



Aparima College Newsletter

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Eva Rook and Nina Thoroughgood enjoying
their Electronics Kia Tu on Friday 😊

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

I would like start this newsletter by extending a warm gratitude to YumKim Foods who have been providing school lunches for the last two terms. If your child eats school lunches, you will have heard, I have no doubt how much they are enjoying them. As a school, we have noticed a genuine excitement for lunch and with that a change in mood about the school during and after lunch. One student commented "It is so nice to know someone has made this who actually cares about us and what we are eating". The Government's changes to the school lunch programme in 2025 will have huge implications for Aparima College. Under the new model we will no longer be able to provide lunch in the same manner. The new proposal will have a centralised supplier (unlikely to even be Southland based) providing food at \$3 per student (less than half the current budget), which will need to be stored and prepared at school.

I have invited the Hon. Penny Simmonds MP to visit our school during a lunch service to talk with students and see first-hand how much it is appreciated. I have also emailed the Minister for Education the Hon. Erica Stanford to express my concern.

As a school, we will look at our options for 2025. It may be that we continue with Yum Kim Foods but that this will no longer be a free option and will be food for students to order and pay for. It may be that we trial the \$3 option. In the meantime, I will continue to canvas our local MP and other Members of Parliament. If you are in support of our school lunch programme, I would encourage you to also contact your local MP and the Minister of Education expressing your thoughts on the matter.

The majority of students are adjusting well to the "phones away for the day" rules. We still have some issues with parents contacting students directly during the school day. I appreciate this is a tough habit to break but your support in this matter would be appreciated. Please contact the school office in an emergency, in the event of bad news we are in a position to give messages sensitively and ensure support is in place for your child. If it is a non-urgent message then please try to wait until after 3pm to message your child directly. Let's support them to have phones away for the day.

We are looking forward to the last couple of weeks of term, a reminder that Friday 28 June is a public holiday for us all to celebrate Matariki. The rising of Matariki is traditionally a time of transition and reflection, when families get together to remember the past and prepare for the future. I would like to wish you all good period of connection with family and whānau over the term break as Matariki enters our skies.

The last day of Term 2 will be Friday 5th July. All students are expected at school even on the last day!! Regular attendance remains an area of focus for us as a school and we cannot move towards more regular attendance without your support.

Mānawatia a Matariki,

Aloma Williams



The following is a Health Education statement for Aparima College. Legislation states, we are to consult on these every 2 years. Please read and send any feedback or questions you may have to principal@aparima.school.nz. This consultation period will remain open until Friday 26 July 2024.



Health Education Statement Aparima College

Rationale:

Aparima College is committed to each student's Hauora / Wellbeing – this incorporates

Taha hinengaro – Mental and Emotional Well being

Taha Wairua – Spiritual

Taha Tinana – Physical

Taha Whānau – Family and Social

The College will access support to health care services such as the school nurse and other health agencies.

Guidelines

Health education at Aparima College supports our objectives to ensure students are able to achieve their highest possible standard in educational achievement, and to ensure the school is a safe and inclusive place for all students and staff. We comply with legislative requirements for the development and delivery of a Health programme.

Health Programme

Students take part in the following areas of learning as part of our programme:

- relationships and sexuality education
- food and nutrition
- body care and physical safety
- physical activity
- sports studies
- outdoor education
- mental Health
- friendships

Permission is not required for students to participate once the statement is adopted. Parents may request for their child to be removed from any part of the programme and the school will provide supervision for these students at this time.

Young Enterprise Success

Our Young Enterprise companies pitched their ideas dragon's-den-style to panels of volunteer judges at the Chamber of Commerce. They were competing against fifteen other companies from Invercargill schools. They needed to convince the judges to invest in their idea, promotional and sales strategies, human resources, sustainability, innovation and financial projections. Our four companies were among the six that were given investment, with *Momo: a taste of Nepal* and *Treet Yourself* voted as the top two companies, *Tristan's Basketball* coming in second place, and *River Tumblers* as the judge's choice. What an awesome result!

Next steps are to focus on promoting and selling their products.

Momo: a taste of Nepal are selling their delicious dumplings via a pre-order form for delivery to your freezers on 4th July, and if you would like to buy their momos steamed they will be at the Riverton Community Market on Saturday 29th June.



Treet Yourself are in their second year of business and are currently taking orders for native-tree-plantings. They provide the trees, protectors, labour and follow-up, and will work with you to find a suitable planting date. Contact them on treetyourselves@gmail.com.

Tristan's Basketball operates as an after-school club at Riverton Primary School on Tuesdays 3-4pm and focuses on fun, skills and teamwork. If you know a child in Years 3-6 then encourage them to come along. The club is very affordable at \$2 per child per session or \$20 for a term. Contact Tristan.remata@aparima.school.nz



River Tumblers sell 1.2 Litre tumblers that keep hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold. The tumblers are designed to fit into your car's cupholder to limit spillage. Did you know that 80% of New Zealanders are dehydrated. These tumblers will help you keep hydrated and would also make a great gift. At \$50 each, they are more affordable than other brands. Contact zach.robertson@aparima.school.nz

Diversity Culture Club Concert

By Dane Mata, Student

On May 29, 2024, the talented students of our small group made their way to the stage to share their talents with other students who came to see our concert. This success was achieved thanks to our dear leaders from the Diversity Culture club, whose great ideas and creative minds were put together. Especially, with the help of our supportive members and teachers who were willing to help us achieve our goal.



This kind of event that was planned was a great way to introduce our group to others and served the purpose of helping group members learn from each other's culture and include every one of them by giving ideas and plans for the concerts. The concert had different kinds of performances that showed diversity within our club, including traditional dances and musical performances. The guests were treated to an unforgettable experience that was not only for entertainment but also to show them other cultures represented in our school. The positive feedback we received from guests was overwhelming and validated the hard work and effort put in by everyone involved.

The Diversity Culture Club concert wasn't that much of a big success but it served a purpose to promote cultural awareness and celebrated the unique talents of our members. We look forward to doing more events like this in the future to raise understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Please note the following uniform changes

Sandals

Black or Brown sandals are optional in Terms 1 and 4 only. Sandals cannot be worn in Terms 2 and 3. Sandals cannot be worn in the Science Labs or Woodwork Room, Art Room or The Cooking Room. Socks are not to be worn with Sandals.

Gym shoes are required for PE and they MUST be non-marking gym shoes for when they are in the gym.

Dan Davin

On Friday 7th June Aparima College hosted one of the school workshops which were part of the Dan Davin Literary Foundation Poetry Festival. Poets Jenny Powell and Kay McKenzie Cooke came from Dunedin and Freelance editor Imogen Coxhead, now of Riverton, gave one-to-one mentorship to our budding writers and poets. We are very grateful for their generosity in sharing their expertise and encouragement and look forward to some of these students having their work published.



Cross Country

Well Done to the follow Aparima College students who participated at the Western Cross Country today at Otautau. Great results with the following placings: 11 Year Old Girls: Olivia Horrell came in 2nd and Maddi Halder came in 4th. 12 Year Old Girls: Maja Ferguson came in 3rd and Grace Adams came in 7th. 13 Year Old Girls: Georgia Eade came in 3rd and Holy Fraser came in 7th.



Momo “The taste of Nepal”

Pre-Order Form



Momos are traditional Nepali dumplings hand-made with ‘Momo flour’ and butter, and filled with cabbage, onions, spring onions, tomato, garlic, turmeric, sesame seeds and chilli. **Extremely healthy.**

They will be delivered **frozen in 1 bag of 5 for \$10**. You can just say how many bags do you need, and we will manage to deliver you the right number of bags as you ordered.

Order by: Monday 24th of June. You can order by emailing us on dikshika.pathak@aparima.school.nz

Delivery date: Thursday 4th of July. Please pay by putting the correct amount of \$ \$ in the bank account provided and putting your name in the reference.

Bank details:

Name: Dip Pathak

Account Number: 38-9025-0432978-00

For delivery: If you have a child at Aparima, can you please include your child’s name in your email order, and if you are happy for your child to take your Momo order home in their bag. Otherwise, you can pick up your order from the College Office on 4th July.

To reheat the Momos, thaw from frozen, then steam for 20 minutes either in a bamboo steamer or a steamer-saucepan. Or you can reheat them in the oven. You can also order Momo sauce (\$2 for enough sauce for 5 momos) or use your own sauces from home. **Delicious....mmmm.**

Thank you so much for supporting us.



Swimming Champ

Our talented swimmer Maleia competed in a Southland Swimming Competition over the weekend. She has been wanting to achieve a short course time in 100m breaststroke for a while. This weekend she did just that with a time of 1:33:46, coming 6th overall in the mixed age group race, and the fastest swimmer for her age group. This gives Maleia 5 times under her belt now. Congratulations Maleia!

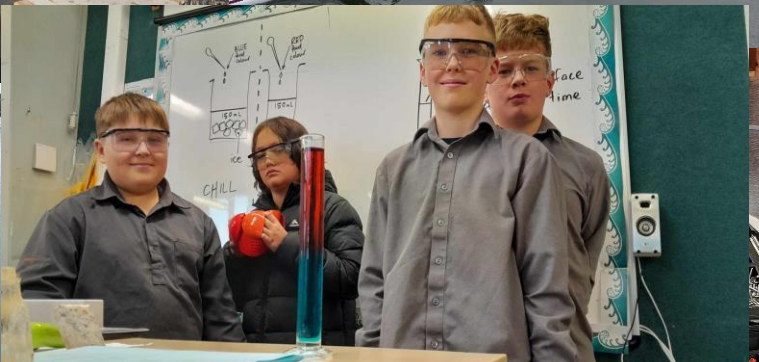


A warm welcome

Aparima College welcomed Principals + Facilitators from the Hokonui Cluster, Māori Achievement collaborative recently.



Out and about.....





APARIMA COLLEGE BALL 2024



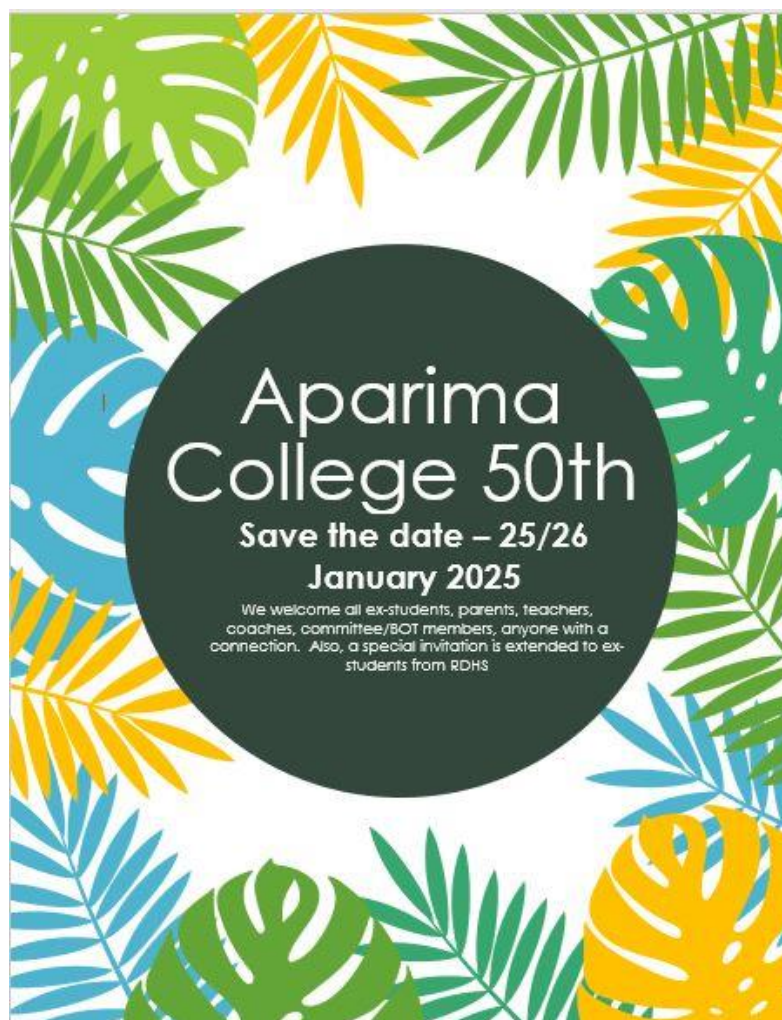
REMINDER

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.

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).



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

UP AND COMING EVENTS

20 June 2024	Matariki Breakfast 8:30am – Riverton Primary School
28 June 2024	Matariki – Public Holiday
5 July 2024	Last Day of Term 2
22 July 2024	First Day of Term 3
31 July – 2 Aug 2024	OREC Snow Camp
8 August 2024	Careers Fest
16 August 2024	NSC Sports Exchange
21 August 2024	BOT Meeting 5 pm all welcome
23 - 26 August 2024	Year 9 Camp – Deep Cove
26 – 30 August 2024	Year 10 Camp – Deep Cove
3 September 2024	College Open Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Southland District Council

These are challenging times, Southland Murihiku.

Southland District Council is consulting on its Long Term Plan 2024-2034, and we need to hear from you.

How much do you think we should spend?

Are you prepared to sacrifice some levels of service in roading to keep rates down?

These vital decisions will have a bearing on your final rates.

The average Southland district rate increase for 2024/2025 in the proposed LTP is 13.66%, with most increases across the district ranging from 4% to 13% for residential rates, and from 11% to 17% for rural and business rates. There will be exceptions for individual properties.

There are four key issues, around funding of water services, roads, recycling and Te Anau Airport Manapouri.

The consultation period runs from 5 June until 5 July, with hearings scheduled on 16-18 July.

Please go to <https://makeitstick.nz/ltp2024> and let us know what you think.

Hard copies of the consultation document and submission form are available at Southland District Council's office/libraries in Invercargill, Winton, Riverton, Te Anau, Lumsden, Otautau, Oban, and Wyndham, as well as more than 20 cafes, dairies, supermarkets, retail outlets, pubs, clubs or service centres in townships throughout the district.

Riverton
COMMUNITY MARKET

Chocolate Brownie Competition

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2024

Cash Prize for the
winner:

\$150 → PRIZE JACKPOTTED FROM LAST
BAKING COMPETITION

Bring your entry to the market by midday for tasting and
judging by the community. The market runs from 10am -
2pm. Winner announced at 1.30pm.

FLECKS HALL
Palmerston St, Riverton

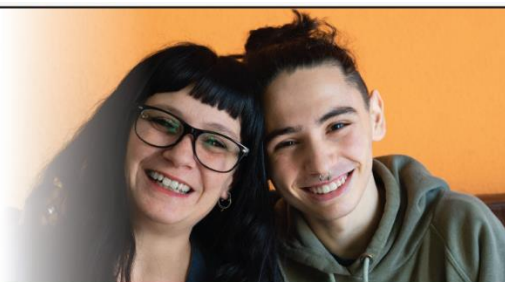
MORE DETAILS
www.activateandthrive.com



Do you have room for one more?

We need foster parents to support
children and teens in need of a safe and
caring place to stay.

Training, ongoing support and a foster
care reimbursement are provided.



Find out how you can help:
FC@familyworkssld.nz | 03 211 8226





StarJam supports young people with disabilities (6 - 25 years) - our Jammers - to discover and grow their talents through music and dance. Our workshops around Aotearoa provide a safe, supported and fun environment and an opportunity to learn new skills, and meet new friends.

Performance opportunities share our wonderful young people's talents with the wider community to grow their confidence and promote inclusion. With no government funding we rely on grants and community support.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Together we can support Jammers to influence the way Aotearoa/ New Zealanders view disability.

Your help will support our Jammers to attend workshops, gigs and to share their talents.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- Hold a talent quest - invite your local StarJam to participate!
- Be part of Jump Jam 4 StarJam
- Support our Jammathon in September
- Have a disco or dance event
- Bake sales/Mufti days

Please email janette@starjam.org to discuss a school event and to be connected to your local StarJam coordinator

janette@starjam.org

Present your valid ILT Kidzone Festival 2024 ticket at any of these businesses during the July school holidays to get a special discount.

ILT Stadium Southland Adventure Park ft. Bounce House \$1 off each ticket purchased when you use the promo code kidzone4	The Homestead Restaurant Half price kid's meal When a child dines off the kids menu, accompanied by an adult dining off the main menu
Chipmunks Playground and Café Invercargill \$3 off entry price per ticket holder	Splash Palace Half price kid's swim entry Can't be used in conjunction with another discount
Southland Business Chamber Save \$2 on the MONOPOLY - Southland Edition by showing your ILT Kidzone Festival Ticket	The Grille Café at Transport World Free kid's meal One free child meal per adult meal off the main menu

Plus visit Queens Park or Anderson Park, discover He Waka Tuia Art + Museum or the Invercargill Public Library, or explore Oreti Beach!

MAKE - CREATE - PLAY

10-15 JULY 2024

Great South presents

ILT Kidzone FESTIVAL

10.30AM - 3.30PM DAILY
SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
INVERCARGILL

Admission \$21 per person (booking fees inclusive)

BUY TICKETS NOW AT ILTKIDZONE.CO.NZ

AHOY!

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2024**

RAINBOW AND TAKATAAPUI 5 DAY SAILING PROGRAMME

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