



Aparima College Newsletter

ISSUE TWO: MARCH 2023

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students who have been
selected for Southland Basketball
Representative Teams

U15 - Kalyke Webster and Jason Columbus

U17 - Jakob Collins, Mali Grimwood and
Gabriel Robinson



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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are half way through the first term and it is fair flying on by. The students are busy and I have been so impressed with the high levels of engagement they are showing in their lessons and activities. Teachers are already talking and planning ideas for the next term, with learning opportunities becoming more and more expanse.

Athletics day was a huge success, with the sun shining and the students all dressed up, representing their houses; thank you all for your support. Next event will be swimming and Shane Ripley will have sent a notice home this week regarding swimming and asking for support with lessons. Thank you in advance for those able to offer some time to support learners in the pool.

The Black Ferns paid a visit and it was a highly emotional day for ex-student Amy Rule. The school welcomed one of our own back and her tears flowed from the overwhelming support and in particular when the students stood to Haka Amy. All the women were and awesome example of what hard work and commitment can bring. Their kōrero was inspiring for our young athletes and indeed all our students as they look forward towards future pathways and what it takes to get there.

We have noticed an increase in cell phone usage during school time. A reminder for all students and parents that cell phones are to remain off and in bags/pockets during the school day. All emergencies are dealt with via the office. If students are seen with cell phones then teachers will confiscate for the remainder of the day and students will need to collect their phone from the office at 3pm. There are a few rare occasions when the teacher will ask a student to use a cell phone at school for learning purposes. Some students are also quick to message home when things are not going well at school. We would encourage you to support your child by discouraging this practice. It is important for young people to develop their independence and the skills to overcome and deal with challenges themselves. At school, teachers and management are here to support your child work through conflict and difficulties; *Wilson McCaskill* author of *"Children aren't made of China"* says *"We want them (our children) to be independent but in some strange contradiction we enjoy them needing us"*. *"Loving our children must give us the strength to help them grow into independent adults with reasoned and considerate behaviour"*.

We will host parent teacher interviews on Monday 27th March. Whilst we are reviewing the process for interviews, we will keep the traditional structure for this round. Further notice will come out nearer the time. We encourage you to take time to touch base with key teachers at this time; it is always good to see you there.

Ngā mihi,

Aloma Williams
Principal



BYOD – (Bring Your Own Device)

A reminder that learners require a device for learning whilst at school. In years 7-8 these are provided. Years 9-13 require their own device; they need to bring to school everyday – charged!

Chromebooks to be robust and cost effective. These are recommended for year 7 to 13, remembering that Senior subjects may require a device with higher specifications. iPads are not recommended as they have less functionality when using the Google platform.

As a primary device we recommend the following minimum specifications:

Minimum screen size of 9 inches (minimum usable resolution of 1366 x 768)

Running iOS 14+, or Android 11+, or MacOS 11+ (Big Sur) or Windows 10 21H2+ or Chrome OS 100.0+

Battery life of 5-6 hours • Wireless Capability

Minimum storage for tablets of 32GB (due to the increasing size of apps)

Google Chrome installed

Protective case strongly recommended

Bluetooth keyboard or keyboard/tablet case combination is recommended, particularly for tablet

We recommend buying a device that is or can be updated to the latest operating system as this will give the device a longer life and allow newly introduced apps to be used.

There is no need to buy Office software e.g Word as this can be downloaded for free using your student email and password.

Buying BYOD for your kids and the classroom



Bring your own device (BYOD) is increasingly common in schools. Kids are using devices at school and at home, so if you're a parent with technology on your shopping list, or if you're a teacher, preparing for devices in your class, now's the time to get clued up on how to help kids protect themselves and their personal information online.

Netsafe and CERT NZ have teamed up to give parents and teachers these top online safety tips:

When buying, and before your kids begin using their device:

- Ask the retailer how much longer it will receive security updates. Older devices might not get updates after a short period of time.
- Install any outstanding updates for the operating system. It might have been sitting on the shelf for a while.
- Set the system preferences to update automatically. Updates fix any known security holes in the software you're using.
- Make a long and strong password and don't use personal information like your child's date of birth, address or pet's name.
- Install an antivirus on the device and keep it up to date.
- If you're buying a replacement device, back up the files on the old one, do a factory reset, and check the data is removed before you get rid of it.

Teach your kids good habits:

- Set their screen to lock automatically and always lock it when not using the device. They can unlock it with a number, pattern or fingerprint.
- Only enable Bluetooth and WiFi when you need it.
- Only download software from legitimate app stores and trusted websites.
- Uninstall any software or apps you don't need anymore, e.g. get rid of games that your kids have outgrown.
- Using ad blockers in the browser can help prevent your kids clicking on any dodgy ads.

More information:

[CERT NZ Getting started with cyber security](#)

[CERT NZ How to create a good password](#)

[CERT NZ Keeping your mobile device safe and secure](#)

[CERT NZ Ditch your older device](#)



Setting up a new device with your kids is important, and by following these tips you'll get them off to a safe start.

Protect personal information

- Teach kids to be careful with the personal details they share, like where they are or the school they go to. Some apps allow your location to be shared publicly, or you can lock it down to your friends. Check the privacy settings of the apps your child is using.
- Don't use personal information for passwords – they're the first thing people check when trying to hack into accounts and can be used to guess security questions.

Not everything is as it seems

- It can seem obvious to adults, but kids often don't realise that sometimes people aren't who they say they are online.
- Talk about why kids need to be careful about friending or communicating with people they don't know.
- Young kids especially shouldn't friend someone online that they don't know offline without talking to you first.
- Teach kids to recognise suspicious activity, like emails that are fishing for their password. Encourage them to ask if unsure.

Online bullying

- Chat with your child about what to do if they, or a friend, are targeted online, and let them know they can come to you if it happens. Remind them that if it's not okay offline, it's not okay online.

Kids' digital footprint

- Talk to your kids about their 'digital footprint'. Online content can be difficult to remove.

Parental controls

- Most major operating systems offer parental control tools to help monitor and filter content your children can access.
- Make sure payments are password protected, e.g. on iTunes or Google Play, so kids can't buy stuff without your knowledge.

Setting up social media

The minimum sign up age for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube is 13. If your child is under 13 and keen to use social media, consider their capability to manage potential online challenges.

When setting up an account, do it together and:

- Use your email to sign up.
- Use a different password for each account.
- Use their real birthdate to help filter out inappropriate content.
- Check privacy settings together and tools to block and report issues.

More information:
Learn more about BYOD at Netsafe.org.nz/BYOD

Toi Māori

At Aparima college we do this thing where every Friday for the whole day we have to decide on an activity that we either do for the whole day or half and half.

The activity that I chose to do on a Friday is Toi Māori. Toi Māori is an activity that you can do that is based around Māori traditions, Māori arts, and basically learning a bit more about Māori and what they did, and you can even do cool Māori designs like Kowhaiwhai patterns.

We are learning to carve patterns. Today we used soap to practice carving on.

In Toi Māori there is also this really cool activity you can do that is called Mau Rakau. Mau Rakau is a Māori martial art that you can do and learn cool moves with the taiaha. A taiaha is a traditional weapon of the Māori used for stabbing, parrying (warding off blows) and striking. But we just practice taiaha, not purposely hitting each other.

In Mau Rakau there are also a few rules with the taiaha that you have to try and not break. So first off you NEVER stand over the taiaha. The reason for that is because the taiaha is sacred and we think of the taiaha as our ancestor. Secondly, we always place the taiaha down gently. We NEVER throw it on the ground... and that's all of the main rules.

by Charvae Smith-Turei



Meeting Amy Rule

Wednesday 22nd, February 2023

Dear Diary, I'm still so AMAZED and happy... I got to meet Amy Rule, Amy du Plessis and Kendra Cocksedge! They are all such BEAUTIFUL women and AMAZING rugby players.



Anyways let's get to the point, When Miss Williams introduced Amy Rule into the Aparima College Hall the schools went wild and started cheering (Aparima College, Riverton Primary and Thornbury). We were all so excited. I had many more feelings going through my mind, but I can't put them into words. Meanwhile, after the girls came into the hall, they each had a chance to speak. While they were speaking we even got a chance to hold their GOLD MEDALS!! They were so shiny and bright.

We then got to ask them some questions - I didn't ask any questions but other people asked some interesting questions. After that the Kapa Haka group got up and performed our Haka. Mali our leader, did an AWESOME job leading us. The rest of the Kapa Haka group also did AMAZING. While we were performing we even made Amy Rule cry!

Happily, after that we were able to get some photos with her and got the girls signatures as well. Me and my friends Sarah and Ruby got a photo with Amy Rule and, me and Sarah got to hold the WORLD CUP!! The Ferns have done an awesome job on that last game!

By: Kyla Tohiariki, 7/8B



Waka Ama

Students enjoying a first taste of Waka Ama on the Oreti River (Kia Tū, Toi Māori Ropu)



House Captains

The following students have been selected as House Captains, congratulations to you all.

Wallace	7/8	Maya Wilson and Baxter Wills
	9/10	Lilly McKenzie and Max Woodward
	11/13	Saxon Heath-Tree and Taylor Elder
Ngapohatu	7/8	Chloe Marayo and Levi Diprose
	9/10	Fern Terrill-Smith and Ryan Diprose
	11/13	Caleb Diprose and Mali Grimwood
Longwood	7/8	Austin Bevin and Tessa Fraser
	9/10	Lachie Bevin and Kahl Anderson
	11/13	Tahla Ward and Lilly Kingipotiki
Oraka	7/8	Alex Horrell and Ruby Anderson
	9/10	Piper Neylon and William Horrell
	11/13	Carter Johnston-Wills and Jackson Hitchcock

Toi Maori

The Toi Maori group had a great Friday, they looked into more kowhaiwhai patterns and learnt how to make the taura (chord) of a poi,

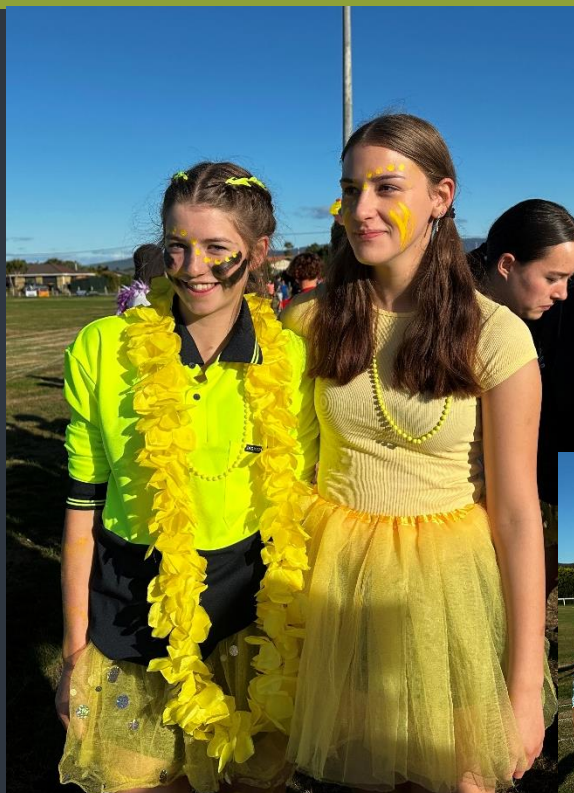
Sean Morgan from Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust made a visit to talk about waka ama, and all the students shared with him their pepeha which they have been practicing with in the last couple of weeks, Max Maya and Blaze lead a session of Mau Rakau sharing their knowledge, values and protocols of Māori culture and traditions, and finished of the session with Waiata,



CONGRATULATIONS ORAKA

FOR WINNING THE ATHLETICS
DAY HOUSE COMPETITION





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



Aparima Ambassadors out and about

The Aparima Ambassadors were shown around Kohikohi's Cottage this morning as part of our studies. Grateful thanks to Neville Wilson for the tour and information.



Year 10 visit to Kohikohi Cottage

Just recently, Year 10 students were shown around Kohikohi's Cottage by Mr Neville Wilson. They were particularly amazed that the original hardwood floorboards had survived from 1837 and that there was still a sample of hand-painted wallpaper visible.

We are very grateful to Mr Wilson for taking the time to explain his links with the history of the cottage and for making the information so interesting and personal.



Mau Rakau

This weekend just past saw the biggest test of mental and physical strength Max Woodward, Maya Wilson and Blaze Rodgers have endured so far. Training started Friday night with a powhiri and the akongi got to meet Taihlia who is a pou Rima. They trained hard with little sleep. So proud of these rangatahi who will become our first pou tahi at Aparima college.



Sports News

Congratulations to Maleia Pou who recently swam extremely well at the Southland Long Course Championships at Splash Palace in the weekend. Maleia gained a Gold in the 200m Breaststroke and Silver in the 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke. Well done Maleia.



Leadership Team out and about

Our Leadership group - the students are doing William Pike and Duke of Edinburgh



Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise has kickstarted for another year, with seven new companies up and running.

Treet Yourself offers the chance to offset your carbon emissions by planting a tree locally. \$10 will buy you a tree, a photo certificate and updates as your tree grows.

Sm😊le for the Camera offer family and team photographs with a local flavour.

HotKai turns local ingredients into delicious lunches at affordable prices for hungry Rivertonians.

HustleME is a lawnmowing and property maintenance and enhancement company offering friendly, reliable and affordable service to locals and bach-owners.

Keep it Clean aims to replace the chemicals in your kitchen and bathroom cupboards with natural house-cleaning alternatives in refillable spray-bottles.

Still in the ideation stage are two further companies, one aiming to produce retro car-stickers and the other to create a low-sugar locally-brewed alternative to sugary energy-drinks.

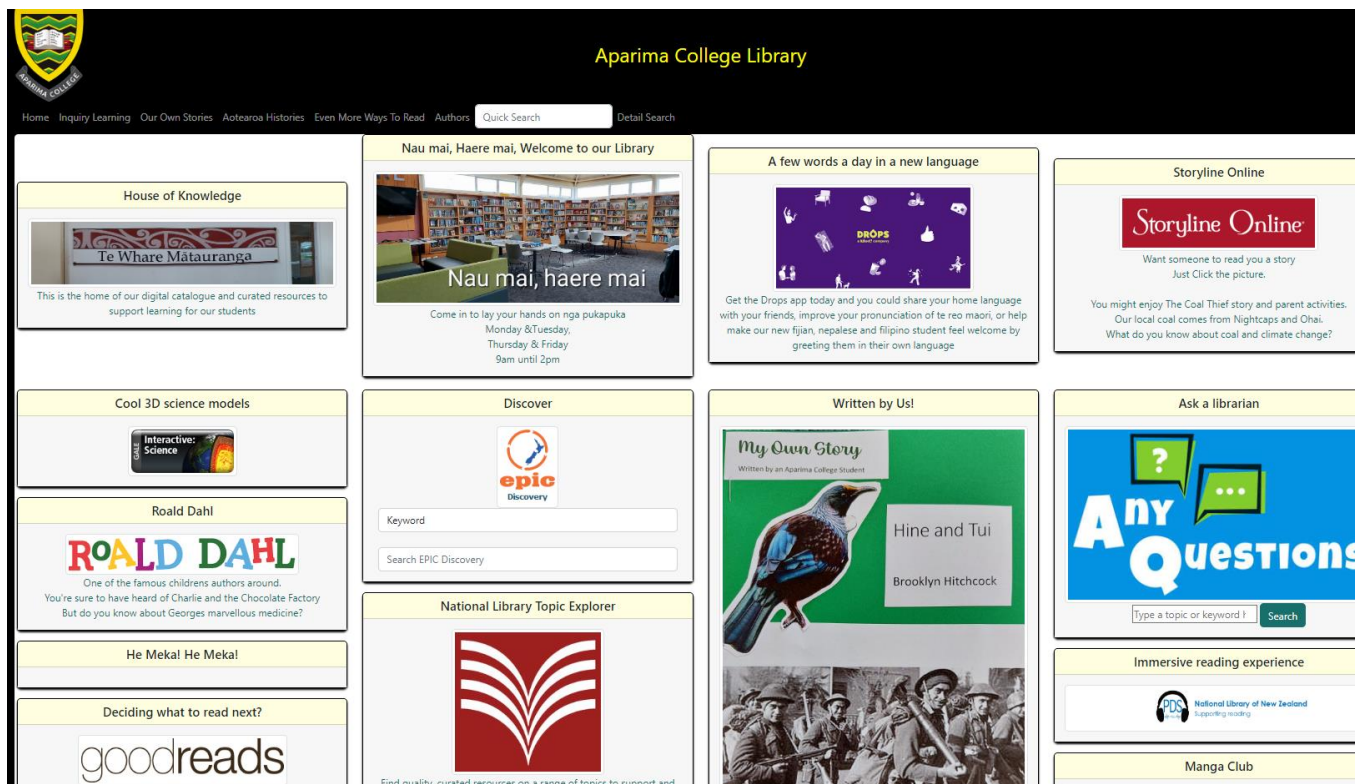
Look out for these companies who will be selling their wares and seeking feedback at Riverton's Harvest Festival on 25th and 26th March at Aparima College.



Check It Out!

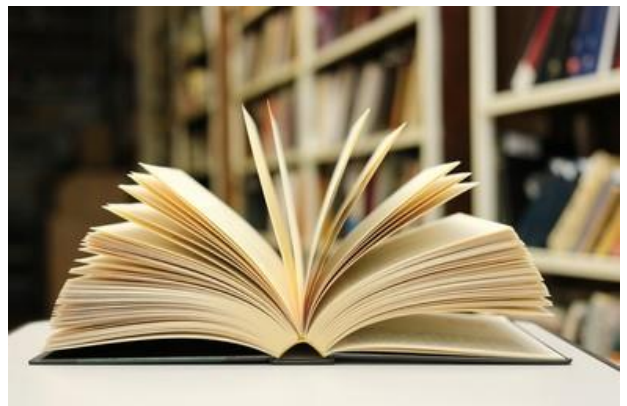
The College library has it's own webpage.

Check out our Library web page and see our catalogue of books, author websites, library promotions, homework tools and other cool stuff. Please copy the link <https://library.aparima.school.nz/>



Check it out today (Pun intended)

You can also access this site through our College website, click on Menu, School Info, General Info and Term Dates, and scroll right down and you will see – Aparima College Library Webpage information.





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.

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Second Hand Device

- ◊ 12" or 14" screen
- ◊ Core i5 processor
- ◊ 8GB Ram (Memory)
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From \$375+GST

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- ◊ 11.6" Screen
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UP AND COMING EVENTS

13 March 2023	Otago University Visit
15 March 2023	Southern Group Training Visit
15 March 2023	Western Athletics
16 March 2023	PPTA Strike Day
18 March 2023	Southland Surfing Champs
22 March 2023	Lincoln Uni Liaison 2pm
25 March 2023	Southland Primary Athletics
27 March 2023	Parent Teacher Interviews
3 April 2023	Grip Leadership Junior
7 April 2023	Grip Leadership Senior
5 – 7 April 2023	Humpridge Tramp – OREC Class
6 April 2023	Last Day of Term One
24 April 2023	TEACHER ONLY DAY
25 April 2023	ANZAC DAY
26 April 2023	First Day of Term Two

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Templeton Flax Mill

Heritage Museum

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19th March

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Enjoy our demonstrations,
weaving flax, rope making!

'Coffee Cat' for coffee

Children under 15 free, Adults

5\$ Cash

Riverton Lions Aparima River Duck Race



Easter Sunday 9 April 2023

1.30 pm

First Prize Day trip for 2 Adults on the Wairaurahiri
Wilderness Jet with Roffy

Second Prize 20 inch Chainsaw

Third Prize Ride on Childs Toy Tractor

Numerous Spot Prizes

580 Ducks **\$5 each**

**Ducks available at The Red Door prior to race day and
Riverton Supervalve on Friday 24 March and Saturday
8 April 2023**

Contact: Wayne Fleck 0272326488 or Cath Oakley 032348624 or Karen Skerret 0274328878

A Lions Club Project Supporting the Youth and Elderly in our Community.
Judges decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into. Kindly
sponsored by Wairaurahiri Wilderness Jet

Our vision: Enriching the lives of those in our community through the game of football

Waihopai AFC

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 SEASON!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

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