



Aparima College Newsletter

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HEAD STUDENTS 2024



From Left – Caleb Diprose, Mali Grimwood, Brodie Murdoch & Neosha Grimwood

We are pleased to announce Caleb Diprose as our Head Student for 2024.

Mali Grimwood, Brodie Murdoch and Neosha Grimwood will be the Deputy Head Students.

They are a credit to their whānau and we are very proud of them. They will be a fantastic team, balanced and with different skills to bring to their role.

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki (a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to 2024. What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Students have settled quickly into their new routines, some seniors are finalising courses and juniors are all finding their way around the place. Our roll is looking very healthy and we are continuing to enrol new students across the year levels on a daily basis. Students are encouraged from the onset to develop good study habits and to set aspirational goals for the coming year. Attendance remains a crucial part of being successful at school. The correlation between regular attendance and success at school has been proven time and time again. In 2023 of the students who did not achieve their Literacy and or Numeracy Co-requisites, 88% did not attend school regularly. We rely heavily on parents and whānau to take an active role in getting students to school.

I would like to express my appreciation for how well all students are wearing their school uniform, all students are turning up in correct uniform and wearing it with pride.

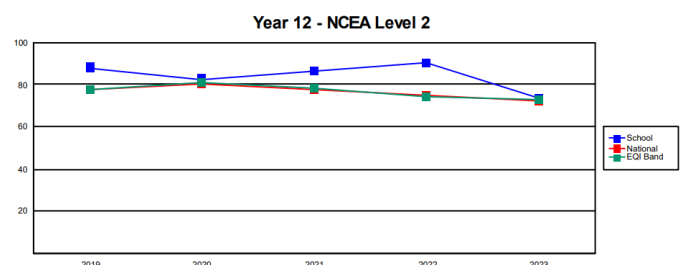
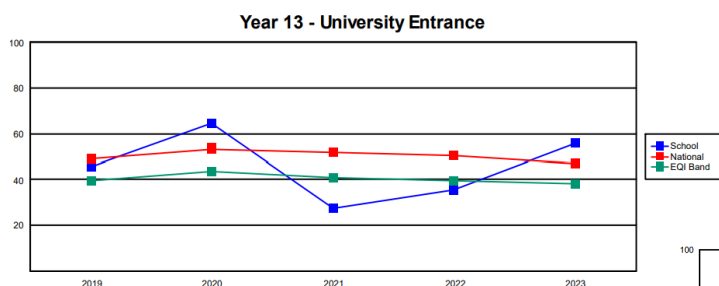
A reminder that the Government have introduced new legislation bring a ban on the use of cell-phones in schools. This is not too much of a change for us at Aparima College as we did not allow the use of cell phones previous to the legislation. We now expect all cell phones to be turned off and in bags, with the exception of students who require their cell phone out for medical monitoring. We appreciate your support with this new piece of legislation. It is important for you to let your child know that if you need to get in urgent contact with them you will phone the school office. Please avoid sending messages to your child through their social media accounts during the school day.

NCEA Results

The 2023 NCEA results place Aparima College well above the National trend for achievement in Year 11 and slightly ahead in Year 12 and ahead of year 13 University Entrance. We were very proud of all students and their achievements.

Aparima College

NCEA	Aparima College Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
Level 1	77.4%	60%
Level 2	73.7%	72.2%
Level 3 UE	55.6%	38.2%



A more detailed review and analysis of all achievement data will be available on the school website once the Annual Plan is completed.

We are currently undertaking a review of our reporting methods. A survey will be emailed home, please take time to reply either digitally or your child can pick up a paper copy from the office.

Finally, please make sure you have all the information you need to be actively involved as a member of the Aparima College whānau. We are continuously grateful for the support of parents and family on your child's learning journey.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma Williams
Principal

Introducing our Head Students

Caleb Diprose - Head Student

Kia ora, my name is Caleb Diprose and I am very excited to be one of your head students for 2024!

My goal this year is to be proactive within my role and create enjoyable opportunities throughout the year as well as lasting benefits that will continue on through further years. I am an active member of the Student Council and I aim to continue with our strong team, uplifting student voice and addressing the needs of the students.

I am looking forward to interacting with the students and just being an approachable person to everyone. In the future I plan to study at Otago University and have been gathering interest in graphics design, as well as continuing to grow my Young Enterprise business 'Treet Yourself'.

Best wishes for the year ahead,
Caleb



Neosha Grimwood – Deputy Head Student

Kia ora koutou! My name is Neosha Grimwood, and I am one of the Deputy Head Students for 2024.

This role has given me the opportunity to be a role model to the young female and Māori students aspiring to be leaders. In my position as Deputy Head Student, I aim to help normalise mental health massively in our school, as well as creating good connections with the students and teachers so they feel comfortable to reach out to myself or other head students. I will be working alongside the student council and our Kapa Haka Rōpū. This will help me in many different aspects of my leadership role. I hope by the end of the year, I will have formed great relationships with the students here, and left a positive mark at Aparima College! Next year, I am planning on studying primary school education at Otago University.

Ngā mihi nui
Neosha



Brodie Murdoch – Deputy Head Student

Greetings, everyone! My name is Brodie Murdoch, and I am honoured to serve as one of the Deputy Head Students for 2024. I am deeply committed to fostering a culture of academic excellence here at Aparima, and I believe that together, we can embark on a transformative journey of growth and learning.

As a member of the Student Council and your BOT Student Representative, my goal is to inspire and empower each and every student to strive for greatness. I am dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where every individual feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Beyond my role at Aparima, next year I intend to continue my academic journey at Otago University. I am determined to make a positive impact not only within our school community but also in the wider world. With hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence, I am confident that we can achieve great things together.

Warm regards,
Brodie Murdoch



Mali Grimwood – Deputy Head Student

Hi there, I'm Mali Grimwood, and I've been chosen to be Deputy Head Student for 2024.

I have the chance to work together with the 2024 head students and I am excited about what is ahead and eager to see what this year has in store for me. Making sure that the ball and other activities are well-planned and executed is my objective for 2024.

In addition, I make sure that other students are comfortable enough to contact me and the other head students.

I am excited to get to know Aparima College's student body. Next year, I intend to pursue a degree in business management at the University of Otago.

Mali



Congratulations

To our amazing young women and men who achieved their NCEA Levels.

Special mention to the following students as they gained merit or excellence endorsements - their hard work and effort got them there:

Level 1

Saxon Heath-Tree excellence endorsement

Tahlee Allen merit endorsement

Maggie Black merit endorsement

Kiara Cleaver merit endorsement

Shannon Cleaver merit endorsement

Nikita Diprose merit endorsement

Addisyn Watkinson merit endorsement

Level 2

Caleb Diprose excellence endorsement

Brodie Murdoch excellence endorsement

Neosha Grimwood merit endorsement

Level 3

Remy Scarborough merit endorsement

Kaitlin Heath-Tree merit endorsement

Lolly Wrapper Challenge

7/8B were trying to make lolly wrapper 'snakes' then join them up to see if we could get them to go all the way down the length of the Junior Block. We might need a few more goes at this before we can get the full length (or so they like to tell me...)



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.

Visitors

All visitors are required to sign in at the College office. Parents are not to go straight to the classrooms they must come to the College office.

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.

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. Exeat 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).

Bell Times (please note Friday has different times due to Kia Tu in the afternoon)

BELL TIMES 2024 MONDAY TO THURSDAY	
8:40 – 8:50	Form Time
8:50 – 9:50	Period 1
9:50 – 10:50	Period 2
10:50 – 11:10	INTERVAL
11:10 – 12:10	Period 3
12:10 – 1:10	Period 4
1:10 – 2:00	LUNCH
2:00 – 3:00	Period 5

BELL TIMES 2024 FRIDAY	
No Form time – Go Straight to Period 1	
8:40 – 9:30	Period 1
9:30 – 10:20	Period 2
10:20 – 10:40	INTERVAL
10:40 – 11:30	Period 3
11:30 – 12:20	Period 4
12:20 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 3:00	KIA TU

Valuables

Where possible, valuables and large amounts of money should not be brought to school. If this is necessary, goods or money may be handed in at the main office.

2024 Stationery Requirements

Your child's stationery requirements are available now to view on the OfficeMax MySchool site www.myschool.co.nz/aparima. Year 7/8/9 and 10 students will need to purchase everything on the stationery list. Year 11/12 and 13 students will only need to purchase stationery for the subjects they are taking. Any questions please contact the College office on 2348 900.



Please LIKE and follow our Aparima College Facebook page, this is where you will know what is happening here at the College!

House Captains 2024

Aparima College Athletics day is coming up on Monday 26 February please come dressed up in your house colours, Oraka House is yellow, Nga pohatu House is red, Wallace House is blue and Longwood House is purple and green.

Nga pohatu House (Red)

Caleb Diprose
Danielle Anderson
Ryan Diprose
Levi Diprose

Oraka House – (Yellow)

Tahlee Allen
Carter Johnston Wills
Hana Allen
William Horrell

Wallace House (Blue)

Lilly McKenzie
O'Shea Lonneker
Kyla Tohiariki
Nixon Morrell

Longwood House (Purple & Green)

Lachie Bevin
Lilly Kingipotiki
Tessa Fraser
Austin Bevin

Aparima College Lunch Menu

Starting on Monday
12 February 2024

Lunch Menu

TERM 1 – APARIMA COLLEGE



MONDAY	Chicken salad roll <i>Long roll w/ shredded chicken, aioli, cheese, lettuce, grated carrot & cucumber</i>	Ham & cheese club sandwich <i>Wholegrain bread w/ shaved ham, cheese, lettuce, cucumber & tomato w/ Dijon mustard & aioli</i>
TUESDAY	Mini Shepards pies <i>Seasoned beef mince in pastry cups w/ cheesy potato top</i>	Filo parcels (2) <i>Chickpeas & root vege in a mild curry sauce wrapped in filo pastry. Cheesy crushed potato & spinach wrapped in filo pastry</i>
WEDNESDAY	Scrolls (2) <i>Freshly baked scrolls with marmite & cheese/ cheese & pizza sauce</i>	Roast beef wrap <i>Thinly sliced roast beef w/ cream cheese, caramelised onions, spinach & grated carrot</i>
THURSDAY	Sweet n' sour noodles w/ Pork <i>Spaghetti noodles w/ slices of pork, fresh vege & YumKim sweet n' sour sauce</i>	Chicken & rice <i>Shredded roast chicken on sticky white rice with Asian slaw & sweet soy & sesame dressing</i>
FRIDAY	Chicken Burger <i>Grilled chicken breast seasoned w/ mild spices topped w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, aioli & BBQ sauce on a burger bun</i>	BBQ chicken & bacon pizza on Turkish <i>Turkish bread w/ Napoli sauce, cheese, chicken & crispy bacon w/ BBQ sauce</i>

REMINDER – WEDNESDAY 14TH
FEBRUARY IS NON-UNIFORM
DAY

VALENTINE'S DAY

non-uniform day

FEB **14** WED

**GOLD COIN DONATION TO
RAISE MONEY FOR THE 2024
APARIMA COLLEGE BALL**

Please wear your best red and pink clothing

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For all Parents and Caregivers



Aparima College – Change of Uniform Item for 2024

Please note that in 2024 all students will be required to wear the new school socks, black with green top.

From the start of 2024 the white socks and grey socks will no longer be worn by students.

WELCOME TO
THE U SHOP - Invercargill
BUY ONLINE, COLLECT FROM THE STORE
PHYSICAL RETAIL SHOP is located at 162 Dee Street, Invercargill

THE U SHOP
YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



Electronic Devices 2024

All our Year 9—13 students need to bring a device to school for learning (Laptop or Chromebook - not a Cellphone). We need Year 9—13 students to have access to a device at all times for the multitude of tasks that are being completed digitally. So will require them to bring their own device with them each day. We have a number of possible ways of helping families for whom this may present issues and we would ask that if this is the case for you, please let us know as soon as possible so we can assist you. This assistance can be in different forms, so please get in touch and discuss your specific needs with us. For those families whose students already have devices, please encourage them to bring them to school every day. **Please note:** Students can purchase any laptops or Chromebooks from any supplier they choose. Conbrio is who we use for our Chromebooks and this is their latest offer.



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We have the opportunity to buy affordable second hand or new Chromebook devices for school through Conbrio Technology Limited.

The device brands and models change as per availability. These come with a standard 1 Yr warranty and charging adapter.

Contact Conbrio Technology directly to discuss options via details below or view online.
- Mention your school name in order/query.

Pricing per availability:
Refurbished From \$215+GST

**Will have some signs of previous use.*

Brand New From \$290+GST

***We also have Windows Devices, please ask.*



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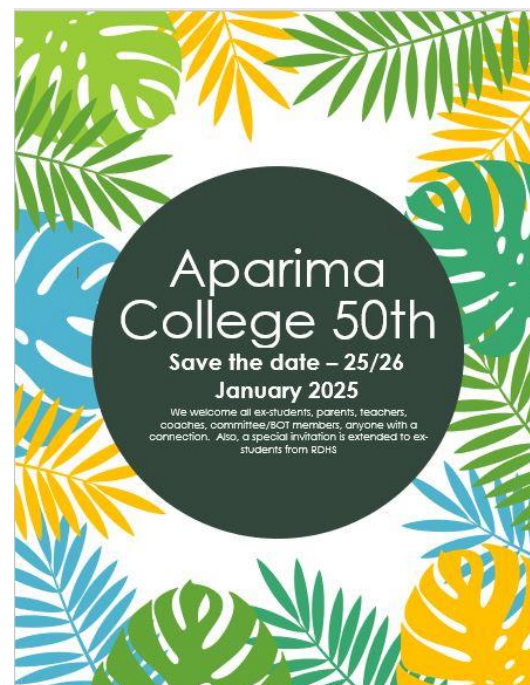
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UP AND COMING EVENTS

14 February 2024	Waimumu Field Days – Agriculture
15 February 2024	Young Enterprise Kick Start Event
21 February 2024	BOT Meeting
26 February 2024	School Athletics Day
29 February 2024	Postponement Day for School Athletics
8 March 2024	Western Primary Athletics
9 March 2024	Southland Secondary Athletics
12 March 2024	Western Primary Athletics (Postponement Day)
19 March 2024	Year 7/8 Otautau Touch starts
20 March 2024	BOT Meeting
24 March 2024	Southland Primary Athletics
28 March 2024	Western Primary Swimming
29 March 2024	GOOD FRIDAY
1 April 2024	EASTER MONDAY
2 April 2024	EASTER TUESDAY
5 - 6 April 2024	South Island Secondary Athletics
12 April 2024	Last day of Term One
29 April 2024	First day of Term Two



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Music Shed – Music Tuition for 2024

This year sees us sadly negotiating for a new Drum tutor after losing Wayne Muntz last year. Wayne's input over the two years he tutored was very much appreciated by us all.

As usual, we also have places open for Piano and Acoustic Guitar students with accompanying Theory.

We also offer band, group work and performance as practicable, for all students who wish to participate.

Contact Jenni Bickley 0297708451 for further enquires.