

Aparima College Newsletter

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PolyFest - We could not be prouder whānau



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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 to extend my congratulations and heart felt gratitude to all the students, teachers and school community for their continued efforts in maintaining our exceptional standards for teaching and learning. Following our recent acknowledgement of effective practice from the Education Review Office, we continue to embrace the challenges and opportunities offered in Education. This newsletter is a celebration of all the amazing things we have done so far this year.

This term alone we have school representation across a range of sporting codes and cultural arenas from musicals, cultural dancing to Kapa Haka. Academically our students are working hard to ensure the best possible educational outcomes are achieved by the end of the year. A reminder that for senior students in particular, regular homework is essential. This will not always be set homework, but it is imperative for students to spend time at home revising notes reflecting on the days lessons.

Senior Management have been undertaking academic and pathway mentoring with whānau to support students to remain focused for the second half of the year. Please contact the school if you need to meet with any of the Leadership team to discuss your child's learning. You are also able to email your child's teacher with any questions you may have in regard to specific subjects.

Attendance at Aparima has been improving steadily, the recent bout of Whooping Cough and Influenza has hit us hard this last two weeks, the Ministry of Education are aware of the outbreak in Riverton.

Students have been getting into their reading and are exploring all the ways reading helps us in our learning and in our relaxation. We are committed to creating a bookish school of Readers and are grateful for the ways you are trying to help at home. Remember if you need help to increase the number of books at home for your whānau, our librarian Suzie is more than happy to help with a collection of books to get you started.

"The more you read, the more you will know. The more you learn the more places you will go" Dr Seuss

Aloma Williams

Principal



Aparima College
Prize Giving - Cups and Trophies

Please return all Cups and
Trophies
to the College office
by Friday 19 September 2025

Speeches

Congratulations to our amazing speechmakers. Rawinia O'Neill was placed first and Eleanor Jones placed second in the Western Southland Speech competition semi finals.





Southland Secondary Schools Squash Championship 2025

Congratulations to Lakisha, Mia and Esther (Maleia as reserve) who competed at the Southland Secondary Schools Squash Championships on Monday and placed 2nd in the girls grade. Fantastic result, well done team! Aparima College came 2nd – Well done!!!



Our Star

Marco Kingipotiki Year 7 starred in the recent Matilda production; Marco made us very proud and was just amazing!! Well done Marco (3)



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

Fuel for Schools -Support Aparima College

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

Your support is much appreciated

Go into the below link for more information

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



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:

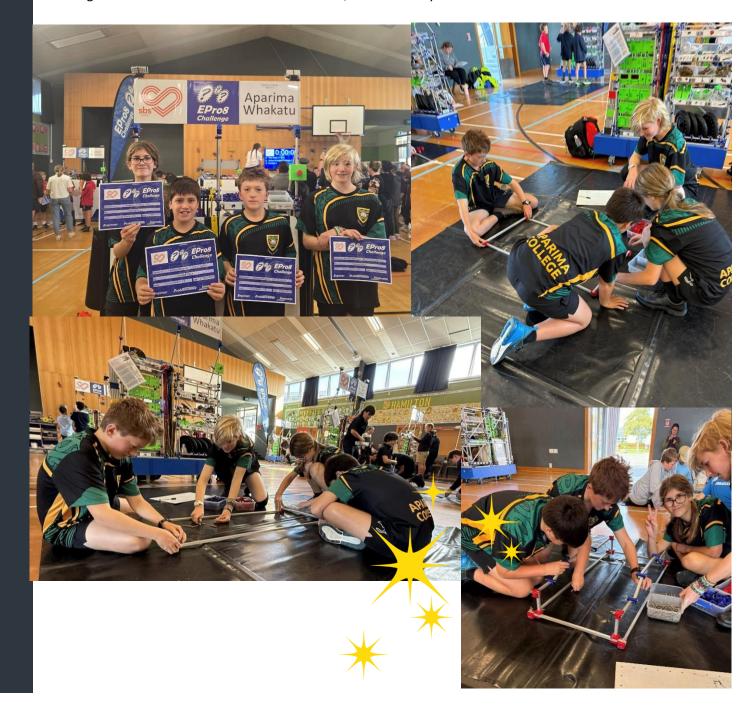
https://www.facebook.com/foveauxstrait/

Forms are available from the College

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. They finished second overall. Aparima Colleges second team consisted of Rosie Coburn, Harlan Bickley and Beau Nicolson.



A visit to Andrea Sexton's Art Studio

Our Art group went out to Andrea Sexton's workshop recently and made more amazing creations! Thank you to all of our community helpers who join us on Friday afternoons to support the Kia Tu programme.



Duck Shooting

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.



Mentoring

"Nikita Rohloff from the Southland Chamber of Commerce visited our Young Enterprise students today to help mentor them in their Promotions and Sales Challenge."



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.

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.

Nina keeping our students busy once again!

A big thank you to Nina for bringing her badge maker to school! Students had a wonderful time designing and creating their own badges – such a fun and creative activity that brought lots of smiles.



Rural Schools Tournament

The sun was shining providing a great day out for over 50 students competing at the Rural Schools Winter Tournament last Friday.

Our students played rippa rugby, netball and basketball against Northern Southland College, Fiordland College, Blue Mountain College, Waiau Area School, and Menzies College.

Thank you again to all the staff, parents, and supporters who made this day



Books Alive



At this event spearheaded by Pauline Vaeluaga-Smith, we got to meet authors of some finalist books in the NZ Children's Book Awards. They shared with us what inspires them, what their story is about, why they wrote it.

For Claire Mabey inspiration came from stories she read in her childhood as well as studies about old texts – like really old texts she learnt to love at Uni. Woven together with her own childhood exploits of running away "the Raven's Eye Runaways" fantasy novel will delight readers as they see themselves as readers in the story.

Dahlia Malaeulu has written a story about grief and Samoan cultural values woven with the Samoan story of Matariki. Published by Mila's Books. This publishing house is a rising star in itself.

As Dahlia said, a book is a vehicle that carries the story. She knows she's a storyteller at heart and she wanted to tell a story so Samoan children could see themselves in the Library collection. At Aparima College we believe the same thing which is why we love to publish our own writing, so the students who read them can see themselves in the stories we tell.



After a fun retelling of Beddy Bye time in the Kowhai tree with prolific children's Picture book author Juilette McIvor we headed off to the Invercargill Library to roam and explore the shelves and games and nooks and collections.

We ate Hells pizza since some students had already read enough to earn their reward.

And we found Eva's artwork amongst the display for the competition they entered.

Celebrating books and writing as well as the art that helps tell stories was a great way to spend our day.

To top it off 3 of us applied and became members of the Invercargill City Library and received not only a card, but a whole bag. They told us we can get free games, free movies, free audio books and of course regular books of all styles – Picture books, comic books, novels, and non fiction. Now we can read so much more. We even bought \$1

books from the withdrawn trolley.

Looking forward to see the book award WINNERS announcement due August 13th. Exciting!!!



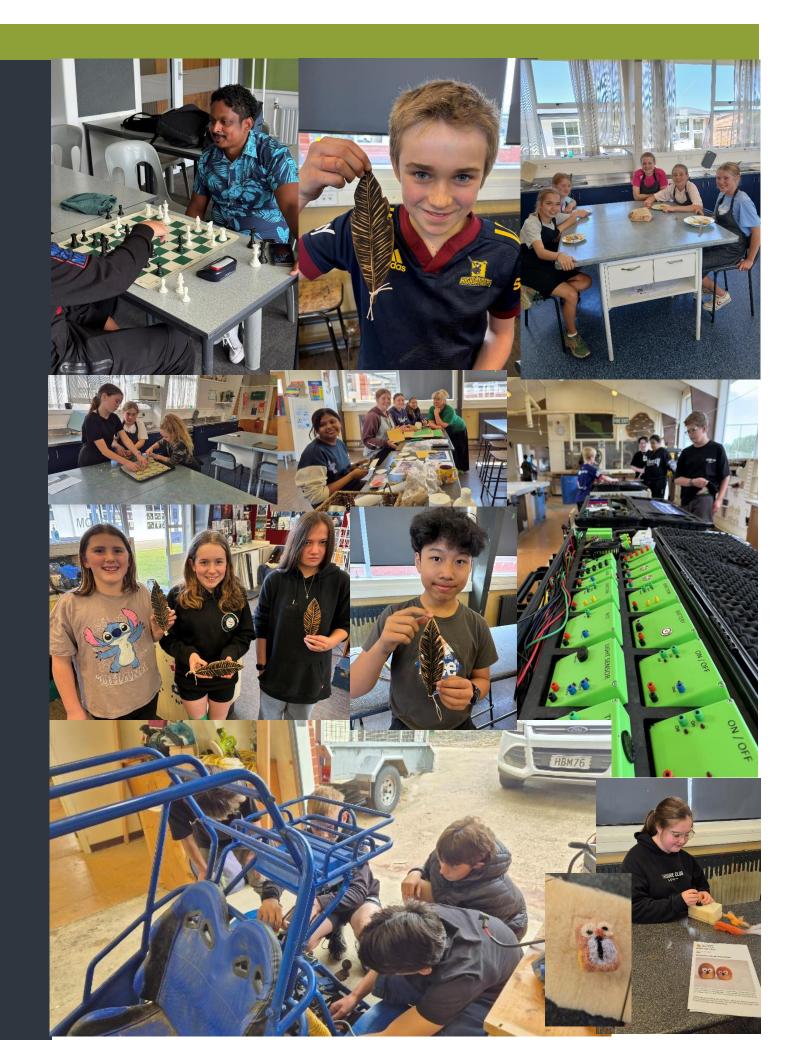




Important Information

- Please like our facebook page as this is where we will post most of the information on what is happening here at Aparima College. Facebook www.facebook.com/aparimacollegenz
- Check out the Aparima College Website: <u>www.aparima.school.nz</u>
- Skool Loop App used for booking parent teacher interviews.
- KAMAR portal https://aparima.school.kiwi/ for student absence, daily notices and results etc. Passwords will be emailed home to new families within the first couple of weeks. (once you have logged in you will be asked to change the password)
- Stationery list for all students please go to: https://www.myschool.co.nz/aparima
- School Uniform most items can be purchased most of the uniform from The U Shop, 162 Dee Street, Invercargill (or online) https://shopinv.uniformgroup.co.nz/
- The Aparima College black shell jacket (this one can be worn in class) can be purchased from UniformsNZ click on the on the following link aparimacollege.uniformnz.com/
- School Ties are purchased from the School office for \$25
- PE Top for Year 7 10 students. The first one is free and will be given to your child in the first few days of school. If you need a replacement one they are available to purchase from the office for a cost of \$40. Please name all your child's clothing so if found it can be returned.
- School lunches We are part of the Health School Lunches Programme and all students are provided with lunch every day. We do not have a canteen. A form will be given to your child regarding this.
- School Buses Queries about school bus transport should be directed to Mr Jones, Assistant Principal email rjones@aparima.school.nz. Details of bus routes, pick up and drop off times can be sourced from the company GoBus, phone: 03 218 2419.
- Bring Your Own Device We require Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to have access to a device at all times for the multitude of tasks that are being completed digitally but will require them to bring their own device with them. We have a number of possible ways of helping families for whom this may present issues and we would ask that if this is the case for you, please let us know as soon as possible so we can assist you. This assistance can be in different forms, so please get in touch and discuss your specific needs with us. For those families whose students already have devices, they are required to bring it to school every day.
- Students are to be in their classroom by 8.40am each morning and school finishes at 3:00pm.





UP AND COMING EVENTS

25 - 28 August 2025

26 August 2025

27 August 2025

1 – 5 September 2025

1 – 3 September 2025

8 – 10 September 2025

15 – 17 September 2025

17 September 2025

18 September 2025

18 September 2025

19 September 2025

6 September 2025

6 – 7 September 2025

7 September 2025

15 September 2025

16 September 2025

27 October 2025

SISS Netball Tournament

Western & Central Southland Speech Finals 6:30pm

APARIMA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

AIMS Games

OREC Snow Camp

Co-Reg Exams

Derived Exams for Seniors

BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome

SMAC Maths - James Hargest

3 x 3 Basketball Festival

Last Day of Term Three

First Day of Term Four

Safety in Action Year 11

OPTIONS Evening

BOT Meeting 5:00pm pm All Welcome

Western Shield

Labour Day

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winton Football Summer 5aside Football Leagues

This popular event will return this year in term 4 so it is time to start rounding up your team members. Adult section is mixed teams, year 9 upwards with some dispensations given for year 8s and junior grades are yr 6-8 and yr 1-5. Cost per adult team is \$150 while juniors are \$10 per player. Format will

be similar to 2024 with starting date 9 October and the last day 4

Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua KIVERTON Heartland Services Ph: (03) 234 8206 37 Napier Street Riverton info@rivchouse.nz 02/09/2025 SARA RICHARDS TUESDAY We are. | M ⊤ F. 16/09/2025 30/09/2025 12 - 3pm CONSULTANT APARIMA SUPPORT MONDAY 10.30am 15/09/2025 GROUP THURSDAY 04/09/2025 JENNY ubilee BUDGET ADVISOR BY APPOINTMENT 18/09/2025 WEDNESDSAY LOUISE MCCLOY 03/09/2025 Work and Income CASE MANAGER BY APPOINTMENT MICAELA BEKHUIS No Sept clinic **TUESDAY** JUSTICE **FAMILY COURT** due to another commitment 9.30am - 2.30pm NAVIGATOR OREPUKI OUTREACH -WEDNESDAY 24/09/2025 Heartland Services OREPUKI FIRE BRIGADE 10.30am - 12.30pm We can help you get in contact with the right people! Our Service is friendly, free and Confidential to all

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