

Aparima College Newsletter

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EPRO8 Southland

Well done to our team coming Second for 2025



The EPro8 challenge is a construction challenge, consisting of regional competitions throughout New Zealand. This involves students working in groups of four to complete a range of challenges using a kit that is akin to a large Meccano set. Challenges include building such things as bridges, motorised shopping trolleys, ball launchers, and a range of other contraptions. The students are not given explicit instructions, rather guidelines that, with points awarded as milestones are reached. Aparima College sent two teams to the first round of competition on Tuesday night, with one of the teams, consisting of Nina Thoroughgood, Declan Charlton, Elise Charlton and Grey McGregor, qualifying for the finals held last night. They finished second overall. Aparima Colleges second team consisted of Rosie Coburn, Harlan Bickley and Beau Nicolson.

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the on-going support of our learners. Aparima College continues to grow from strength to strength and we would not be able to do so without the hard work and dedication of all our staff, students and community members.

This week we experienced and earthquake whilst at school. We have clear procedures in place for such events. Most importantly we immediately evacuate the school to the Racecourse, regardless of what time it is. We wait for an all clear as opposed to waiting to hear as to whether we should go or not. We were very concerned that several of our senior students did not follow correct instructions this week and took off in their own cars or on foot. We also had several parents picking students up and taking them away. In future, should the school be in an evacuation process due to the threat of tsunami, please make your way to the racecourse and meet us there. This way we can be sure everyone is safe. We can wait for the all clear together. We regard this as a community service, and we should all be working together to ensure correct procedures are followed. We will be consulting with Southland Civil Defence to ensure systems and procedures are clearer in case future earthquakes.

Uniform Policy Reminder

I cannot stress enough the importance of wearing the correct Aparima College uniform. It fosters a sense of belonging and pride among our students. Detailed information about our uniform policy is available on the school website. Starting from Term 2, all students are required to wear the correct school shoes—black leather lace-ups— and black school socks. Socks are available in packs of three from the U SHOP in Invercargill. Please note that sandals are not permitted during Terms 2 and 3. Additionally, students should come to school prepared for learning, ensuring they have a snack, water, pens, paper, and a charged device ready for their classes.

Student Achievements

I would like to recognise and commend our students for their outstanding efforts this term. We have seen remarkable participation and success in various activities, including Athletics, the EPRO8 Challenge, Volleyball, Rugby League, and the Literature Quiz. Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring, and we are proud of each and every one of you.

Attendance Improvement

I would like to congratulate our community on the tremendous effort to improve regular attendance at school. Your support has been invaluable, and we are seeing positive changes. However, we still have a long way to go to reach our attendance goals. Let's continue working together to ensure our students are present and engaged in their learning.

Principal's Sabbatical

I am pleased to inform you that I have been awarded a sabbatical for Term 2 through the NZ Principals Sabbatical Award (Teach NZ). This sabbatical will allow me to focus on professional development and bring back new insights to benefit our school. During my absence, Leah Fraser will be stepping in as Acting Principal. I have full confidence in her ability to lead the school effectively during this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Aparima College. Together, we can continue to create a positive and enriching environment for our students.

Ngā Manaaki,

Aloma Williams Principal, Aparima College

Wool Week

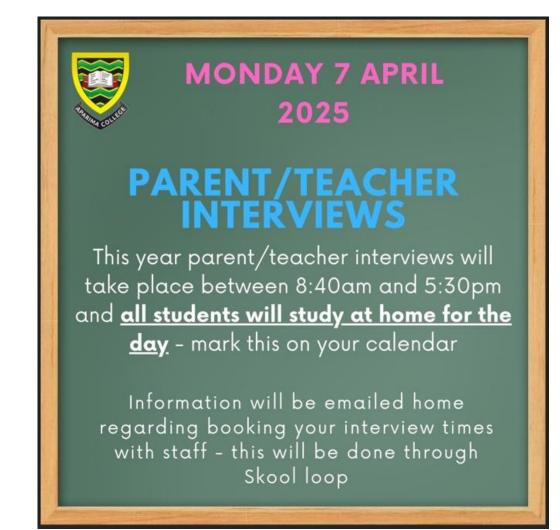
In week 3 Term 1 we held Wool Week. A week to learn and explore more about wool. But not just wool but what it can become. On the Monday we had Marlee Paterson in Year 7 bring in some of her shearing tools. She gave us a lovely presentation. On Tuesday Nina Thoroughgood, Year 8, informed us about prewashed wool bringing in her own personal drum carder and allowing students to give it a try. On Wednesday in the library Nina brought along the amazing Erin who was the one who taught Nina how to spin and ply wool. So much information was received, not to mention that all of us who attended got to try spinning on both an electric and treadle spinning wheel!



On Thursday, Eleanor Jones in Year 7 invited her grandmother Margaret to come along and teach people how to weav on a loom. We also had paper weaving available for students to try.

Spinning also continued giving more opportunities. The library was the place to be.

By Lillian Hopcroft and Eleanor Jones Year 7s.



HOLI – Festival of Colours

On the 14th of March 2025, the Aparima Diversity Connection Club celebrated Holi. Holi means "Festival of Colours". On this day, people gather around, put colour on their body and faces. For many people it's also an opportunity to meet people and repair broken relationships. Holi is celebrated on the last full moon of the lunar

month. In Nepal, Holi is celebrated for two days. Holi celebrations are marked by vibrant traditions and preparations. People gather in groups, smear each other with colourful powders and engage in playful water fights. Preparations include making sweet treats and decorating homes with colourful patterns and DIY. The highlight of Holi is the festival of colours. The air is thick with the scent of flowers with the sound of the birds singing and unforgettable experience. People normally wear white shirts, shorts, and slippers or barefoot. coming to school and getting changed and we went to ground by taking our energy from playing Holi. We were very joyful and very grateful that they let us play Holi in school. And soon as we went there, they started playing holi by throwing colours on each other and shooting water through the water guns. Holi is for Hindus. But in our case, since we celebrated Holi with Mrs. Jones, the current Diversity Connection Club, and some of the old members of the club. The main reason for celebrating Holi was to teach the DC Club about a great Hindu festival which is celebrated to spread love. According to DC club members, our guests, and teachers, it was a fun and joyful festival for kids to play.

The DC Club connects different diversities around the world and demonstrates to them how big our world is and to let them, including me, enjoy and learn together. In such a country like New Zealand it is good to introduce different cultures.



International Games Day 2025

Sports have always been a way to bring people together, and this year's International Students Games Day was a perfect example of that. Held on the 19th of February at ILT Stadium, the event gathered students from different countries and backgrounds to compete in a friendly yet exciting series of games and activities. It was a day filled with teamwork, cultural exchange, and unforgettable moments. From the first toss, to the last whistle, the event was filled with unending energy, school spirit, and new bonds. Since there were 11 different schools with over 200 students inside the ILT Stadium, we took the opportunity to engage with others, and to work with coordination and cooperation. Everyone aimed for the goal, shaked one another's hands, played diligently, and executed fairly. Every student carried the name of their schools, loud and proudly.

There were a lot of sports to choose from throughout the day. Many sports to show your potential and passion like volleyball, badminton, squash, futsal, cricket, basketball, netball, and cycling. Each student was able to choose 2 sports to compete in.

Beyond the competition, the most meaningful part of the event was the friendships formed between students from different backgrounds. Even though everyone wanted to win, there was a strong sense of respect and encouragement among competitors. Whether it was a handshake after a game or cheering each other from the sidelines, the spirit of sportsmanship was alive throughout the day.



Dristi – The International Games day was so enjoyable and tiring. Even though it was tiring, it was the best day ever In my life because I made new friends, played my favourite sports, learnt about new things. In the morning, I played volleyball which was really enjoyable. On our team, there were 4 girls from another school and 2 from Aparima including (me). Those four girls were really friendly and liked to talk with others. They were good at communication unlike me. That day was the first day I ever played sports properly and felt energetic while doing sports. We helped each other and played together like a team. It was not like we were from different schools because of our way to help and be like a team. I wasn't good because I am just a beginner at playing volleyball. I liked how my other team members played more than how I played. That day was the first time I made a lot of friends. Lastly, I want to say that I will never forget that day which was the best day of my life.

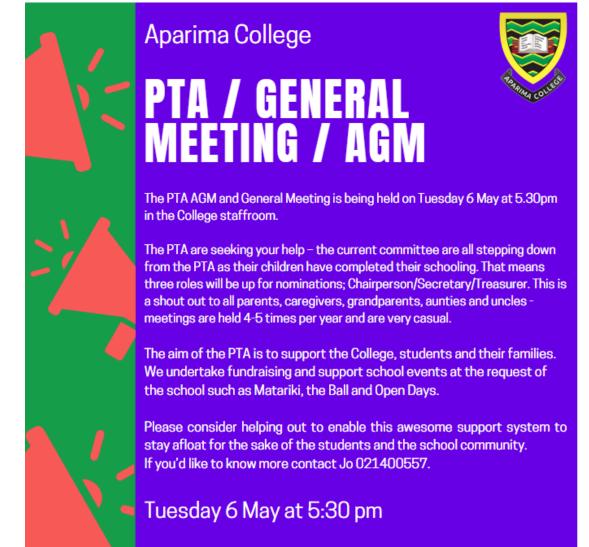
Cassie - It was truly a day to remember. I made new friends, learnt new sports, and most of all, had fun with the people I enjoy being with. I hope to have more experiences and firsts here in Aparima College. I loved the people we played badminton with. They were really friendly. The volleyball game was even better because we got to socialize with others and learned teamwork because the people who handled the game made the teams by combining different people from schools. I was never that much of a fan of sports, not until I came to Aparima College. Aparima College opened new doors and gave me new opportunities to get out of my comfort zone. I'm still not good at sports but I'm seeing progress, and a huge difference compared to how I played in the Philippines. It was a good time to spend time with the other international students, especially because I just moved here.

Ada - The game that I enjoyed the most was the first game I played for the day which was badminton and loved meeting new people. My favourite moment was going against a duo. They were so clumsy but so nice. There was this time when one of the duos missed the shuttlecock and accidentally hit her partner's head.

Suham T.M - I played 2 games, futsal and volleyball. I enjoyed playing those sports. It was truly a day to remember. I made new friends, learnt new sports, and most of all, had fun playing with my new friends, they were very generous.

Barsha Thapa: I went to play an international sports game with Miss Emma and friends. I liked volleyball and badminton. I met new friends, and they were really friendly. I played volleyball with friends. Volleyball was really tiring, and badminton was a really fun game because playing volleyball hurt my hand and badminton was so exciting. That day was my first time playing an international sport game. I was so tired. By the way, I went to the games and back to school with Miss Emma and friends.

As the day came to an end, students gathered for the awarding ceremony, where winners received prizes for their efforts and hardwork. One of those winners was our own Yurii Catolos. Not all received an award, but the awarding wa more than just recognizing the winners, the ceremony also celebrated the effort and participation of every student. The true prize was the experience of meeting new people and celebrating diversity through sports. The event ended with a group photo, capturing the smiles and unity of everyone who took part. And that wraps up the International Students Sports Day!



2025 ATHLETIC DAY Champs



U12 BOY - LOUIS EADE U12 GIRL - OLIVIA HORRELL U13 BOY - COOPER MENPES U13 GIRL - GRACE ADAMS U14 BOY - LEVI DIPROSE U14 GIRL - KYLA TOHIARIKI U15 - BOY - DYLAN WILSON U15 GIRL - HAYDEZ ADAMS U16 -BOY - DYLAN GEORGE U16 GIRL - LILLY MCKENZIE SENIOR BOY - SAXON HEATH-TREE SENIOR GIRL - JORJA WHITE

HOUSE POINTS ATHLETICS DAY

LONGWOOD 569 NGAPOHATU 606 ORAKA 738 WALLACE 768

STON

Western Athletics

Aparima College had 19 students compete at Western Athletics Day on Monday 17th March in some challenging conditions with the heat and wind! It was great to see so many competing and congratulations to the following students who placed 1st or 2nd to qualify for Southland Primary Schools Athletics events on Saturday 22nd March 2025 at Surrey Park

- Louis Eade 10 year old boys: 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, relay team
- Ted Shearing 11 year old boys: 800m
- Frank Fontanilla 11 year old boys: Long jump, shot put, nerf
- Jackson Wall 11 year old boys: high jump
- Olivia Horrell 11 year old girls: 100m, 200m, long jump, relay team
- Rawinia O'Neil 11 year old girls: 800m
- Pania Edmonds-Fowler 11 year old girls: high jump, long jump, relay team
- McKenzie Elder 11 year old girls: high jump, discus
- Stevie Kennedy 11 year old girls: shot put
- Faith Peteru 11 year old girls: discus
- Nina Thoroughgood 12 year old girls: 100m, 200m, long jump, relay team
- Maja Ferguson 12 year old girls: 800m, high jump
- Grace Adams 12 year old girls: long jump
- Indy Halder 12 year old girls: nerf

Southland Primary Schools Athletics

Championships 2025

Outstanding achievements were made by all our students competing at Southland Primary School Athletic Champs over the weekend. Huge well done to the following students and congratulations to Louis Eade taking out two Southland Champion events: 10 years long jump and 10 years 200m.

10 Years

Louis Eade 1st in Long Jump 2nd in 200m but 1st in Southland, 4th in 100m, 4th in 800m Western Relay Teams 6th in the 10 Years boys.



11 Years

Jackson Wall – Western Relay Team 4th in the 11 Years Boys Olivia Horrell – 4th in 200m, Western Relay Team 3rd in 11 Years Girls relay Pania Edmonds-Fowler – Western Relay Team 3rd in 11 Year Girls relay Faith Peteru – 2nd Discuss

12 Years

Nina Thoroughgood – Western Relay Team 5th in the 12 Years Girls Maja Ferguson – 6th in 800m

Southland Secondary Schools Athletics

Aparima College had 9 students compete at Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Champs on Saturday 15th March also in some challenging windy conditions! There were some great performances on the day and outstanding to hear some students achieved new PB. A huge congratulations to the following students who placed 1st or 2nd to qualify for South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Champs held in Nelson on the 4th & 5th of April.

- Ruby Anderson U14 Girls: 2nd in discus
- Alex Horrell U14 Boys: 2nd= in long jump
- Justin Perez McCabe U14 Boys: 2nd= in 200m sprint

Squash Results

Mia and Lakisha participated in the New Zealand Junior Open in Christchurch. Mia placed 2nd receiving a silver medal in the girls Division Three and Lakisha placed in the top 8 for Girls Division One.



Surfing Championships

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts at the Southland Surfing Championships.

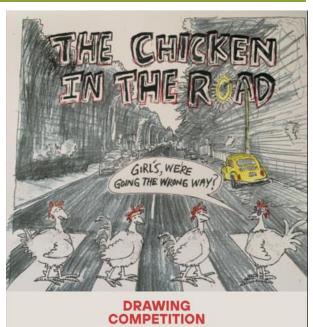
U12 Girls – 1st Teinna Turner, 3rd McKenzie Elder, 4th Maja Ferguson U12 Boys – 4th Myles Little U14 Girls – 1st Maja Ferguson, 2nd Kaia Marino-Wilson U16 Girls – 1st Keita Thomas U18 Girls – 2nd Fern Terrill-Smith, 3rd Keita Thomas Girls Longboard – 1st Keita Thomas Overall Junior Girls – Teinna Turner Overall Senior Girls – Keita Thomas

Overall School Winning Team APARIMA COLLEGE !!



Competition for Wayne Hill's Chicken Book

Grayson Capper Year 11 is working with Wayne Hill to create a chicken Joke Book. They are running a competition, pick a joke and draw a picture and bring into the College office. Please have your jokes and pictures into the office by 11 April, give it a go you may win some chocolate eggs !!



1ST - 12 CHOC EGGS 2ND - 10 CHOC EGGS 3RD - 8 CHOC EGGS 4TH - 6 CHOC EGGS

PICK A JOKE AND DRAW A RELATED PICTURE! YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF YOUR DRAWING ENDING UP IN A BOOK OFFICE BY

E DRAWINGS G SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 11TH

Introducing our Student Council for 2025

Nikita Diprose – Year 13

Max Woodward, Norton Rawlings & Krishi Narayan – Year 12's

Ryan Diprose & Thea Remata – Year 11's

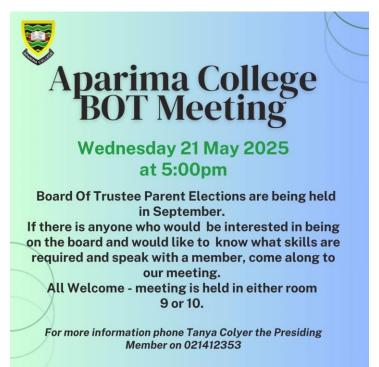
Agon McGregor & Sophie Douglas – Year 10's

Lakisha Mennell & Kaia Marino-Wilson, Ruby Anderson & Austin Bevin – Year 9's

Indy Halder, Maya Ferguson, Nina Thoroughgood & Toby Sellars, Grey McGregor & Naomi Poa – Year 7/8's

Hauoro Group Representative – Amber Liddicoat Year 11

Well Being Representative – Miss Wilson



Young Enterprise Companies 2025

We have started the new year with 8 new companies, all in the process of validating their ideas with potential customers and starting to produce and sell their products.

Aroha plan to share the traditional stories of Murihiku using hoodies. Each hoodie features a Māori design that conveys a story and has a QR code which will allow wearers to view the full story on their website.

Pounamu Publishing are creating a bilingual Te Reo-English book aimed at 3-6 year-olds that tells the stories of our native trees using words and artful illustrations. Fo each book sold, a native tree will be planted.

Tiki ni Moana brings the beauty of Fiji to our southern land with Pasifika-inspired jewellery – earrings, bracelets, anklets, necklaces and charms – to colour your winter.

Rebar is developing a Tactical Entry and Reconnaissance Platform to aid Police, LANDSAR, and potentially the NZDF, during dangerous situations. Currently, he is at the Research and Development stage and is seeking interested parties to test his ideas with.





Do you need your nails done? **Polish and Glow Nail Service** offer acrylic and gels to make your nails looks awesome for special occasions and for that everyday feelgood factor.

Coastal Custom Cases create hand-made uniquely designed phone cases using shells harvested sustainably from beaches around Riverton and the South Coast of Murihiku. Customers can pre-order a customised case of their choice

Stitched by Stella solves your clothes-repair issues, acting quickly to hem, adjust, and replace buttons and broken zippers.

Modo Creer aim to give fashion a second chance by upcycling pre-loved clothing into stylish outfits that you will love to wear. The crew deploy their design and sewing expertise to create customised clothing solutions.

Some of our YES companies will feature at the Heritage Harvest Festival on Saturday 29th March. Come along and see what they are creating.





(shorten or lengthen)
• Waistline resizing

Hem adjustments

- Zipper and button repairs
- 15% off for returning customers/multiple garments

Or Or

Kids Lit Quiz Southland

Rosie Coburn, Lillian Hopcroft, Eleanor Jones and Rāwinia O'Neill competed against about 20 other teams in a competition that's about authors & illustrators, book themes & characters, recent releases and tales of old.

Their advice to themselves and whoever else might join in next year was "read lots of books - oh and fairy tales.

The hall at Maruawai College junior campus in Gore was packed with teams supporters all eager to win some of the over \$3000 of prizes for answering questions correctly or winning the region and heading to the national competition. The winning team today was from Halfmoon Bay school on Stewart Island who came over to the mainland just to compete in this fun competition.





Vision Screening

Consent information YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all Year Seven students for distance vision shortly.

Screening Provided:

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

The screening results will be given to your child, and a Vision Technician will be in contact to discuss any further action, if required.

If your child <u>WEARS</u> Glasses or is <u>UNDER CARE</u> for their eyes, there is no need to fill in an Opt Out form (from the College Office).

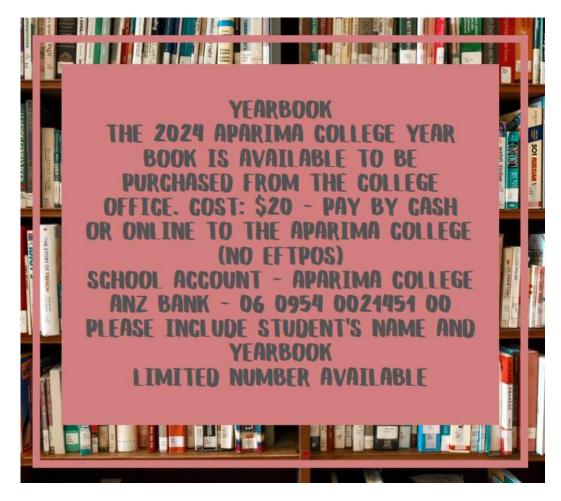
We will ask each class if there is anyone already wearing glasses or under care.

• Please let your child know to tell us prior to screening.

They will be given a notification slip to take home. These children are NOT screened.

By sharing this consent information, we are providing the opportunity for you to Opt out of our screening programme.

If you <u>do not</u> wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.





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14TH OF JUNE



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your order at Aparima College on April 3 \$2 Each

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

28 March 2025 29-30 March 2025 2 April 2025 3 April 2025 3 April 2025 4 April 2025 6 April 2025 7 April 2025 9 April 2025 11 April 2025 11 April 2025 18 April 2025 21 April 2025 22 April 2025 25 April 2025 28 April 2025 29 April 2025 4-5 May 2025 6 May 2025 14 May 2025 14 May 2025 21 May 2025 BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome

Southland Lawn Bowls Heritage Festival at the College Otago Uni Liaison Year 13 Lincoln Uni Liaison **HPV Vaccinations** Western Swimming Southland Schools Swimming PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS Rugby Leagues 9s Tournament Swimming Sports - School Last day of Term One Good Friday Easter Monday Easter Tuesday ANZAC Day First Day of Term Two Year 7 Vision Testing 9:00 am Otago Uni Open Day PTA / AGM Meeting – 5:30 pm in the College Staffroom RYDA Driving Training Year 12/13 Southland Cross Country

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

COMMUNITY **NOTICES**

Winton Football

Anyone, 4 years old up, male and female, looking to play football for Winton during the winter season please make contact ASAP with the club: wintonfootballnz@gmail.com so teams can be finalized. Junior games start on 5 April, seniors are already into pre-season competition, but it is not too late to register.

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**





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!





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



