



Aparima College Newsletter

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Congratulations

SAXON HEATH-TREE

2025 Youthmark recipient

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

Kia ora e te Whānau,

I hope that things have settled for you following the storms of last week. We are aware of some families who are still without power. Please reach out to us if we can help in any way.

The final week of school for our Senior Students has been one of relative calm contemplation. Following the disruptions of industrial action, storms and illness we have loved having our seniors here for a full un-interrupted week. We will celebrate the Year 13s at a special Graduation Dinner on Wednesday 26th November and again their success at Prize Giving.

This week has been a special opportunity to see the incredible breadth of talent and skill here at Aparima College. Saxon Heath Tree being awarded this year's Youth Mark is a particularly proud moment, celebrating alongside the incredible talent across Southland. The Regional Young Enterprise finals were well represented again by Aparima College, with Aroha taking out the movers and shakers award. The night also saw Mrs Grove awarded the YES New Zealand Teacher of the Year. A well-deserved achievement and a testament to her hard work.

The students put on a show for Aparima's Got Talent, an awesome way to spend a lunchtime!

Seniors will now be preparing for final examinations. We encourage you to become familiar with the exam timetable which is available on the NZQA website and be aware of which exams your child needs to be attending. If you are unsure, please contact the subject teacher. I would like to wish the students all the very best for their exams.

A reminder that the final prize giving will be in the school hall on Monday 8th December. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Measles Outbreak

- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:

[Measles – Health New Zealand](#)

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:

Please remain vigilant and take a moment to check your immunisation record.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma

National Young Enterprise

Over 4000 students from 187 schools across New Zealand. Last year students from Aparima College took out the Supreme Award at the National Awards in Wellington. This year, we are very proud to announce that Mrs Lynne Grove our very own awesome teacher has been named The National Teacher of the Year for Young Enterprise. This is a well-deserved award. Mrs Grove we could not be prouder of you.

Congratulations to Aroha for winning the Movers and Shakers Award at the Regional Young Enterprise and an especially emotional and well deserved acknowledgment of Mrs Lynne Grove.



Congratulations!



Diwali -The Festival of Lights by Diksha Inda

On 21 October, there was a Diwali festival at Aparima College. Diwali is the Hindu festival of light. There was a presentation about Diwali by Adam and Krishi followed by dancing by Diksha and Bibisha, Diya and Krisha. Bibisha, Diya and Krisha danced a Nepali dance, choreographed by Bibisha. I (Diksha) danced a traditional Rajasthani Ghoomer dance.

Rajasthani Ghoomer is a traditional dance that involves turning around and around. I started dancing when I was 5 years old, I was taught by my cousin.



Volleyball

Congratulations to the Aparima Girls Volleyball team winning their final this evening against JHC!
An awesome achievement



Another winning team for Aparima College – well done to these guys who won the Senior Division 2 Mixed Volleyball Competition.



Aparima College Prize Giving

This is being held on Monday 8 December 2025 at 7:00pm in the school hall.

Everyone to please be seated by 6:50pm

All students, Year 7 – 13 are to attend and to be in full correct school uniform

All Parents/Caregivers and family members are welcome.

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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today!

The graphic features a group of children and an adult holding hula hoops, standing in front of a school building.

Marae Visit

A couple of our students and staff assisted with the relocation of the harakeke pa at Takutai O Te Titi Marae



Let's come together to support one of our own

Cody Gnys, a well known and much loved young man in our community, has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. To help Cody and his family during this difficult time, Aparima College and the RSA are hosting a special fundraiser evening. Come along for a fun night of Jingo – musical bingo packed with hits from across the decades! It's just \$5 per board, which gives you four rounds of bingo. A great night out for all ages, with raffles and awesome prizes up for grabs. Every bit of support truly counts, and this is a chance for our community to rally around Cody and his family. So, be sure to mark it on your calendar, gather your friends and family, and join us for a great night out – all for an even greater cause.



Senior Students

To all Year 11, 12, and 13 students, parents and caregivers

Please be advised that study leave will commence on Monday, 3 November. From this date, students are expected to attend school only for scheduled exams or subject tutorials.

Important Guidelines:

Students must arrive prepared (pens, calculators etc in a clear plastic bag) and in full, correct school uniform for all exams and tutorials. If attending a subject tutorial, students are required to be in uniform and to only be on school grounds for the duration of that tutorial.

Please ensure students have reliable transport arranged to and from school for each exam or tutorial session.

We appreciate your cooperation and wish our students all the best in your upcoming assessments.

Kia Tu

The art of glazing with acrylic paint - Kia Tu art group



Aparima's Got Talent



Congratulations to our amazing performers and well done to the place getters:

1st Liam Bickley

2nd La Toya and Naomi

3rd Hemi Bailey

Audience Choice David and Clarence



Western shield

Congratulations to The Year 7 and 8 Students for winning the Western Shield Recently. Competing in Netball, Basketball, Futsal and Rugby League.



2025 – NZQA Exam Timetable

2025 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue.					
Date	Session	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Tue 4 Nov	AM		Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM		Latin	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
Wed 5 Nov	AM			English	
	PM		Geography		Earth & Space Science
Thu 6 Nov	AM		English		Latin
	PM		Chinese	History	French
Fri 7 Nov	AM			Chemistry	Accounting
	PM		Accounting		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 10 Nov	AM	French Spanish	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Commerce	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Media Studies
Tue 11 Nov	AM	English			Physics
	PM	Gagana Tokelau	Dance	Biology	Art History
Wed 12 Nov	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Chemistry	Drama	Geography
	PM	Korean	Cook Islands Māori Drama	Digital Technologies Samoan	Psychology
Thu 13 Nov	AM	Mathematics and Statistics	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	PM	History	Physics	Accounting	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 14 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 17 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Biology	Economics	
Tue 18 Nov	AM	Science	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM	Digital Technologies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Wed 19 Nov	AM	Chinese	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	English
	PM	Social Studies	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Thu 20 Nov	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Media Studies	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	PM	Vagahau Niue	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
Fri 21 Nov	AM	Reo Māori Kūki Āirani		Music Studies	Spanish
	PM	Geography	Music		History
WEEKEND					
Mon 24 Nov	AM	Gagana Sāmoa	Japanese	Geography	
	PM	German	Earth & Space Science		Religious Studies
Tue 25 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM	Lea Faka-Tonga	German	Home Economics	Digital Technologies
Wed 26 Nov	AM	Religious Studies	Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies	Health	
Thu 27 Nov	AM		Economics	Korean	
	PM		Health	Business Studies	
Fri 28 Nov	AM		Digital Technologies Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	German

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: www.aparima.school.nz
- 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.



*Information on Aparima College Uniform Items
and where to purchase them.*



This is where you will purchase most uniform items

THE U SHOP

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Located at: 162 Dee Street, Invercargill

This is where you purchase the school jacket

uniformNZ
WEAR YOUR BRAND

Located at 142 Otepuni Avenue, Newfield,
Invercargill 9812

Web - <https://www.uniformnz.com/> - search Aparima College.

You can either order online or go into the shop



- Most of the uniform items are available from The U Shop. Ask for the Aparima College uniform list.
- The school jacket is only available from uniformNZ.
- Students in Year 7 – 10 are given a free school PE Top within the first few days at school but if you need a replacement PE top this can be purchased from the college office for \$40.
- School Ties can only be purchased from the school office - cost: \$25.00 (note that we do not have eftpos – cash or pay online only) *Please name your child's clothing*



Office Hours & Opening Information 2025/2026

Office Hours, End of 2025

- Tuesday 9 December 2025 – the office will be open from 9:00am to 11:00am only (closed for the rest of the day)
- Wednesday 10 December - open 9:00am – 3:00pm and Thursday 11 December 2025 - open from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Office closed from Friday 12 December 2025

Office Hours Start of 2026

- Wednesday 28 January the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm.
- Thursday 29 January (Teacher Only Day) the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Friday 30 January onwards the office will be open 9:00am – 4:00pm

Student Information for the start of 2026

- **Monday 2 February** – Year 11 – 13 Course Confirmation (students will be sent an email if they are required to come in on this day)
- **Tuesday 3 February – ALL STUDENTS Year 7 – 13 TO ATTEND** (buses start on this day)

*Students must bring their stationery with them on the first day of school and the stationery lists with the required items are available through - **OfficeMax** - <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>*

Note: all students must be in their form class each day by 8:40am and school finishes at 3:00pm.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

3 November 2025	Primary Golf Tournament
4 November – 2 December 2025	NZQA Exams
6 November 2025	ESOL Invercargill Trip
10 – 13 November 2025	Year 9 Camp – Borland Lodge
13 November 2025	Jingo Night for Cody - RSA
19 November 2025	Mitre 10 Tough Kids
19 November 2025	Junior Adventure Race
19 November 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00pm All Welcome
19 – 21 November 2025	Year 10 Camp – Glendhu Bay
21 November 2025	Jonty Memorial Tackle
25 November 2025	Years 9/10 Taster Day at SIT
25 – 27 November 2025	Year 8 Camp – Te Anau
26 November 2025	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
2 December 2025	Orientation Day – Year 6s
3 December 2025	Western Ki O Rahi Tournament
8 December 2025	Prize Giving
9 December 2025	School Office will only be open from 9:00am till 11:00am (closed rest of day)
10 December 2025	School Office will only be open from 9:00am till 3:00pm
11 December 2025	School Office will only be open from 9:00am till 1:00pm
12 December 2026	SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

2026

28 January 2026	School Office Open 9:00am till 3:00pm
29 January 2026	Teacher Only Day the Office will be open from 9:00am till 3:00pm
30 January 2026	Normal Office hours 9:00am till 4:00pm
2 February 2026	Year 11-13 Course Confirmation (students will be sent an email if they are required to come in on this day)
3 February 2026	ALL STUDENTS Year 7-13 to attend (buses start of this day)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

RIVERTON
Community House




**37 Napier Street
Riverton** **Ph: (03) 234 8206
info@rivchouse.nz**

 SARA RICHARDS EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT	BY APPOINTMENT 021 500 723	11/11/2025 28/11/2025
 APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	MONDAY 10.30am	17/11/2025
 JENNY BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT 0800 582 4533	06/11/2025 20/11/2025
 LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT 03 234 8206	05/11/2025
 MICHAELA BEKHUIS FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR	TUESDAY 10am - 2pm	04/11/2025
 OREPUKI OUTREACH - OREPUKI FIRE BRIGADE	WEDNESDAY 10.30am - 12.30pm	26/11/2025

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November and December Hours

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 am till 3:00 pm	8:30 am till 2:30 pm	8:30 am till 3:00 pm	8:30 am till 5:00 pm	8:30 am till 2:30 pm

Closed over Christmas
19 December - 19 January
Closing at 2:30 pm Opening at 8:30am





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30 October 2025	9:30am - 3:30pm
13 November 2025	9:30am - 3:30pm
27 November 2025	9:30am - 3:30pm
11 December 2025	9:30am - 3:30pm

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