



Aparima College Newsletter

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Alex Horrell coming first

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

Incredible to think that Term 1 has ended. How good to have a year starting with minimum disruption. Thank you to all parents and whānau who have been supporting us and helping us throughout Term 1. With activities and events back on the timetable your support is essential. Your support in getting our young people to school on time and ready for learning is also greatly appreciated.

The PTA are into their fundraising campaign for 2023. This year we are fundraising for Kapa Haka uniforms; an application is in with Community Trust South for Kapa Haka uniforms, which, if successful, will provide 40% of the cost. We will still need to look to raise a further \$17,000 such is the cost of uniforms.

Initial NCEA assessments have been completed and we are pleased to notice the success of our learners. A combination of improved attendance and a settled start to the year. I would like to thank all staff for their diligence in ensuring students are prepared and ready for assessments.

In June and October this year, Year 10 students will undertake the Numeracy and Literacy Co-requisites. These tests will be administered during an exam like week. More information about the co-requisites can be found here and we will share this with you closer to the time. It is important for students to understand the importance of these co-requisites. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read regularly and discuss with them their reading, practice numeracy skills and even writing by keeping a journal.

<https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/News/News-2022/Fact-Sheet-NCEA-Literacy-and-Numeracy-corequisite.pdf>

A reminder we will host our ANZAC Assembly on the first Monday back 24 April from 9:00am till 9:40am all welcome to attend. This will be a normal school day. We will be having a teacher only day on Monday 1st May.

Have a wonderful Easter, enjoy family and friends. See you all in Term 2.

Aloma Williams
Principal



NCEA 2022

Below is a summary of the NCEA results for 2022. As you can see Aparima College compares well against National Levels of achievement. We continue to focus on encouraging students to strive for Merit and Excellence Achievements, challenging themselves to achieve at their highest potential.

Academic Year	Aparima College				National			
	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE
2018	87.1	86.7	82.4	29.4	72.4	77.6	66.1	48.9
2019	76.7	88.0	72.7	45.5	70.6	77.5	67.3	49.3
2020	58.1	82.6	85.7	64.3	71.8	80.1	72.1	53.4
2021	73.5	86.4	72.7	27.3	69.2	77.9	70.5	51.9
2022	65.0	90.5	64.3	35.7	64.8	74.8	68.1	50.3

Next Steps

- Prepare and encourage students to engage in external examinations.
- Grow understanding of future pathways so learners are aware of the purpose of their learning. *Myself, My place, My Pathway*
- Develop Academic Mentoring Programme on a more formal structure.
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Māori Student Achievement

Academic Year	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE
European				
2018	85.0	81.8	84.6	30.8
2019	87.5	86.7	62.5	37.5
2020	52.6	85.7	87.5	87.5
2021	82.4	92.3	71.4	28.6
2022	61.5	90.9	62.5	37.5
Māori				
2018	90.0	100.0	75.0	25.0
2019	66.7	100.0	100.0	66.7
2020	63.6	85.7	80.0	20.0
2021	64.7	75.0	100.0	33.3
2022	66.7	90.0	60.0	40.0

At Aparima College Māori learners are achieving at or above the same levels as all learners.

Next Steps

- Ensure we continue to develop an environment where Māori are able to succeed as Māori
- Report to parents the success of learners and ensure timely reporting of progress is consistent across the school
- Literacy, Numeracy and Mātauranga Māori are incorporated into all aspects of the curriculum, consideration given in planning for teaching and learning



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

Friday Writers

The Friday writers presented the books that they created for the Riverton Kindergarten children. One was about Pete-the-Cat visiting Riverton Kindy and another featured the Kindy's pet frogs Bruce and Judy. The College students loved reading the books aloud and the Kindy children loved seeing themselves and their Kindy in the books. Cassie completed her spine-tingling horror tale 'The Stairs' and there are a number of other genre-specific publications in the pipeline. The Re-Draft 22 collection of NZ teenage writing also arrived today, featuring Brooklyn Hitchcock's story 'Hine and Tui'. So, as a College, we are feeling very well-published! Copies of all these books are available for reading in the College Library.



Katie, Mackenzie and Jasmine reading to the Kindy



Mackenzie reading Pete the Cat



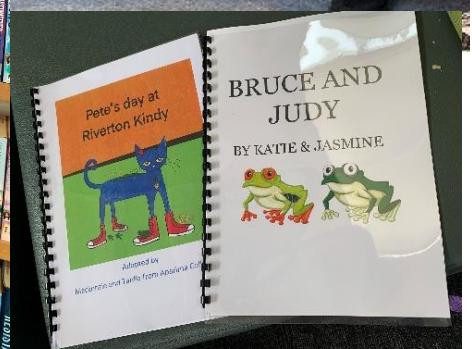
Cassie with her Publication



Olivia with her Publication



Katie reading Bruce and Judy



William Pike

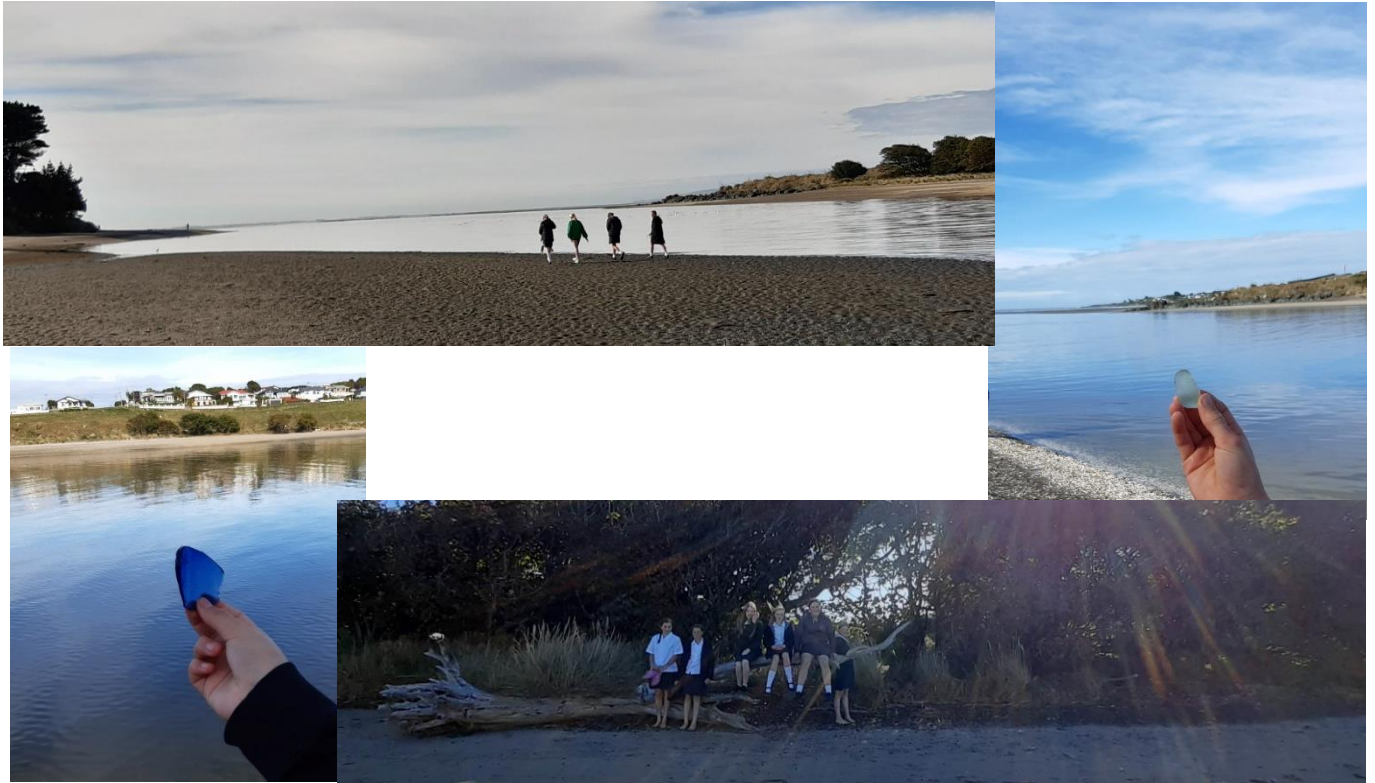
This morning we acknowledged our local police with some treats that the students whipped up, as a way of saying thank you for their work in our community.

This afternoon we attempted to create a fire with a magnifying glass or flint, some students were almost there. We will persist by using our resilience and master for next term. Matches may or may not have been used this time around.



Friday Ambassadors

Out and about visiting their favourite places while Sea Glass Hunting along the way



Des Hunt Author Visit

We're looking forward to the opportunity to host a well known NZ author Des Hunt on 24th May

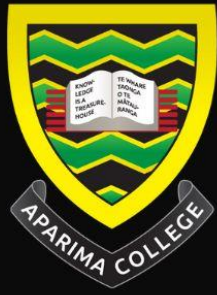
Des Hunt writes adventure novels about teens – just the kind of thing we love to read.

His story *To Trap a Thief* is one of our most borrowed books!

Several of our students have enjoyed one or more of the several books we have from his collection.

Mrs Burnett just read *The Peco Incident* because its about her tūrangawaewae - the Otago peninsula.





MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

APARIMA COLLEGE ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Lest We Forget

**Parents/caregivers
and members of the community are
welcome to attend.**

**Please be seated in the school hall by 9:00am
(finishing approx. 9:40am)**

Mau Rakau

Mau rakau waanga was held at Oraka this weekend. We were blessed by having Talia, who is pou Rima, down from Northland and a lovely couple from Nelson who are pou Ono. There was a lot of sweat from hours of training but also beautiful waiata sung as the group learned some traditional mau rakau waiata. Big thank you to the Thomas whanau for organizing it all .



Wonderful Volunteering

In her one term at Aparima College Talia Jones left a permanent legacy of friendship, laughter and acts of service.

This engaging young lady quickly learnt how to be an asset to the library learning the software to manage returns and issues, finding her way around not just her favourite fantasy section, but the whole library including the duplicates and reference books held in the office. She was a friendly welcome, a book talker and author celebrater. Tahlia also learnt how to index, genre and cover new books before adding them to the library.

It was a pleasure to have Tahlia in our midst and we wish her and brother Josh well on their continued adventure travelling with their family.



Wild Kai

In English this term the Year 9's explored wild kai. From looking at the different ways wild kai is presented and portrayed in various texts and media, to creating our own recipes featuring a wild kai ingredients Paua Patties, sizzling Venison backstrap and frybread burgers, melt watering macarons with wild berry filling, and scrumptious apple and blackberry pie, were just some of the recipes cleverly created by the Year 9s. Our recipe cards were displayed at the Harvest Festival and a few individuals and groups were able to cook and bake their recipes. Ultimately, we found out that hunting and foraging for wild kai was much better for the environment and our well-being, than shopping for food at the supermarket.



Grip Leadership Team

Attended the Junior Leadership Conference in Gore on Monday.



Sm:)e for the Camera!

Kia ora!!

We are a Young Enterprise company from Aparima College running a photography business! We are having our first pop-up day on Sunday the 16th of April at Kohikohi Cottage (Napier Street, opposite the school hall) from 10am till 5pm. We are wanting to produce 'historical' photos for individuals and families that live in and around Riverton in this historic landmark we are lucky to have in Riverton.

We have a few garments already, but if you'd like to bring your own clothing then that is totally fine! Slots will be 20 mins for \$35 and will need to arrive on time! If you are interested, please flick 027 509 5516 a message to book in a slot. Also check out 'Smile for the Camera' on Facebook and @smileforthecameraphotography on Instagram!

Love the team from SFTC!



Athletic Sporting Champs News

We had 14 Year 7/8 students from Aparima College attended Southland Primary Athletics Champs which was held on March 25. They all done extremely well in not the nicest of weather conditions. One student in particular Alex Horrell set the 100m record when he was 7 and he has walked away from these champs with his record undefeated.

Congratulations to Caleb and Nikita Diprose, Jasmine Todd and Lilly McKenzie who represented Aparima College at the South Island Secondary School Athletics Champs that were held in Invercargill the weekend of April 1st and 2nd, they all competed to the best of their abilities and came away with excellent results.

Well done to all of these Athletes, Aparima College is extremely proud of you all.

Surfing Results

Keita Thomas and Fern Terrill-Smith competed at the Southland Primary Secondary Surfing Championships on 18 March. These two girls did our school proud. Both received placings in their events. Keita was placed as Junior Girls Champion.

Golfing Results

Saxon Heath-Tree, Mali Grimwood and Gabriel Robinson represented Aparima College on 26 March at the Southland Secondary Schools Golf tournament held in Winton. The boys had a great day out and came away with some excellent results.

Swimming Results

Congratulations to all of our swimmers yesterday. It was an excellent day and we are proud of you all! Further congratulations to our individual champions:

Senior Girls: Taylor Elder

Senior Boys: Caleb Diprose

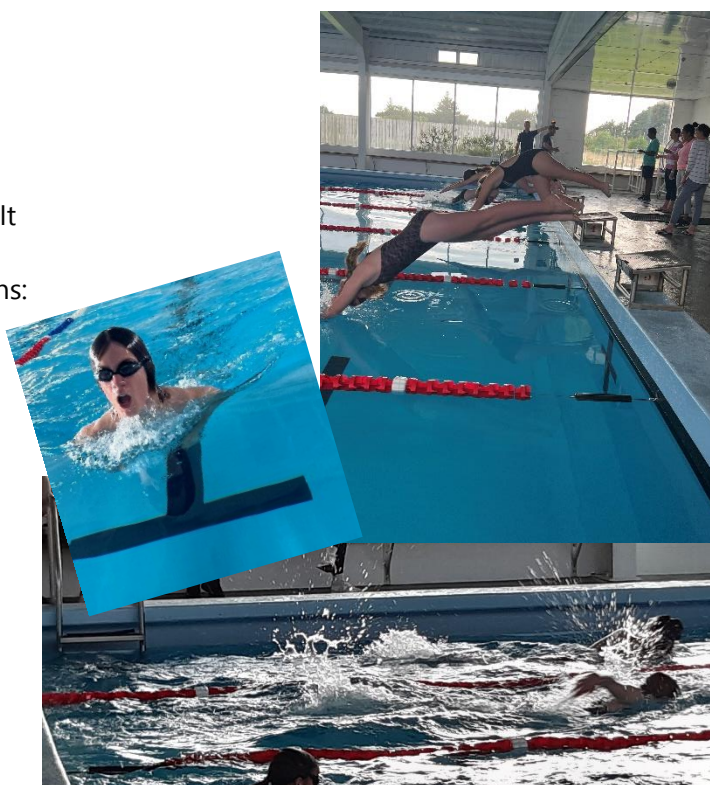
9/10 Girls: Lilly McKenzie

9/10 Boys: Ryan Diprose

7/8 Girls: Maleia Pou

7/8 Boys: Baxter Wills

House points: 1st place to Wallace with 583 points, second place to Oraka with 498, third place to Ngapohatu with 311 and very close in fourth was Longwood with 310.



Western Swimming

Well done to our Western Year 7 and 8 swimmers, you have done us so proud. Look at all those ribbons.



Check It Out!

The College library has it's own webpage.

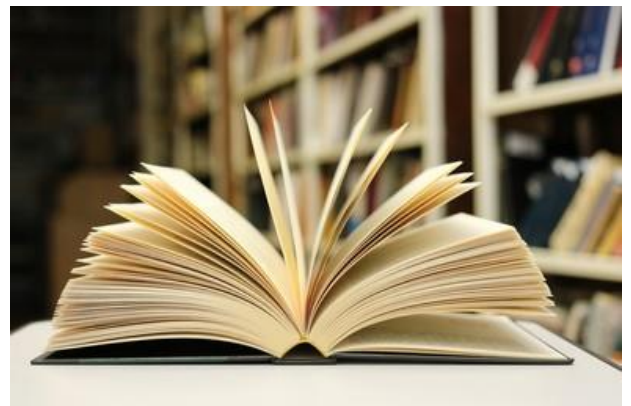
Check out our Library web page and see our catalogue of books, author websites, library promotions, homework tools and other cool stuff. Please copy the link <https://library.aparima.school.nz/>

The screenshot shows the Aparima College Library website homepage. At the top left is the school's crest. The main header reads "Aparima College Library" and includes navigation links: Home, Inquiry Learning, Our Own Stories, Aotearoa Histories, Even More Ways To Read, Authors, a Quick Search box, and Detail Search. The page is organized into several content blocks:

- House of Knowledge:** Te Whare Matauranga. This is the home of our digital catalogue and curated resources to support learning for our students.
- Nau mai, Haere mai, Welcome to our Library:** Includes a photo of the library interior and the text: "Come in to lay your hands on nga pukapuka Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am until 2pm".
- A few words a day in a new language:** Promotes the DROPS app, stating: "Get the Drops app today and you could share your home language with your friends, improve your pronunciation of te reo maori, or help make our new fijiian, nepalese and filipino student feel welcome by greeting them in their own language".
- Storyline Online:** "Want someone to read you a story Just Click the picture. You might enjoy The Coal Thief story and parent activities. Our local coal comes from Nightcaps and Ohai. What do you know about coal and climate change?"
- Cool 3D science models:** Features an "Interactive Science" icon.
- Discover:** Promotes the "epic Discovery" platform with a search bar for keywords.
- Roald Dahl:** "One of the famous childrens authors around. You're sure to have heard of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory But do you know about Georges marvellous medicine?"
- He Meka! He Meka!:** A section with a yellow header.
- Deciding what to read next?:** Features the "goodreads" logo.
- National Library Topic Explorer:** "Find quality, curated resources on a range of topics to support and" (text is partially cut off). Includes a red book icon.
- Written by Us!:** Promotes a book "My Own Story" by Hine and Tui, written by an Aparima College Student, by Brooklyn Hitchcock. Includes a photo of a bird.
- Ask a librarian:** "Any Questions" section with a search bar for topics or keywords.
- Immersive reading experience:** Promotes the "National Library of New Zealand" and "Supporting reading".
- Manga Club:** A section with a yellow header.

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



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- 16GB Storage
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UP AND COMING EVENTS

5 – 7 April 2023
6 April 2023
7 April 2023
10 April 2023
11 April 2023

TERM TWO

24 April 2023
24 April 2023
25 April 2023
26 April 2023
1 May 2023
11 May 2023

Humpridge Tramp – OREC Class
Last Day of Term One
GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER MONDAY
EASTER TUESDAY

First Day of Term Two
ANZAC Assembly 9:00 am
ANZAC DAY
BOT Meeting
TEACHER ONLY DAY
PTA Meeting 7:00pm
All welcome to attend



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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
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LUMA

60 DAYS TO GO...

Not Long Now

LUMA23 kicks off winter in less than two months and plans are well underway for our return to Queenstown Gardens.

It promises to be a big one, don't miss out.

Get your tickets early to secure your preferred night.

[BOOK NOW](#)

LUMA23. King's Birthday Weekend.

Queenstown Gardens. JUNE 1-5, 2023.



SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT

Steinlager 2 LION NEW ZEALAND

Tikapa Moana - Adventurous Journey

Tikapa Moana youth explorer is a 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate and complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out www.nzsailingtrust.com/sail-kayak