ◊ 12" or 14" screen
- ◊ Core i5 processor
- ◊ 8GB Ram (Memory)
- ◊ Min 128GB SSD (Storage)

From \$375+GST

- ◊ Windows 8 Pro
- ◊ Wi-Fi
- ◊ Charger
- ◊ 1 Year RTB Warranty

* Spec Upgrades to laptops can be quoted too.

Please contact Angela at Conbrio Technology directly for orders and queries. Please see details below.



CHROMEBOOK

Second Hand Device

- ◊ Refurbished Device
- ◊ 11.6" Screen
- ◊ Intel Processor

FROM \$205+GST

- ◊ 4GB RAM
- ◊ 16GB Storage
- ◊ Google Chrome OS
- ◊ Wi-Fi
- ◊ 90 Day RTB Warranty

Feel Free to add on:

New Laptop Bag \$35+GST

1 Year Warranty Cover on Chromebook \$42+GST

240GB SSD on Laptop (windows) \$65+GST

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We can provide WINZ quotes.

We can quote a Brand New Laptop, New Chromebook or Refurb Desktop PC.

Visit our Store:

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Contact to Order:

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0508 467 483 ext734



2023 HPV Immunisation for Year 8 Students



The HPV vaccine is funded for girls and boys aged 9-26 years (inclusive) with all students in Year 8 able to have the HPV immunisation at school. The HPV vaccine protects against future infection from nine types of human papillomavirus that lead to cervical, anal, genital, mouth and throat cancers, as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine is the final immunisation given as part of New Zealand's free childhood immunisation programme.

All year 8 students will be given a form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. **Please complete the form, either consenting or declining the School-Based Immunisation Programme** and return the form to school before Friday February 17th.

The first HPV vaccine will be administered at school between late February and mid-May 2022. The second and final HPV vaccine will be administered at school a minimum of 6 months after the first. If a student is absent on the vaccination day, the HPV Immunisation Team will revisit school on a later date to vaccinate.

Further information about HPV and the vaccine can be found at: www.health.govt.nz or www.immune.org.nz or you are welcome to contact the local HPV Immunisation Team by emailing hpv@wellsouth.org.nz or phoning (03) 214 6436 or 0800 800 249.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

14 February 2023	Non Uniform Day – Gold Coin Donation – Wear Pink
27 February 2023	BOT Meeting
2 March 2023	Athletics Day
7 March 2023	Southland Touch Tournament
8 March 2023	Year 8 HPV Immunisations (Forms for these will be sent out next week)
11 March 2023	Southland Athletics
22 March 2023	Lincoln Uni Liaison 2pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys Brigade new meeting night

The Boys Brigade leaders have decided that we will be meeting on Monday evenings this year.

Boys Brigade is beginning on Monday 20 February 2023. We meet on Monday evenings at 6.30-8.30pm for seniors and 6.30-8pm for team section during each school term. Please note the earlier start time.

Seniors Year 7 and above meet at Aparima College Hall. Contact Dave Diprose 0274962066.

Team Section boys over 8 years old meet at Riverton Union Parish Sunday school hall. New members are welcome. Contact Wayne Fleck 0272326488.