



Aparima College Newsletter

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Congratulations to Tahla Ward who recently competed at the MLT Gold Guitar Competition in Gore. She successfully made five finals and took out the Intermediate overall winner with her group which includes Maia Fletcher and Millie Cottam, they will now be heading to Tramworth Country Music Festival ! Best of Luck !

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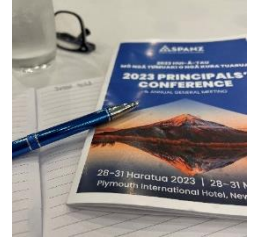
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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been an interesting week for me at the Secondary Principals Conference, the week was filled with inspiring kōrero with colleagues from across the motu. We were also privileged to hear some remarkable key notes. I would like to highlight the impactful work of renowned education expert, Professor Yong Zhao. Professor Zhao has dedicated his career to studying and advocating for educational systems that promote creativity, diversity, and individual strengths. His message was loud and clear and was one which resonated with the direction and vision we hold for our students at Aparima College.



With a research focus on the intersection of globalisation, education, and technology, Professor Yong Zhao has made significant contributions to the field of education. His work challenges conventional approaches to learning, encouraging us to rethink how we prepare our children for the future.

One of Professor Zhao's core beliefs is that every child possesses unique talents and strengths that deserve to be nurtured. He emphasises the importance of fostering a diverse range of skills, rather than solely focusing on standardised testing and narrow definitions of success. Professor Zhao's research shows that embracing individuality and fostering creativity can lead to more engaged and fulfilled learners.

In addition, Professor Zhao has highlighted the vital role of cultural diversity in education. He stresses the importance of recognising and celebrating different cultures and perspectives within the classroom. By valuing diversity, students can develop a global mindset, appreciate different viewpoints, and become effective global citizens.

Another area of Professor Zhao's expertise is the integration of technology in education. He recognises that technology can be a powerful tool for learning, but cautions against over-reliance on standardised digital platforms. Instead, he encourages educators and parents to leverage technology in ways that promote creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Furthermore, Professor Zhao believes in the significance of entrepreneurship and innovation in education. He advocates for empowering students to take risks, think entrepreneurially, and explore their passions. By fostering an entrepreneurial mindset, children can develop resilience, adaptability, and an ability to navigate an ever-changing world.

Professor Yong Zhao's groundbreaking work challenges traditional educational paradigms and offers valuable insights for parents and educators alike. By embracing diversity, nurturing creativity, leveraging technology wisely, and encouraging entrepreneurship, we can help our children thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

We are excited at Aparima to driving forwards, creating an educational environment that inspires our children to reach their full potential. My self, My place, My Pathway.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma Williams
Principal

Des Hunt Visit

The author Des Hunt, whose NZ-based Young Adult novels are very popular at school, gave a highly entertaining and interactive presentation to our Year 7-10 students. He used scientific experiments to illustrate the best ways for writers to attract readers. He also conveyed a message of resilience, explaining that writers often receive many rejections before their books are eventually accepted. We came away from his talk with lots to think about.



Des explaining how to attract readers



Des Hunt explaining how to hook readers into reading a novel



REMINDER ORDERS TO BE IN BY TOMORROW –

Attention Students - Year 13 students are doing a fundraiser to raise money for decorations for the school ball – DOMINOS PIZZA DAY - \$10 per pizza - lunchtime on Tuesday 13 June - Money and orders to be handed into the office by 12noon on Friday 9th June - if possible please put the money in an envelope with your child's name on it with and which pizza they want - please pay by cash only. Available flavours are as follows - cheesy garlic, pepperoni, beef and onion, ham and cheese, vege trio. (also gluten free option)



Tahla Ward

Matamata Country Music Awards results from a few weeks ago from our very own Tahla Ward who got 1st in Intermediate New Country, my duo 'Troubadours' got 2nd in Intermediate Duo/Group, my group 'Dolly's' got 1st in Intermediate Duo/Group, my duo 'Troubadours' got Runner Up Overall for Intermediate section and my group 'Dolly's' got Overall Winner for Intermediate section which qualifies us into the New Zealand Entertainer of the Year Awards! Well done Tahla, this is awesome we are so very proud of you



Cross Country Results

U11 Girls – Indee McKenzie

U11 Boys – Nathan Collins

U12 Girls – Georgia Eade

U12 Boys – Rylie Petch

U13 Girls – Leyna Ferguson

U13 Boys – Blaze Rogers

U14 Girls – Lilly McKenzie

U14 Boys – Ryan Diprose

U15 Girls – Fern Terrill-Smith

U15 Boys – Lachlan Lewthwaite

U16 Girls – Daneka Todd

U16 Boys – Byron Dewar

Senior Girls – Mrs Guyton followed by Taylor Elder

Senior Boys – Caleb Diprose

House points –

Longwood – 43

Oraka – 56

Nga Pohatu – 84

Wallace - 85



Co-Requisite Exams Year 10s

To gain an NCEA qualification, students will need to pass two standards in literacy and one standard in numeracy. These standards are externally assessed (students sit them here and their scripts are marked by external markers). The standards will be assessed using a Common Assessment Activity and all three are online. Our Year 10 students will be sitting these on 12 to 14 June, with us holding practice exams on 7 and 8 June. Each assessment will take about an hour, we have allowed two periods for each one. Attached are the timetables for these assessments.

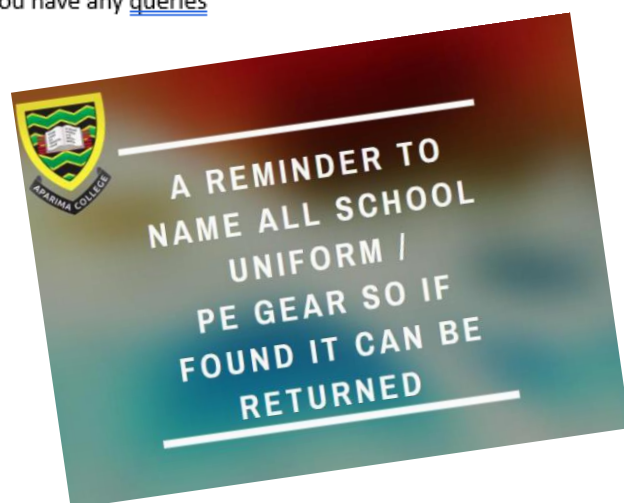
Practice Co-Requisite Exams 7 and 8 June

Period	Wednesday 7 June Reading 32403	Thursday 8 June Numeracy 32406
1		10G C1
2		10G C1
3	10Y C1	10Y C1
4	10Y C1	10Y C1
5	10G C1	
6	10G C1	

NZQA Co-Requisite Exams 12 to 14 June

Period	Monday 12 June Reading 32403	Tuesday 13 June Numeracy 32406	Wednesday 14 June Writing 32405
1		10G C1	
2		10G C1	
3	10Y C1	10Y C1	10Y C1
4	10Y C1	10Y C1	10Y C1
5	10G C1		10G C1
6	10G C1		10G C1

- The practice and actual exams will be held in Computer Room 1
- **Attendance is compulsory** – if a student is sick or absent, they will then have to sit the exam later in the year
- We cannot change the dates of these exams, they are set by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)
- Please contact bgrimwood@aparima.school.nz if you have any queries

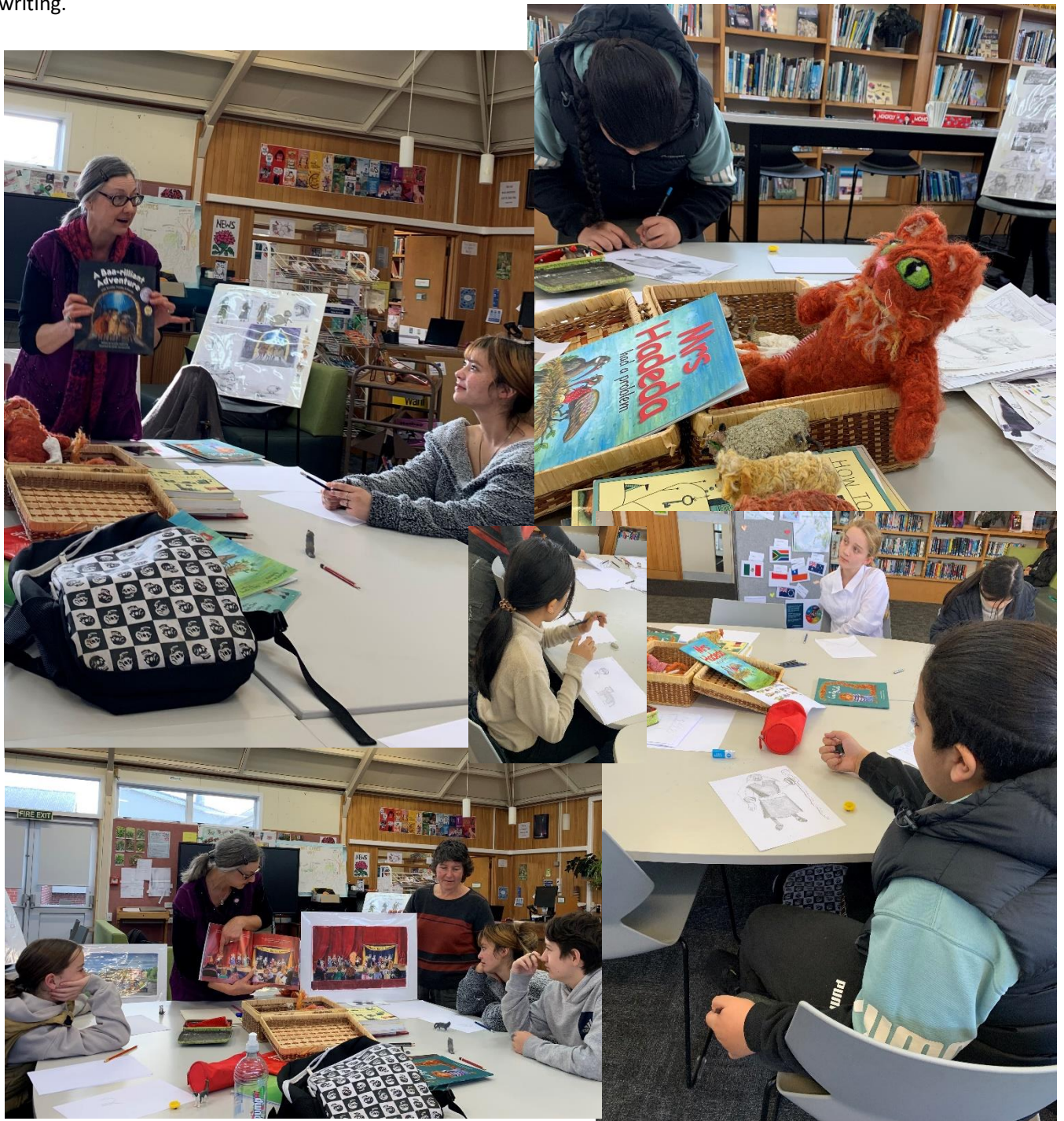


Visit from a Talented Illustrator

Recently, the Friday Writers were privileged to receive a visit from Zerika van Jaarsveld, an accomplished children's book illustrator from Otautau, who, with writer Jennifer Somervell, is the creative talent behind the award-winning books 'Curly Cat' and 'A Baa-rilliant Adventure'.

Zerika fully engaged our aspiring illustrators by guiding them through her process, showing examples of her mahi, and passing on useful tips for success.

Our writers had the chance to try their own illustrations based on the props that Zerika brought with her. It was an awesome experience, and we are looking forward to seeing our writers produce a range of illustrations for their own writing.



Congratulations

To Jason Columbus who has made the Southland U15 National team heading to Auckland on the 12th -15th July 2023. We are proud of his success thanks to Shane Webster coaching him.



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UNIFORM WANTED

Are there any Aparima College Skirts and Blazers out there that are no longer required - we have families arriving and H & J Smiths have advised that they will not have any new skirts or Blazers in for 6 months and what they have in stock is limited in sizes.

Please phone 03 2348900 if you can help.

We are happy to pass on your details if wish to sell items or if you wish to donate items please drop them off to the office.

(We will take any uniform items as there are always families we can help.)

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REMINDER

Teacher Only Day

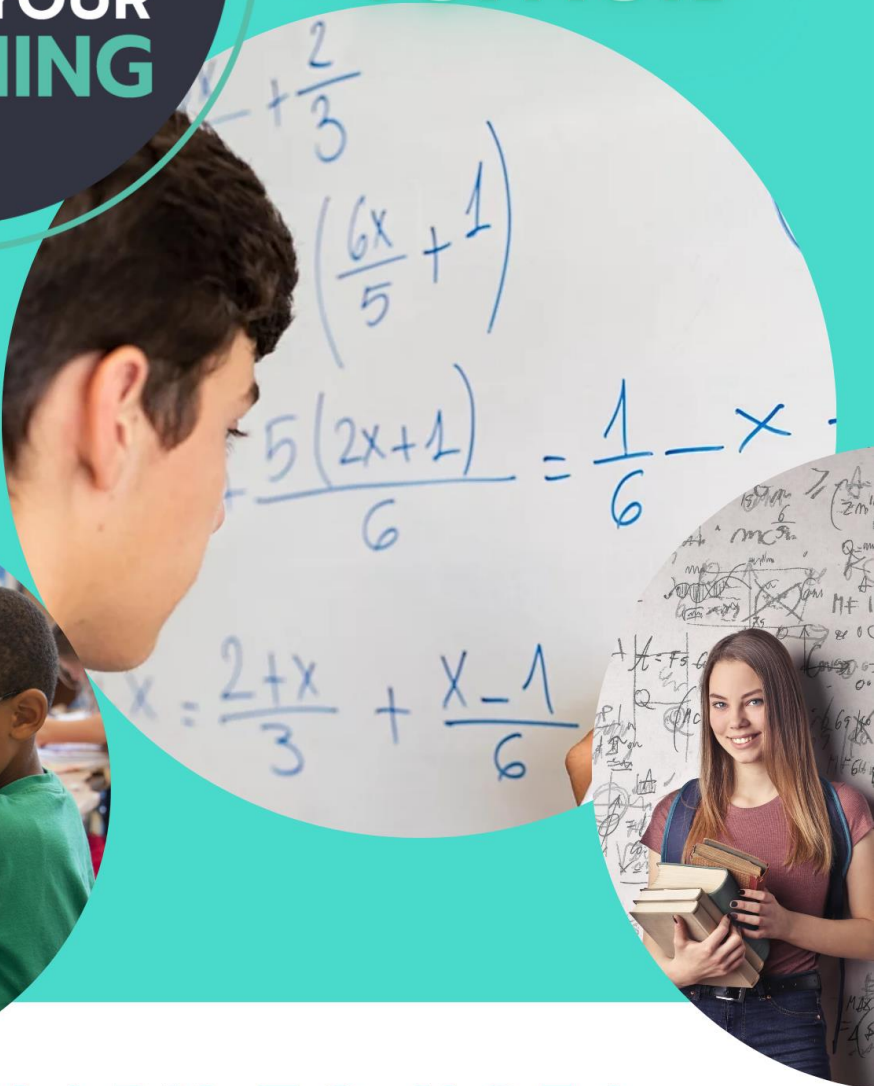
Friday 16 June 2023

School will be closed for student instruction.



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Rugby

Girls Rugby Team had a great time today, training with ex student and Black Fern Amy Rule. 🍌🍌 [#liveourlearning](#) A huge thanks to Amy for the encouragement of the girls.





LEE'S CATERING TERM 2 MENU

Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">MONDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Ham + Cheese Sammy with Carrot + Cranberry Salad and Lee's Muesli Slice</p> <p>Week 2: Chicken Sammy with Fruit and Lee's Choc Muesli Slice</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">THURSDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Cowboy BBQ Beans + Bun</p> <p>Week 2: Spaghetti Bolognaise with Smooth Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">TUESDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Southern Style Drumsticks with Mash, Gravy and Coleslaw</p> <p>Week 2: Asian Style Drumsticks with Stir-fry Vege and Rice</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">FRIDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Chicken Rolls with Corn + Chicken Chowder</p> <p>Week 2: Ham + Egg Rolls with Minestrone Soup</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Loaded Mac Cheese</p> <p>Week 2: Smoked Chicken Penne Pasta</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">DIETARY</p> <p>All dietary meals are provided similar to daily meal</p>

A Chilly Fundraiser

Kapa Haka doing some fundraising for new uniforms at the Gore “Freeze Ya Bits Off” Busking Festival recently. Ngā mihi nui to the Gore Community for the opportunity and for the support.





Lions District 202F

Presents

COMPUTER CAPERS 2023



This year's topic

Together we serve/work as one

This competition has two sections

- Junior Years 4, 5 & 6
- Senior Years 7 & 8

Prizes kindly sponsored by:

PDG Wendy Goodwin

\$200 Prize money in each section:
1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20
plus \$100 to the winning student's school.

Rules and conditions attached.

Competition closes 30 June 2023

UP AND COMING EVENTS

TERM TWO

9 June 2023	Western Primary Cross Country
11 June 2023	Southland Secondary Schools Netball Tournament
14 June 2023	BOT Meeting 6:30pm
14 June 2023	YES Pitch 12/13 Business Class
14-16 June 2023	Senior Maori Class trip to Dunedin
16 June 2023	Southland Primary Cross Country
16 June 2023	Teacher Only Day
21 June 2023	Southland Secondary Schools 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
21 July 2023	Matariki Breakfast
26 July 2023	BOT Meeting
26 – 28 July 2023	OREC Snow Camp
27 July 2023	Careers Fest
1 August 2023	Year 7/8 Basketball Tournament
5 August 2023	College Ball

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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MEDICAL TRUST

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023
COMMUNITY HOUSE
RIVERTON 6.30PM

ALL WELCOME

ANNE WHITE SECRETARY

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**

GREAT SOUTH

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