



# Aparima College Newsletter

ISSUE THREE: MAY 2025

*Congratulations!*



Madison Michelle Heta has been awarded a prestigious New Zealand Society of Authors (NZSA) mentorship for 2025. She is one of only four students aged 15-18 from across the country to receive this award, which aims to nurture, encourage, inspire and develop emerging writers with the support of established writers through the mentoring process. Madison will receive a total of 9 hours of mentorship from an established NZ poet (name to be confirmed) to help her develop her poetry.

Ka rawe Madison. Tino pai.

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## Welcome Back to Term Two

It's ball season, and our senior students are full of excitement. Practices have begun, and there's a real buzz around the school. We're also making the most of the unseasonably warm weather—long may it last! It's fantastic to look out my window and see students enjoying the sunshine and making the most of their time outdoors.

With the term now well underway, students are actively engaging in their subjects, assessments are being undertaken, and progress is being celebrated. We are proud to foster an environment of exploration, growth, and success—made possible by our dedicated and professional teaching staff. We sincerely thank them for their invaluable contributions.

Miss Williams is currently on sabbatical overseas, gathering insights and ideas from other schools to bring back to Aparima College. We look forward to welcoming her back at the beginning of Term 3.

In the meantime, I'll be based in 'the big office' for the term and am really enjoying the opportunity to connect with parents and caregivers I don't usually get to see. I'm more than happy to meet with you; however, as I am still teaching, appointments will need to be scheduled around my classroom commitments.

Ngā mihi

Leah Fraser  
Acting Principal

Love our kids! We are completing anti-bullying week with a 'pink day' and a message wall





# Earthquake/Tsunami Response Update

During the recent earthquake event, our leadership team acted swiftly to ensure student safety. With limited information at the time—and conflicting reports from Geonet—we made the decision to evacuate all students and staff to the Riverton Racecourse once we confirmed the earthquake originated in the Puysegur Trench and was reported at a magnitude of 6.9. This response followed our school's standard evacuation procedures.

We are pleased to share that Civil Defence has commended Aparima College for our prompt and effective response, even using us as an example for other schools. Their message remains clear: **"Long and strong, get gone."** The quake was confirmed to have lasted four minutes with a magnitude of 6.8.

## New Civil Defence Guidance:

Any future earthquake in the Puysegur Trench with a magnitude of 6.5 or above and a depth of less than 100 km will now trigger an immediate evacuation. To support this, school leadership has installed emergency alert apps that will provide direct notifications. These are now operational.

Additionally, Civil Defence has added our leadership team's contact numbers to their emergency alert system, ensuring we receive evacuation instructions directly—alongside Police, Fire, and Ambulance services. Please note, there may still be a brief delay in receiving these official texts due to Civil Defence's internal processes.

We will continue to prioritise safety in all emergency situations.

## In the News

Meet the newest Aparima College News anchors! These three kicked off the start of the te reo Māori weather presentations today. Students tap into their inner weather presenters and announce the forecast for tomorrow on their chosen news station, fully in te reo Māori - tau ke!





# Kia Tu

Round Two is underway - hands on learning at our place





# RYDA Driving Training

Our Year 11 students learning and then seeing, in person, the impacts that decisions can have on the road. Our thanks to the local Rotary groups for this opportunity for our students.



## PTA

Thank you to our wonderful parents who attended our PTA meeting last week - we appreciate you giving up your time to help our students out. We sincerely appreciate the efforts that Jo Grimwood and Karla Evans have put in since their children started at the College, who are now standing down - awesome work and thank you! We welcome Laura Delgado as Chairperson, Sarah Wilson (Teacher Rep) as Treasurer, Emma Jones as Secretary and Nikita Dipose as Student Representative.



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

# Aparima Green & Aparima Gold

Playing Wednesday nights in the Winter Volleyball League at the ILT Stadium



## APARIMA COLLEGE BALL CASINO♣ NIGHT

JUNE 14TH

GOLD COIN

ARRIVE AT 6:45PM

ENTRY FOR  
PUBLIC



33 LEADER STREET RIVERTON IN  
APARIMA COLLEGE SCHOOL HALL



# Duck Shooting Season is here!!

The Junior School celebrated a true Southland tradition today - the opening of duck shooting season! There was some fantastic camo gear spotted in class, and plenty of duck calls at break times. A big 'well done' to Cooper and Ted for winning the best duck callers - great effort. And good luck to all the duck shooters for the season!





# Outdoor Recreation Ropes Course

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April, the Aparima College Outdoor Recreation class attended the Adventure Southland High Ropes Course for a full day of activities. Students took turns climbing various high rope elements and the climbing wall. There were plenty of new skills learnt including safe belay technique and climbing communication. The day was great for developing trust, giving clear messages, working as a team and stepping out of our comfort zones!

A great experience all round, thanks to the brilliant staff at Adventure Southland for another successful trip!





# Bus Safety Reminders

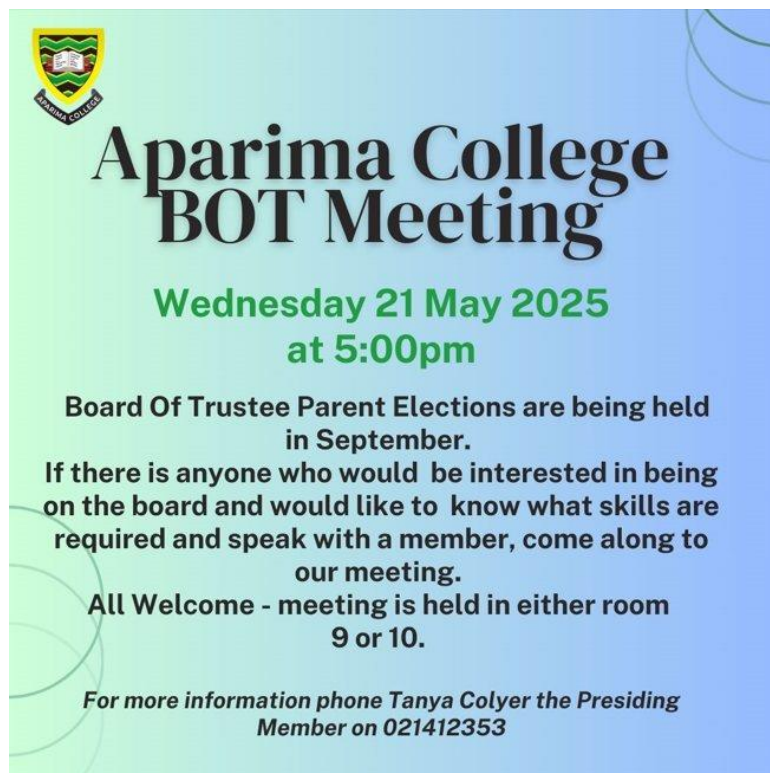
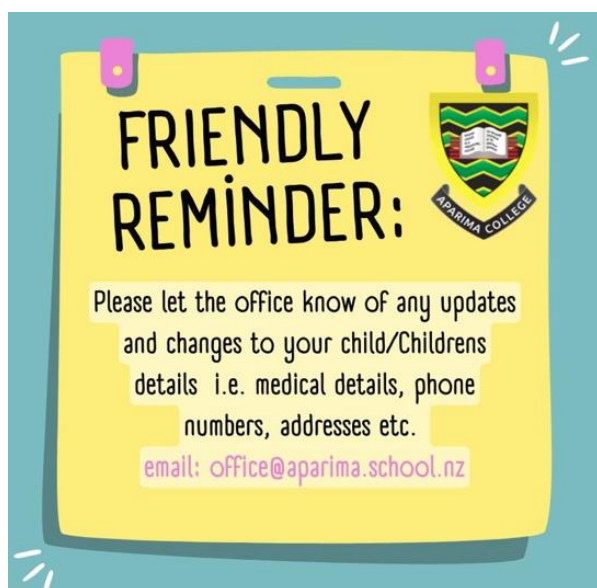
## Student Safety

Student safety is of paramount importance. Schools are responsible for regularly reminding caregivers and students on how to keep students safe before, during and after using a school bus.

### *Reminders for parents and caregivers:*

- Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.
- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.
- Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:
- While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
- After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful: [Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#).



**Aparima College  
BOT Meeting**

**Wednesday 21 May 2025  
at 5:00pm**

**Board Of Trustee Parent Elections are being held  
in September.**

**If there is anyone who would be interested in being  
on the board and would like to know what skills are  
required and speak with a member, come along to  
our meeting.**

**All Welcome - meeting is held in either room  
9 or 10.**

**For more information phone Tanya Colyer the Presiding  
Member on 021412353**



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## UP AND COMING EVENTS

18 May 2025	Southland Orienteering
21 May 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
21 May 2025	Te Reo Class trip to Central Southland College
21 May 2025	Attitude Presentation
22 May 2025	Rangatahi Cultural Festivity
23 May 2025	School Cross Country
27-29 May 2025	Manu Korero – Dunedin
27-29 May 2025	CAA, Reading, Numeracy & Writing Exams
27 May 2025	Year 7 / 8 Netty Festival
30 May 2025	Year 7 / 8 Western Shield
2 June 2025	KINGS BIRTHDAY
5 June 2025	Year 7 / 8 Western X-Country
12 June 2025	Yes Pitches
13 June 2025	Year 7 / 8 Southland X-Country
14 June 2025	Aparima College School Ball
19 June 2025	Matariki Breakfast
20 June 2025	MATARIKI
27 June 2025	Cultural Day
29 – 4 July 2025	Year 9 SISS Netball Tournament
15 July 2025	John Parsons – Cyber Safety
23 July 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
24 July 2025	Careers Years 11-12
5 – 7 July 2025	Aussie Maths Competition



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Riverton Netball is once again pleased to offer the **futureFERNs** programme for Year 1-2 players and any Year 3-4 players who do not play in a Saturday team in the Winton competition.

When: **Thursdays**, 3.15-4pm  
Term 2, Starts 15th May

Where: Aparima College courts/gym

Cost: \$20 each player.  
ANZ Ac # 06 0954 0035335 00

Register online at:  
[www.sporty.co.nz/rivertonnetball](http://www.sporty.co.nz/rivertonnetball)  
(Future Ferns Tab)

Enquiries to: [Rivertonnetball@outlook.com](mailto:Rivertonnetball@outlook.com)

## Youth Leagues

**Tuesdays**

12yrs & under 4pm

13-14yrs 5pm

15-16yrs 6pm

17-18yrs 7pm

Starts 20th May | Runs to 24th June

**Retrobowl**

\$15/week

2 games  
per week

Register  
Now

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# STEADY AS YOU GO RIVERTON



## Falls Prevention Exercise Group

SAYGo Exercises have a falls prevention focus that aim to improve balance and leg strength, flexibility, general fitness and wellbeing.

The Riverton Group  
will continue from  
**10 - 11am**  
every Wednesday

Bupa Community Centre,  
10 Albany St  
Gold coin donation



**RIVERTON**  
Community House



Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua  
**Heartland Services**

37 Napier Street, Riverton / Aparima. 03 234 8206 [info@rivchouse.nz](mailto:info@rivchouse.nz)



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**Heartland Services**  
Ph: (03) 234 8206



**APARIMA SUPPORT  
GROUP**

10.30am @  
RCH

16/06/2025



**LOUISE MCCLOY  
CASE MANAGER**

WEDNESDAY  
BY APPOINTMENT

04/06/2025



**SARAH LEONARD  
BUDGET ADVISOR**

THURSDAY  
BY APPOINTMENT

05/06/2025  
19/06/2025



**SARA RICHARDS  
EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT**

WEDNESDAY  
12 - 2pm on  
12 - 2pm on

03/06/2025  
17/06/2025



**MICAELA BEKHUIS  
FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR**

TUESDAY  
10.30am - 2.30pm

03/06/2025



**Orepuki Outreach -  
Orepuki Fire Brigade**

WEDNESDAY  
10.30am - 12.30pm

25/06/2025

**We can help you get in contact with the right people!**

**JP Service**  
Monday - Thursday  
8.30am - 12.00pm



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# Newsletter

## TERM TWO 2025

**Lloyd Esler**

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Greetings schools. My current writing projects are a history of Bluff which has been sadly neglected, and the story of the Subantarctic Islands.



**The Social Sciences Fair** is being set up 17 June and we're expecting around 300 entries. It's open to the public 18,19,20 and morning of 21 June. 20 June is the Matariki holiday but we're still open. What about bringing a class in on the Wednesday or Thursday. Anyone out there able to help with judging, particular the y7/8 section and y8/9 section? Let me know. We are always looking for help with judging our many categories and we're looking for a major sponsor for future years.

**Kidzone** Kidzone has been canned for this year as you know. Pretty unfortunate but I can visit your school for a day with ten I have been using in my Let's



or more of the activities Experiment room for the physics, measuring, guessing, classifying, puzzles, weighing – plenty of fun. Here's a couple of them.

**Space** Each year I get to talk to lots of classes about Matariki as part of my Astronomy visit. Matariki is 20 June. It won't be visible then but you might spot it a week or two later, and the best time is actually Christmas. I talk

about the scientific side of Matariki, rather than the cultural side, plus the usual planets and stars, Earth, sun and moon.

**Russian Venus probe:** There has been a bit of interest in falling space debris with the re-entry of the Russian Venus probe. My smaller spaceball shown here is from the same spacecraft, Cosmos 482, which broke up in April 1972. This fuel tank was found in the Hakataramea Valley two years later. Great for students to hold! The large spaceball washed ashore in 2004.



**Antarctica** Been there for a week in 2000 and I've been five times to the Subantarctic islands as far as Macquarie Island. I've got a bag of Antarctic gear

**Southland stuff.** I can talk about Southland history, birds, rocks, bones, rocky shores, whaling and sealing. Talk to me about what you need. I don't charge for visits but you might like to contribute to petrol

**Librarians** I need School Journal No.2 Part 2 1975!



# MINDS IN MOTION

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5th June  
3rd July

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zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096  
[WWW.ABLE.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.ABLE.ORG.NZ)



## Join the 5th Southland Boys' Brigade Company

Looking for an opportunity to help shape the lives of young boys aged 8-18? The Boys' Brigade is seeking volunteer leaders!

Boys' Brigade offers an exciting mix of activities, including:

- Drills to support the building of discipline and teamwork
- Games for fun and friendship
- Outdoor adventures i.e. tramps
- Creative activities to inspire and challenge
- March in the Annual Riverton Anzac Parade

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Our program runs every Monday at 6:30 PM during school terms at Union Parish. Make a lasting impact in the lives of Riverton's youth by volunteering today.

Boys aged 8-18 are welcome to join the fun, friendship, and adventure!

Contact Dave Diprose on 027 496 2066 or Paul Diprose on 027 227 7197 for more information!



Central Southland  
**Netball**  
Centre

## Yr 7 & 8 DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

Development Day:  
Thursday 10th July  
11-4pm

Tournament Dates:  
Central Southland, 27 July 2025  
Dunedin, 10 August 2025

Registrations are now open and will close:  
Friday 4th July

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/341752>



Central Southland  
**Netball**  
Centre

## YR 9 & 10 DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

Trial/Development Dates:  
Wednesday 9 July 1-6pm  
Saturday 12 July 3:30-5pm

Tournament Dates:  
Dunedin, 27 July 2025 (TBC)  
Central Southland, 3 August 2025  
Invercargill, 17 August 2025

Registrations are now open and will close:  
Friday 4th July

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/341750>