



# Aparima College Newsletter

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## *He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki*

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

We all know that regular school attendance is important, but do you know just how much of a difference it can make? Students who attend school consistently are more likely to succeed academically, have better social skills, and are more likely to continue schooling through to the end of Year 13. In fact, research shows that missing just 10% of the school year (or about 18 days) can significantly impact a student's academic performance.

We are thrilled to celebrate our school community's progress in improving attendance rates! In Term 1 of 2022, only 14.3% of students were attending regularly (90-100% of the time). But in Term 1 of 2023, we saw a significant improvement with 53.4% of students attending regularly.

This is a fantastic achievement and shows that we are all committed to ensuring that our students have the best possible chance to succeed. It was exciting to celebrate these students at assembly this week. Year 13 students had the highest attendance of any year group with 78% of students attending regularly at Year 13. We celebrate these improvements, mindful that there is room and capability for more.

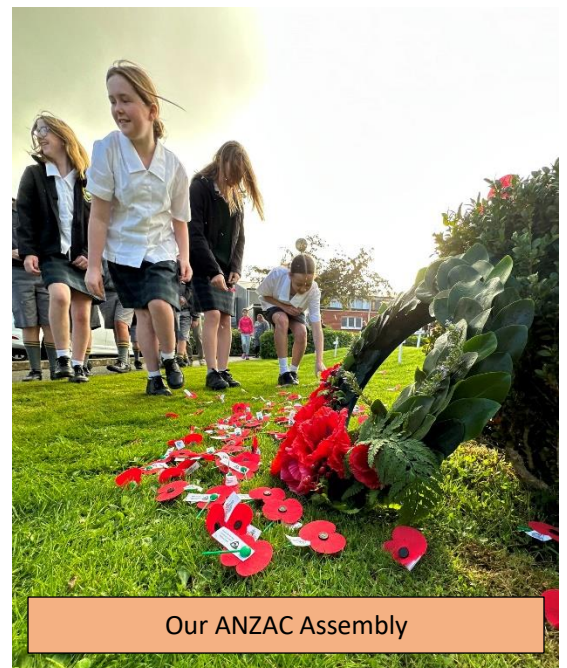
So why is attendance so important? For one, students who are in school every day are able to keep up with the curriculum and have the opportunity to ask their teachers questions and get extra help if needed. Additionally, students who attend school regularly build relationships with their peers and teachers, which can lead to a more positive and supportive school environment.

However, we understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable. If your child is going to be absent, please let the school know as soon as possible. We appreciate students are able to access their learning on-line and we talk regularly with them about the importance of checking into their Google Classroom and Drive to check for work and to make sure they are up-to-date. At Years 11-13, all students should be completing some period of school work at home. In years 7-10 regular reading and practicing of basic Mathematics at home, supports learning at school.

At Aparima College, we are working hard to ensure that every student has every opportunity to succeed.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**Aloma Williams**  
Principal



Our ANZAC Assembly

## Race Unity Hui

Brodie Murdoch represented Aparima College at the Southern region's Race Unity Speech hui in Dunedin on Tuesday evening. He was one of seven Year 11 and 12 speakers with backgrounds from Southland, Otago, Samoa, India, Malaysia and Fiji. The focus of the evening was to unpack ways in which young people can be supported to promote and practice inclusivity in our communities. Each speaker spoke for 8 minutes on this issue and each had a unique, though-provoking perspective.



## Book Amnesty

Have you been holding onto overdue library books for far too long? Don't worry, you're not alone! Life gets busy, and sometimes we forget to return borrowed books on time. That's why we're excited to announce our book return amnesty. From now until the end of the month, you can return your overdue books and even get a wee reward for it! That's right, no questions asked and a wee treat to boot! So, dig through your bookshelves, backpacks, and car boots and bring back those overdue books. We can't wait to welcome them back to our shelves and help you start fresh with your library account. Thank you for being a valued member of our library community!



# Culture Club

Aparima College is now home to almost a dozen Filipino students with that number likely to increase even more after 1 June when the dairy farmers change over. One of these new students is doing a project for Social studies about ways that we can make our welcome processes at the College more suitable to ensure students quickly gain friends and feel like they belong. It is a suggestion that we could initiate a Culture Club which will be a safe 'little family' environment to start out connecting with each other inside the big family of the College. We have yet to see what the students of the inaugural event will say about the way they feel they would like to work together. Perhaps they want to educate? Perhaps they want to share things they love from home with others? Perhaps they just want to get to know each other and then build into a friendship club. This is all part of the learning.

This new display in the library about culture, belonging, different religions, and building relationships as well as Maps and flags will be added to with the greetings the students would like to hear.

Watch this space and see what comes of this exciting new club.



# Leadership Group

William Pike/Leadership students testing their fire making skills on Friday

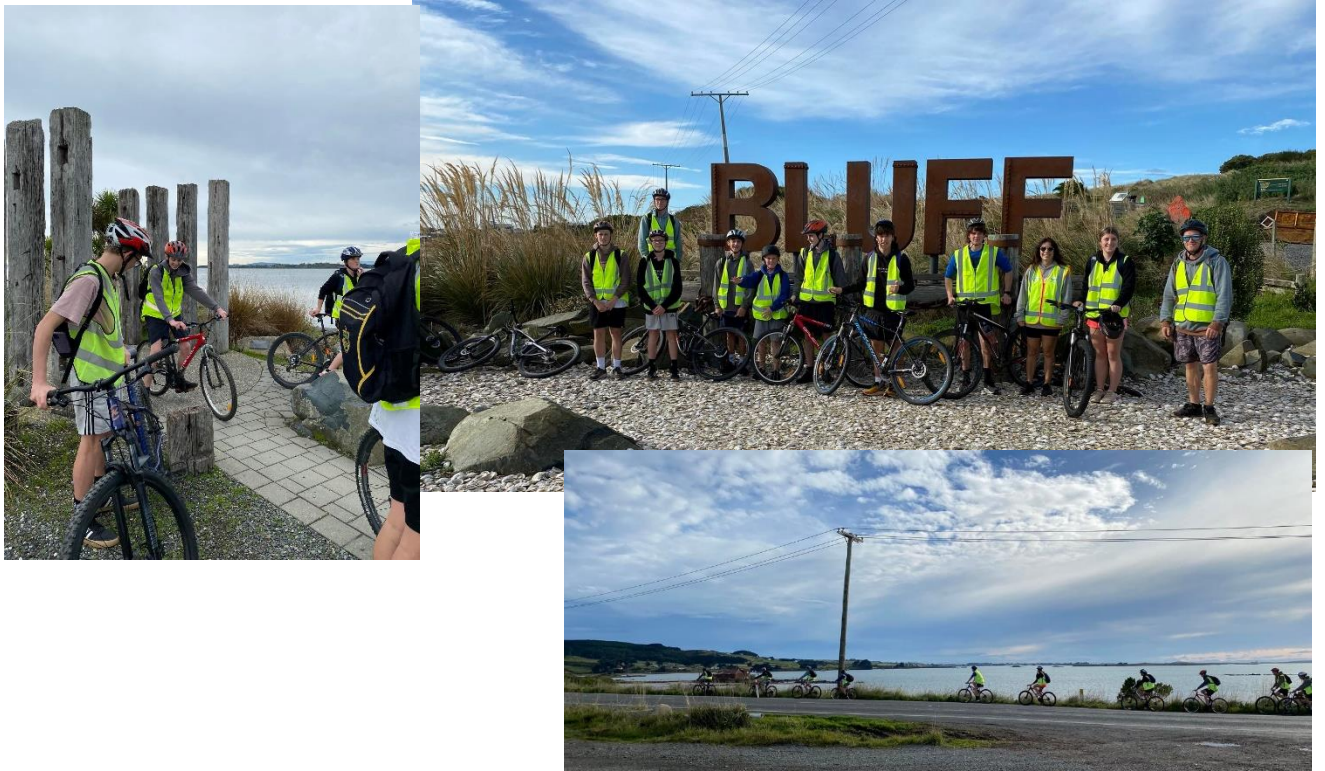


William Pike/Leadership have been busy today, testing their resilience with an obstacle course with water, duck calling, scavenger hunt, and testing their fire making skills.



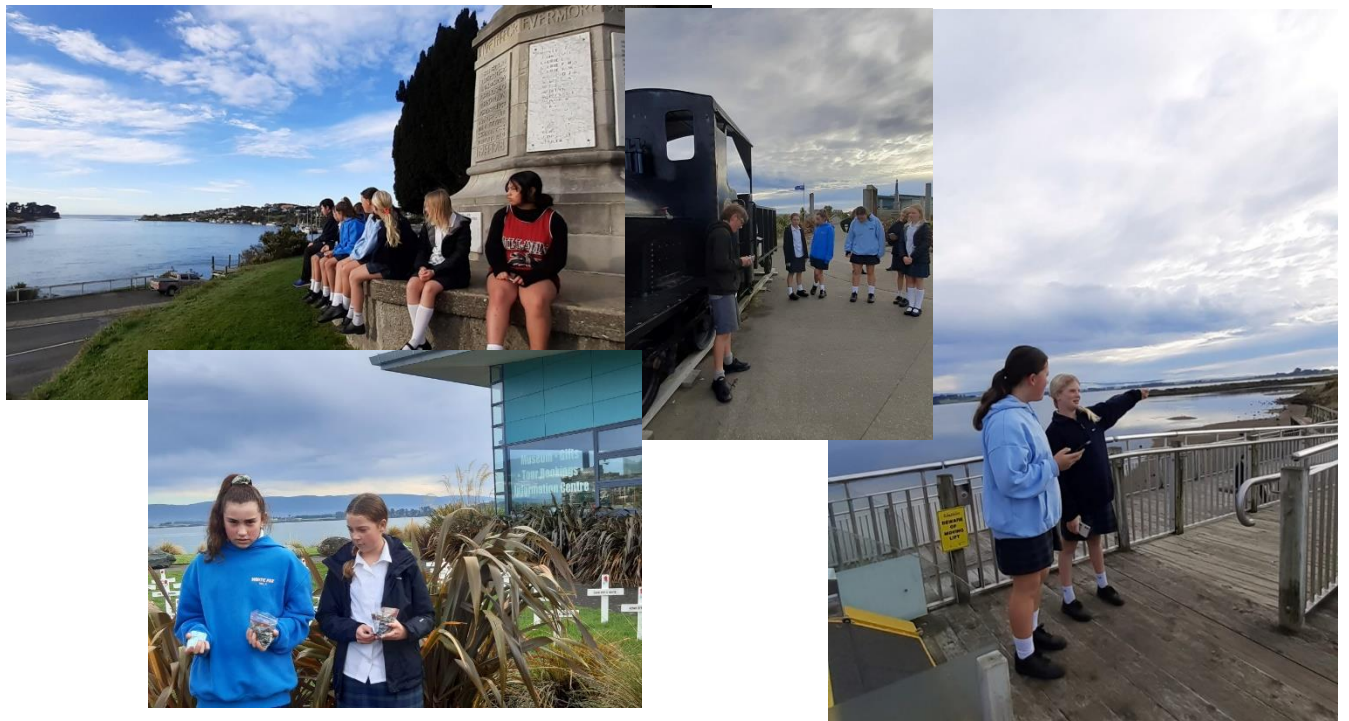
# Outdoor Recreation Class

Recently biked from Bluff to Invercargill on Friday - 23 km – Great effort by all



# Aparima Ambassadors

Out and about practicing their talks at locations around Riverton



# Aims Games

## What: Aims Games 2023

Aparima College Year 7 girls are going up to Tauranga for Netball. The Aims Games is a big sporting event with heaps of different sports. Tanya Colyer is the organiser of the Aparima Netball team.

## To Where: Aims Games 2023

We are flying up to Tauranga in an aeroplane to the Aims Games to be held September 2-8 2023

The players are Sophia Ward, Lakisha Mennell, Kyla Tohiariki , Ruby Anderson, Nika Halder, Ester White , Maleia Pou, Anahera Edmonds-Fowler , Hana Allen, Indee Mackenzie, Alexis Petersen and Nevaeh Hollands

Coach: Bernice Hollands

We are currently fundraising by Selling raffles watch out for our future ideas

There will be 10,000+ competitors , 320+ schools , 1,800+ volunteers and 25 sports .

The Zespri Aims games gives 11,12 and 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as a team or as an individual against their age group in NZ .

The 25 sports are : athletes with disabilities, badminton, basketball 3x3, basketball 5 a side, BMX, canoe racing, canoe slalom, cross country, football, futsal, golf, gymnastic, hip hop, hockey, indoor bowls, mountain biking, rip rugby, rock climbing, rugby sevens, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, water polo, yachting and netball of course.

We will be fundraising in term 2 so watch out for our cupcakes!

*By Lakisha Mennell*



# Year 13 University Trip

Year 13 students enjoying their trip to Dunedin to check out Otago University and accommodation options for next year.....



# Lindsay King Visit

On Friday morning Lindsay King visited the Friday Writers to share his experience of writing and publishing children's books. We learned that publishing takes creativity, commitment and lots of patience! Thanks so much for all the useful advice, Lindsay.





# Pizza and Pies in the making ...





# LEE'S CATERING TERM 2 MENU

## *Ka Ora Ka Aho Programme*

### MONDAY

Week 1: Ham + Cheese Sammy with  
Carrot + Cranberry Salad  
and Lee's Muesli Slice

Week 2: Chicken Sammy with Fruit  
and Lee's Choc Muesli Slice

### THURSDAY

Week 1:  
Cowboy BBQ Beans + Bun

Week 2:  
Spaghetti Bolognese with  
Smooth Fruit Yoghurt

### TUESDAY

Week 1: Southern Style Drumsticks with  
Mash, Gravy and Coleslaw

Week 2: Asian Style Drumsticks with  
Stir-fry Vege and Rice

### FRIDAY

Week 1: Chicken Rolls with  
Corn + Chicken Chowder

Week 2: Ham + Egg Rolls  
with Minestrone Soup

### WEDNESDAY

Week 1: Loaded Mac Cheese

Week 2: Smoked Chicken Penne Pasta

### DIETARY

All dietary meals are  
provided similar to  
daily meal



# 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

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# Check It Out!

## The College library has it's own webpage.

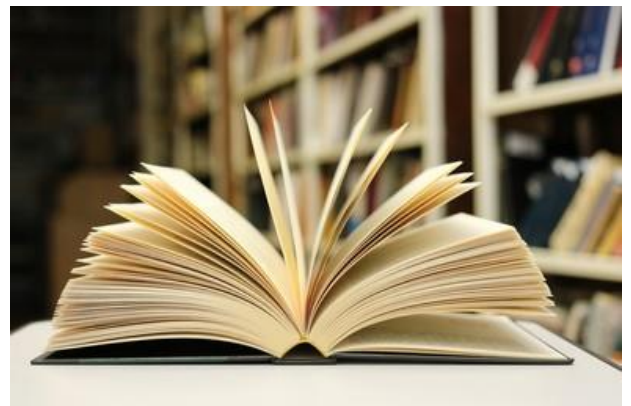
Check out our Library web page and see our catalogue of books, author websites, library promotions, homework tools and other cool stuff. Please copy the link <https://library.aparima.school.nz/>

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, Quick Search, and Detail Search. The page is divided 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 for learning languages.
- Storyline Online:** Encourages reading stories and includes a "Just Click the picture" prompt.
- Cool 3D science models:** Features an "Interactive Science" button.
- Discover:** Promotes the EPIC Discovery database with a search bar.
- Roald Dahl:** Celebrates the author with the text: "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 for Māori language resources.
- Deciding what to read next?:** Features the Goodreads logo.
- National Library Topic Explorer:** Promotes quality, curated resources on various topics.
- Written by Us!:** Highlights student work, including "My Own Story" by Hine and Tui, written by Brooklyn Hitchcock.
- Ask a librarian:** Features "Any Questions" with a search bar.
- Immersive reading experience:** Promotes the PDS National Library of New Zealand.
- Manga Club:** A section for manga resources.

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.



# UP AND COMING EVENTS

## TERM TWO

17 May 2023	Lincoln Uni Liaison
17 May 2023	Southland Secondary Cross Country
17 May 2023	Vision Screen Testing
24 May 2023	BOT Meeting
24 May 2023	Des Hunt Author 1:30pm till 2:30pm Years 7-9
26 May 2023	School Cross Country
2 June 2023	Western Southland Primary Cross Country
5 June 2023	KINGS Birthday (Public Holiday)
9 June 2023	Western Primary Cross Country
11 June 2023	Southland Secondary Schools Netball Tournament
14 June 2023	BOT Meeting
14 June 2023	YES Pitch 12/13 Business Class
16 June 2023	Southland Primary Cross Country
28 – 30 June 2023	South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament Invercargill
30 June 2023	Last day of Term Two
17 July 2023	First day of Term Three

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Media Release

### Riverton Community Charitable Trust

We are very pleased to advise that Riverton Community Charitable Trust has secured funding for Heartland Services to be provided from Riverton Community House. This will mean easier local access to Government and other services and will also provide a solid foundation for the other work we do from Riverton Community House.

In addition to Heartland Services, we will also continue to provide other services as we have done in the past e.g. Foodbank; JP services, and appropriate help in cases of emergency.

We are very grateful to all those who provided input to the survey we undertook late last year. The information from this was very helpful towards securing the Heartland Services contract.

The funding we previously received from Oranga Tamariki was targeted for a specific service with a different point of focus. That funding ended on 31 March 2023.

After the upheaval of losing previous funding, we are pleased to advise we will now be recruiting additional staff to fulfil the requirements of our Heartland funding. Community House opening hours will then increase to 40 hours per week. The recruiting process will get underway in the near future.

It is particularly pleasing that we will be open 40 hours per week as the survey responses indicated that limited opening hours were a barrier to accessing our services.

We are confident we will be able to provide a different but more comprehensive service than in the past, and will provide further information as our new Heartland service becomes established.

**Ewen Matheson for  
Riverton Community Charitable Trust**

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**SATURDAY 3 JUNE**  
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**SUNDAY 4 JUNE**  
Busking Auditions

**FINALS 4:30pm** at  
St James Theatre

Wrap yourself up warm, hit the streets and be in to win great prizes!

Perform live on air with CaveFM on Friday afternoon!

- Buskers be into **WIN** up to **\$1300** -  
Link is on the home page.

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

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#### 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](http://www.nzsailingtrust.com/sail-kayak)

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