



Aparima College Newsletter

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Aparima College

An innovative, aspirational and supportive learning environment for all – Aparima F.I.R.S.T

Open Day
Wednesday 27 August 2025



Two tours of Aparima College will take place - 8:50am & 11:10am

- We invite you to come along and see classes in action
- Talk with school leaders
- Discuss the opportunities available for your child at Aparima College

For further information feel free to call the office on 03 2348900, otherwise we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 27 August 2025

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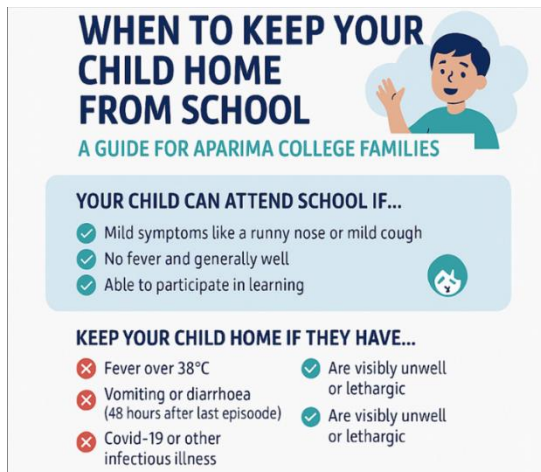
He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki (a word from the Principal's desk)

Term 3 2025

Kia ora koutou,

It is good to be back! I have missed our community and our students. This newsletter includes highlights from our recent Education Review from ERO. It is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our teachers and whanau and an indication of the excellent students we are lucky to be working with every day at Aparima College. We are very proud of this report but know we have a lot of work to keep pushing forward and to keep Aparima College as a place where all students thrive.

We continue to reflect on **Attendance**. During Term 1 this year saw our highest school attendance level for 5 years, with 60% of students attending regularly. The national Target is 80%. This is cause for small celebration however, we have a long way to go to achieve regular attendance. In term 2 the attendance level dropped to 54% of students attending regularly. Again, this was the highest for 5 years but still a long way to go. Attendance improvement cannot be achieved by the school without the full support of our families and community.



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL
A GUIDE FOR APARIMA COLLEGE FAMILIES

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF...

- ✓ Mild symptoms like a runny nose or mild cough
- ✓ No fever and generally well
- ✓ Able to participate in learning

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY HAVE...

✗ Fever over 38°C	✓ Are visibly unwell or lethargic
✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea (48 hours after last episode)	✓ Are visibly unwell or lethargic
✗ Covid-19 or other infectious illness	

Over the next term we will be developing an attendance management plan which will clarify the deliberate interventions and actions that will be taken when there are emerging patterns of non-attendance.

Your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly is essential. Please do not be offended when staff question non-attendance, we are all on the same page in wanting the best for all our learners.

As we enter Term 3, we are aware that many winter illnesses can hit hard, keep well and encourage regular school attendance.

What have I been up to??

During my time away I was lucky enough to attend the World Literacy Summit. One of the key messages from the summit was the importance of **reading at home**. Reading at home with and to your child regardless of age develops key literacy skills needed for all learning. There is widespread, global concern that children, tweens and teens are not reading enough in the homes. Often at school, children are given opportunity for instructional reading, this is very different from reading practice and reading for pleasure. Please let us know if you require books for your home. Our school library is more than happy to support all whānau gain access to books. Each newsletter we will look at ways you can support your child with reading at home. By the time children are at high school, they should no longer be 'guessing' words, reading fluency in Year 9 is essential to all learning.

This month's top tip:

Turn on the subtitles. Watch all television and shows with the subtitles on. Subtitles can expose children to a large number of words, spelling patterns and sounds. It is not a replacement for traditional reading, but it can help.

Several studies have reported that when children watch television with subtitles, the greatest gains are made by children who are at risk of poor reading outcomes. Therefore, less fluent readers are likely to benefit the most from having subtitles switched on (Parkhill and Johnson, 2009; Linebarger et al., 2010).

Whilst subtitle reading shouldn't entirely replace reading books at home, as a supplement it may help children's literacy, particularly those children who are struggling.

I also spent time travelling around India, that is a story for another day...

For now, it is great to be back 😊

Aloma
Principal

Staff Notices

This term we are super excited for Alex Yallop who has made the STAGS team. He along with Richard Jones who is away with the STAGS coaching team will be away for the first 6 weeks of term 3.

Whaea Moana-Lyn is heading away on maternity leave at the end of the first week. We can't wait to welcome the newest addition to the whanau, wishing Moana-Lyn, Brodie and Heremia all the best. Whaea Kylee will be taking Te Reo Māori classes for the remainder of the year.



Aparima College Shines in latest Education Review Office Report

It is with great pride that I share some highlights from our latest Education Review. The full review is available online.



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

"The greatest shifts that occurred in response to the school's actions have been increases in students' senses of belonging, self-discovery and increased confidence to engage in new learning challenges."

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

"The majority of learners in Years 7 to 10 are achieving at or above expected curriculum levels in reading, writing and mathematics, with equitable achievement for Maori learners."



STUDENT RETENTION

"Student retention is significantly increasing, with most year 11 learners now progressing into year 13."

LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING

"Leadership approaches improve school conditions that promote learner engagement and success."

"Teachers know their learners well and develop respectful relationships; teachers create orderly learning environments where learning time is purposeful."

"Leaders and teachers are initiating steps to share and implement effective strategies which develop literacy and mathematics skills across learning areas to improve learner progress and achievement."

"Teachers' learning design increasingly reflects local contexts to address learners' interests and aspirations, through a range of connections to the community, whānau and the environment."

The review reflects the journey Aparima College has taken over the last 3 years, prioritising students' identity and belonging as essential foundations to all learning – Myself, My Place, My Pathway:

"The school is making explicit how its vision can be realised, so that students reach their potential as learners and individuals and are well prepared for their lives beyond school."

"A large majority of learners, including Māori, achieve Levels 1, 2 and 3 of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)"

We are extremely proud of the efforts of students and staff, we quietly celebrate and move on to our next areas of improvement.

Science Fair Winners

During Term 2 the focus for Years 7-10 science was the Science Fair. Students researched, designed, carried out and analysed the results of a fair test investigation. There was a wide variety of topics covered that reflected the interests of the students. Congratulations to the following winners:

Year 7/8

First - Pania Edmonds-Fowler and Elise Charlton
Second - Nina Thoroughgood
Third - Olivia Horrell



Year 7/8

Highly commended - Lillian Hopcroft and Eleanor Jones
Indy Halder and Maddi Halder
Declan Charlton

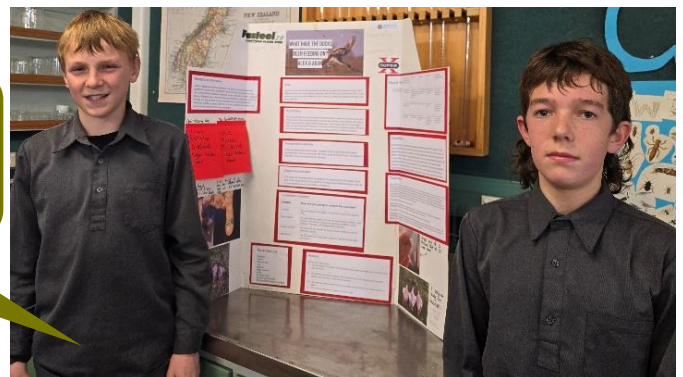


Year 9

First equal - Ruby Anderson, Kyla Tohiariki and Maleia Pou
Third - Liam Bickley
Highly commended - Esther White

Year 10

First - Alex Horrell and Agon McGregor



People's Choice Award Winners

Cassie Cabansag and Disha Narayan

Fuel for Schools - Support Aparima College

Money donated can help Aparima College gain rewards such as Music, Vegepod, Sports, Book or Technology packages.

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Go into the below link for more information

<https://fernenergy.co.nz/community/fuel-for-schools/>



Over \$2 million Donated

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HOKONUI MĀORI ENDOWMENT FUND

LAINA NIHA • SECRETARY • 87 BURROWS STREET, BLUFF 9814 • Telephone (03) 212 8962

25 June 2025

Applications are invited from secondary school (Year 9 onwards), tertiary or work-based learning/apprentice students for the Hokonui Māori Endowment Fund. The Hokonui Māori Endowment Fund is an education fund for applicants who can trace their whakapapa to the original Māori Owners of Rakiura/Stewart Island. Applicants **must** be a Southland resident. For more information contact either:

Christian Fife – 027 225 0086

Laina Niha – (03) 212 8962

Ricky Topi – (03) 212 8556

Louise Fowler – (03) 212 8577

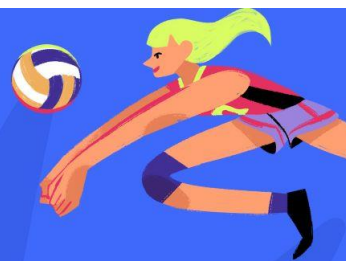
A copy of the Application Form for the **current 2025 academic year** is attached. All applications received must use this form and need to have all relevant sections completed, including verified bank account details, whakapapa and an original piece of writing for the essay. Also refer to the Application Information and Checklist details to ensure all sections and information is submitted.

A hardcopy of the completed application form needs to be received for processing by **Tuesday, 30 September 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Failure to comply with complete form filling and relevant documentation could result in your application not being actioned and/or delay in processing.

For further information or to access the Application Form, a Facebook page has been set up via the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/foveauxstrait/>

Forms are
available from
the College
office

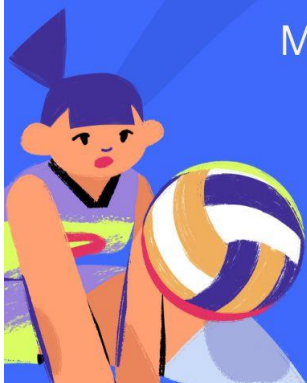


APARIMA COLLEGE SPORTS

There is a lot happening in sports this term! A reminder for students to please check your school emails daily to not miss out on any important updates, sport registrations, and further info on sport you are interested in participating in.

As of this term, the sports department are now using google forms online to gain permissions. Parents/caregivers, please check your emails frequently (included junk inbox just in case) to keep up to date and receive permission emails from me for sports your child has registered for.

Many thanks, Mrs Anderson
(Sports Coordinator)



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

School Board Elections

Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025.

The School Board is a key part of our school because they do a lot of important things behind the scenes that while they may not be visible, are really important to keeping our school running. Our School Board write our strategic plan, consult with our community about things that matter, make sure our finance is being spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of 5 parent vacancies, the Principal, a staff rep elected by the staff and a student rep elected by the students.

The board need to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election, and we have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Important things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you don't stress, because Schooled Election Pilot will send these out to you by post, so you don't miss out.

There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed, and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Aparima College only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation. If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Schooled Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election date is Wednesday 10 September 2025.



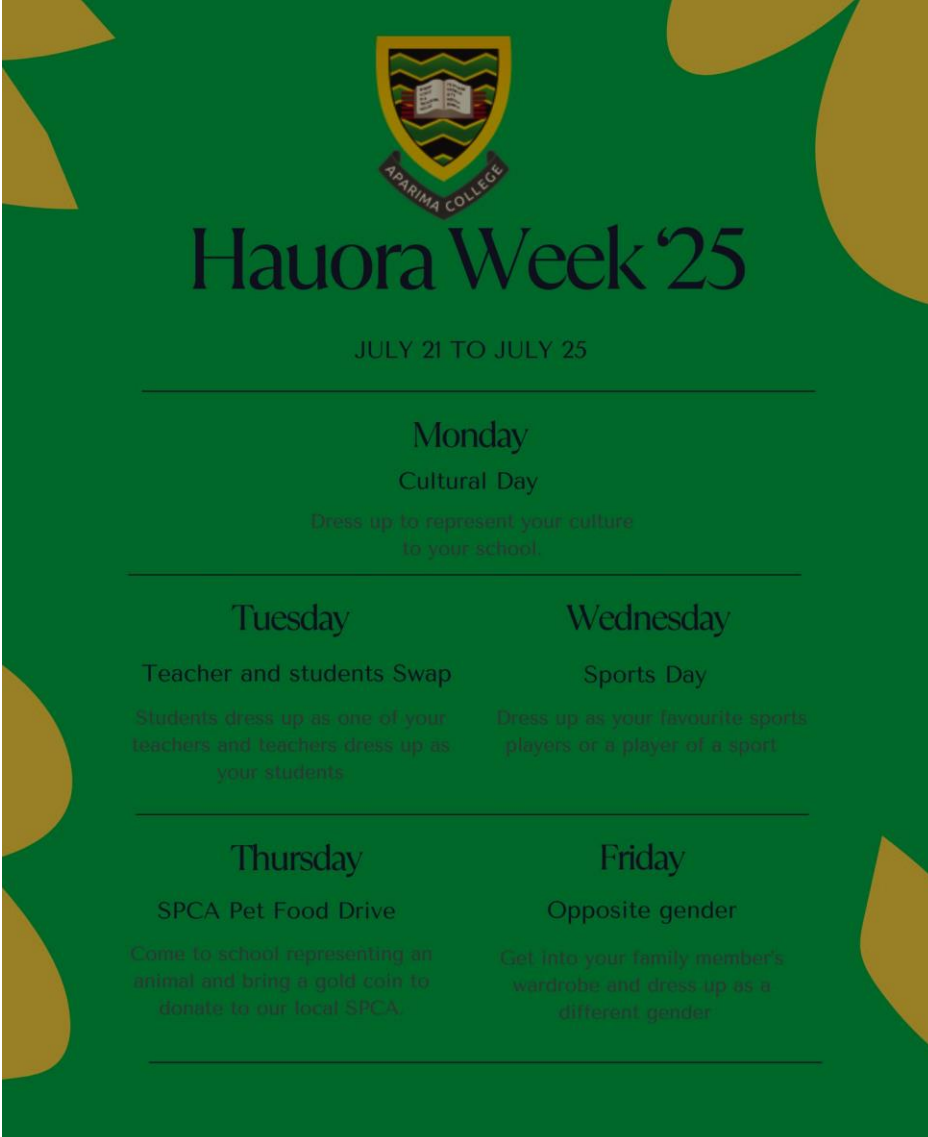
Bus Safety Reminders – Student Safety


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.
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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.

A poster for Aparima College's Hauora Week '25. The poster has a green background with yellow circular accents. At the top center is the Aparima College crest, which features a shield with a book and a banner below it that says 'APARIMA COLLEGE'. Below the crest, the text 'Hauora Week '25' is written in a large, dark serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font, is 'JULY 21 TO JULY 25'. The poster is divided into sections by horizontal lines. The first section is for 'Monday', labeled 'Cultural Day', with the instruction 'Dress up to represent your culture to your school.' The second section is split into two columns: 'Tuesday' with 'Teacher and students Swap' (instruction: 'Students dress up as one of your teachers and teachers dress up as your students') and 'Wednesday' with 'Sports Day' (instruction: 'Dress up as your favourite sports players or a player of a sport'). The third section is also split: 'Thursday' with 'SPCA Pet Food Drive' (instruction: 'Come to school representing an animal and bring a gold coin to donate to our local SPCA') and 'Friday' with 'Opposite gender' (instruction: 'Get into your family member's wardrobe and dress up as a different gender').


Hauora Week '25
JULY 21 TO JULY 25

Monday
Cultural Day
Dress up to represent your culture to your school.

Tuesday Teacher and students Swap Students dress up as one of your teachers and teachers dress up as your students	Wednesday Sports Day Dress up as your favourite sports players or a player of a sport
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Thursday SPCA Pet Food Drive Come to school representing an animal and bring a gold coin to donate to our local SPCA	Friday Opposite gender Get into your family member's wardrobe and dress up as a different gender
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UP AND COMING EVENTS

21 – 25 July 2025	Hauora Week
22 July 2025	Otago University afternoon
23 July 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
24 July 2025	Careers Years 11-12
5 – 7 August 2025	Aussie Maths Competition
7 August 2025	ILT Southland Badminton
11 – 13 August 2025	Life Education Bus – Year 7
14 August 2025	Western Speech Competition
15 August 2025	Country Schools Tournament at Northern Southland College
20 August 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
20 August 2025	Polyfest
25 – 28 August 2025	SISS Netball Tournament
26 August 2025	Western & Central Southland Speech Finals 6:30pm
27 August 2025	APARIMA COLLEGE OPEN DAY
15 – 17 September 2025	Derived Exams for Seniors
17 September 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
18 September 2025	SMAC Maths – James Hargest
19 September 2025	Last Day of Term Three
6 September 2025	First Day of Term Four
6 – 7 September 2025	Safety in Action Year 11
7 September 2025	OPTIONS Evening
15 September 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00pm pm All Welcome
16 September 2025	Western Shield

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOR SALE
 Blazer for sale \$100
 Size 100 phone
 0273003534 for more
 information


RIVERTON
 Community House


 Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

**37 Napier Street
Riverton**

**Ph: (03) 234 8206
info@rivchouse.nz**

	SARA RICHARDS EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT	TUESDAY 12 - 2pm	12/08/2025 26/08/2025
	APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	MONDAY 10.30am	18/08/2025
	JENNY BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT	07/08/2025 21/08/2025
	LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT	06/08/2025
	MICAELA BEKHUIS FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR	TUESDAY 9.30am - 2.30pm	05/08/2025
	OREPUKI OUTREACH - OREPUKI FIRE BRIGADE	WEDNESDAY 10.30am - 12.30pm	27/08/2025

We can help you get in contact with the right people!
 Our Service is friendly, free and Confidential to all
INDIVIDUALS - FAMILY - YOUTH - ELDERLY - GROUPS

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Southland

Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections



Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?

Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: **Isla Hardy**

Email: isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



STREET TALK DEFENSIVE DRIVING

This Defensive Driving course is designed to help participants identify and avoid, or handle potential hazards that they may encounter while driving.

This course will run over 4 sessions.
(Participants MUST attend all 4 sessions in order).

Cost: \$190 per person (includes a practical driving session).

--- UNDER 25yrs - Reduce Restricted licence time by 6 months.

--- OVER 25yrs - Reduce Restricted licence time by 3 months.

TUATAPERE: 31 JULY & 5, 7, 12, AUG

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Sign up to our Waiting List for future dates.



Contact Southern REAP to sign up:
on info@reap.co.nz or phone: 0800 111 117

WWW.REAP.CO.NZ/WESTERNSOUTHLAND

sign up online



MINDS IN MOTION

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Able Minds invite you to join our group for parents and whanau who have a child in their life with ADHD or Autism

We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

New location and night group:
Arts Murihku - Whare Taupua
34 Forth St

First Thursday of each month
1pm-2.30pm
5.30pm-7pm

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096
www.able.org.nz



Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod
VENUE: Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu
9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm

Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team.
Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.



Raffles available to purchase on the day

Anyone wanting to Volunteer
their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day