



Aparima College Newsletter

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Luke Horrell, Nixon Morrell and Cooper Menpes at the Western Athletics

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

Tēna koe e te whānau,

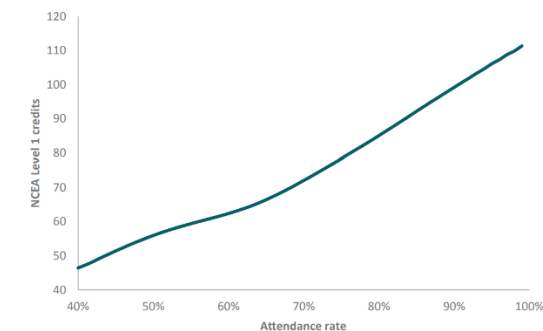
We have just passed the halfway mark of term 1. Building work continues to progress and we are looking forward to reopening the school hall in the next couple of weeks. Work has started on the Gym changing rooms and the Library Roof.

We continually focus on improving school attendance at Aparima College. You may have recently received a letter outlining your child's attendance rate for the term to date. Attendance is a complex issue that cannot be resolved by the school alone. We encourage you to contact us if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time and regularly.

It is important to understand the direct link between student success and regular attendance, national and international evidence has proven this. In 2023, 88% of students at Aparima College who did not achieve the Co-Requisite in Literacy and Numeracy for NCEA; attended school less than 80% of the time.

Regular attendance is classified as attending 90-100% of the time. In short it is when a learner misses less than a week of a school term.

Figure 1: Overall relationship between attendance rate and attainment



A day here and there soon adds up, learners who miss a week of schooling a term will have missed a year by the time they are 16. It is essential for us all to make the effort together to attend school regularly.

You are able to monitor your child's attendance rate via the KAMAR App

Thank you to everyone who took some time to complete the Reporting survey. Teachers have also been undertaking an internal review of processes and how we report to parents. One of the elements of feedback was the timeliness of Parent Teacher Interviews; with several parents requesting that these be earlier in the year. We will therefore be holding parent interviews week 2 next term, **Tuesday 7th May 2 – 6pm**. We would love for all of you to be coming along and discussing your child's progress with their teachers.

Once again it has been a real pleasure to be out and about seeing our young people participating in a range of sports. Aparima was well represented at Southland Athletics and it has been awesome seeing our Junior Basketballers in action.

Ngā manaaki,

Aloma Williams

Southland Athletic Results

Congratulations to the following students who had great results recently at the Southland Athletics who will be eligible to go onto South Island Secondary's which are in Timaru the weekend of April 5, 6 and 7th.

Alex Horrell - Long Jump

Jasmine Todd - 100m

Lilly McKenzie - 200m

Keita Thomas -800m

Dylan Wilson Shot put and discus



Southland Primary Athletic Results

Best of luck to the following students who are competing at the Southland Primary Athletics this coming Sunday at Surrey Park:

Olivia Horrell

Nixon Morrell

Maja Ferguson

Nina Thoroughgood

Georgia Eade

Sophia Ward-Delgado

Holly Fraser

Esther White

Ruby Anderson



We wish you all the best for a great day of competing.

Good Luck

Over the next few days, we have Aparima Students competing at various events. We would like to wish them all good luck.

William Horrell who is competing in the South Island School Mountain Bike Championships which is being held at Coronet Peak from the 21-23 March.

Keita Thomas, Fern Terrill-Smith and Indy Halder who are competing at the Southland Primary/Secondary Scholastic Surf Champs this Saturday 23rd March at Colac Bay.

Waka Ama

The waka ama group out on the Awa recently learning how to strap a waka to the ama.



New Artwork

A new mural is gracing the quad at school, where students and staff can view it every day. Carved and painted by Brooklyn Hitchcock, with help from Scot Wilson, the stylised image tells the story of Ranginui and Papatuanuku and is the result of a sustainability project. Thank you to Brooklyn and Scot for gifting us such a beautiful artwork.

This art represents - Papatuanuku (The Earth Mother) and Ranginui (The Sky Father) came to exist in the darkness (Te Po). In the darkness their children were born, where they decided to separate their parents. The separation was caused by Tane Mahuta (The God of Forests and Birds).



By doing this the children allowed light to flow into their world. After this, all children of Papatuanuku and Ranginui became Gods of numerous parts of the natural world.

JINGO FUNDRAISER

Fundraising to support Riely Te Maro and his family on his Leukaemia Journey

**SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2024
6:30PM
RIVERTON RSA**

Don't miss it!

On Wednesday March 27 please bring non-perishable food items that can be used to create grocery hampers as Jingo prizes in a fundraiser for Riely. Please put your grocery items on the table outside the Common Room for collection.

Thank you from the Student Council

Junior School

Year 7 and 8s change things up and have a little fun between the classes of the Junior School. We had some mixed maths, English, and even a BP challenge thrown in. Students were tasked with creating the longest bridge that could hold up a class dictionary without the bridge breaking or falling over. The only equipment that could be used was newspaper, cellotape, and two classroom chairs. Lots of discussion about weight and reinforcing was overheard. We might just have some wee civil engineers in the making.



2024 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates
and prizes
awarded

Online competition
for Primary, Intermediate and
Secondary students

Ask your teacher
for details and
entry form.



Kiwi Science
Competition



Kiwi Maths
Competition



Kiwi English
Competition

If any students are
interested, please
put your name
down at the College
office

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students and align with the NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and
the first week of Term 3.

Register Now!

www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



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

Kapa Haka

The Kapa Haka are making poi for their kapa haka group so they can use them when they are performing at the upcoming Polyfest.

It has taken a few weeks to get these done and the students have shown resilience and patience while making them.



LIONS
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB

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\$850

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027 232 6488 or email
grassyflats@xtra.co.nz for more
information

Wild Kai

Our Year 9s have been busy working on their Wild Kai unit in English here are a couple of recipes to try!

THE STORY

Once me and Dad went fishing in the estuary and it was a very low tide. We had to navigate the dinghy through the little gully's in the water or else we would get stuck. We got to this little island and started casting. Dad caught a nice sized trout, and then i caught a monster brown trout! It fought hard but i got it up on the stones. When we got home i gutted, filleted, then smoked my trout, and shared it with my family.



Bv Tessa Fraser



SMOKED TROUT

EQUIPMENT

- Knife (for gutting/filleting)
- Chopping board
- Smoker

INGREDIENTS

- 1 fresh trout
- 1/4 cup Golden Syrup
- 2 TBSP Lemon Pepper
- Crackers

INSTRUCTIONS

- First, gut and fillet your trout
- Wash and lay the trout out on a chopping board
- Drizzle the golden syrup on so it covers both fillets
- Now, sprinkle the lemon pepper on, again, to cover both the fillets
- Put it in the smoker for approx. 10 minutes
- Serve with your choice of crackers

HOW TO PREPARE THE FISH

- First gut the trout
- Then, give it a wash
- Drag the knife up the fish, and a line of small bones should appear
- Cut down to the skin on each side of the bones
- Pull that piece of fish out
- Wash and get ready to cook

**MAKES 2 FILLETS,
FEEDS 4**

Pinoy Sisig Recipe

For 5 People Prep - 30mins Cook - 1hr/1

- 2 pound pork belly - sliced about half-inch thick
- Salt and pepper
- 6 pieces chicken liver
- 2 big red onion - finely chopped
- 1 lemon or 3-4 kalamansi juice
- 2-4 chilli peppers - minced or ¼ tablespoon chilli flakes
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper



Instruction

1. Season pork belly slices with salt and pepper. Let it marinate for at least 30mins
2. Grill pork belly and chicken liver until well done. Pork skin should be crispy
3. Once grilled, chop the pork belly and chicken liver into small fine pieces
4. In a bowl combine the chopped meat, onions, lemon, juice and chilli pepper. Season with salt and pepper
5. Warm it up in a pan, add oil (if you want).

Equipment

- Grill (charcoal or gas)
- Measuring Spoons
- Measuring Cup



By Ada Ugale

The Time I First Tried Pinoy Pork Sisig

It was just another Filipino party, uncles and dad's drinking and aunties and mum's gossiping and giggling, while the children were playing games such as musical chairs or bring me, receiving a reward with each person that wins and loses, while of course the winners get more than the losers.

After the games we all went to the dinning to feast on the food and pray first before even touching the food. Everyone went to form a line to grab the food while I let people go in front of me to be polite until I reached the very back.

One of my many cousins came to me and told me to try a dish called "Sisig". I was told it was very delicious, so I opened my mouth and gave it a try... My eyes widened in shock and my tongue burned as if it was one of the spicy sisigs, my cousin laughed since I wasn't into spices before, after she stopped laughing she made me try another, promising me it was different. So, I opened my mouth once again as she fed me, I waited for my tongue to burn but it didn't, there was a delightful taste as I actually tried the sisig that wasn't spicy.



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).

Kia Tu

A little look into the variety of activities that are on offer on Friday afternoons as part of our Kia Tu programme here at the College.



Seniors out and about

Our Humanities class were at the Arrowtown Museum on Monday researching in their archives. Hands on learning at its best! Congratulations Nikita and Ruby for winning the Amazing Race.



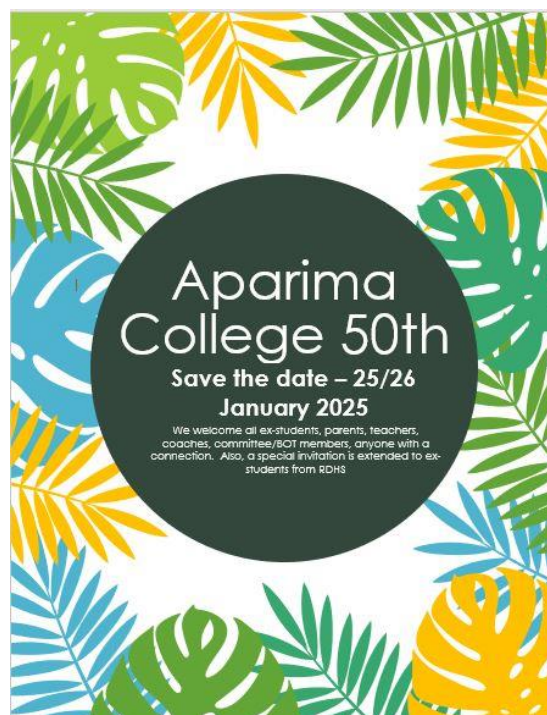
Golf

Congratulations to Saxon Heath-Tree, Mali Grimwood, Kobe Brand, Carter Johnston-Wills and Baxter Wills on competing in the Southland Secondary Schools Golf Tournament held over at Winton recently. Was a great day out by all. There was strong competition out there, the boys all played well.



UP AND COMING EVENTS

24 March 2024	Southland Primary Athletics
27 March 2024	BOT Meeting 6:30pm – All Welcome
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
30 April 2024	ANZAC Assembly
7 May 2024	Parent Teacher Interviews 2-6pm
9 May 2024	Otago University Visit
15 May 2024	Southland Cross Country



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.

Winton Football Club

Registrations are now open to play football in the winter season for the Winton Club. This is open to all ages, 4 years and above with adult and junior teams looking for members across the grades for all genders. Registration can be completed by going to: sporty.co.nz/wintonfc Any enquiries can be directed to wintonfootballnz@gmail.com

FREE BEGINNERS' LESSONS For Contract Bridge



Looking for a new hobby, without too much physical but plenty of mental exertion. Whether you have been a card player in the past or not Contract Bridge may be the game for you to give you challenging experiences while meeting new people.

The ten week course of lessons start:

Wednesday 20th March 2024

At our Clubrooms 145 Park Street, Winton.

Brain Gym – suitable for all ages!
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For more information or to register your interest please contact:
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Or email winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz

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KIDS COMPETITIONS

Bring named entries to Riverton Primary School
Hall on Saturday after 10am

Fill a jar with flowers

Find a fruit or vegetable with a personality, or make your own creature!

RIVERTON HERITAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

23rd & 24th March 2024
www.sces.org.nz

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Free for all

Riverton

- When: Friday 22nd of March
- Where: Aparima College
- Time: 4 pm to 6pm
- For: Children born 2008-2020.

ENQUIRIES TO ryan@southlandfootball.org.nz FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

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 Exhibition about the history of women's rugby - developed and toured by the New Zealand Rugby Museum

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Today one in five rugby players is female. A girl can aspire to the Black Ferns and a professional career. Women commentate and write about rugby and are on union boards. There are still issues for women to face: pay imbalance, prize time viewing, injuries and social media abuse.