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 9 September 2026



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 seeing you on Wednesday 9 September 2026

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

What an incredible few weeks it has been at Aparima College. As I reflect on the many achievements, performances, and opportunities our students have embraced, I am reminded once again how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive and vibrant school community.

Our recent school production was nothing short of outstanding. The talent, dedication, and hard work displayed by our students both on stage and behind the scenes were truly remarkable. Events like these are only possible because of the incredible support from whānau, staff, sponsors, volunteers, and community members. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the production such a memorable success.

We also have a number of students and teams representing our school beyond Southland over the coming weeks. We wish Taria in Year 13 all the very best as she embarks on her exciting adventure to Argentina on a student exchange**.** What a fantastic opportunity, and we know she will represent herself, her family, and Aparima College with pride.

Good luck also to our netball team as they travel to Nelson for the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. We know the team has worked hard throughout the season, and we look forward to following their journey and celebrating their achievements.

To our Girls' Football Team, we wish you all the best for your first tournament. This is an exciting milestone, and we know you will embrace the experience, challenge yourselves, and make the most of every opportunity.
A special acknowledgement goes to our Girls' Rugby Team, who continue to grow in confidence and capability with every round. Their determination, resilience, and commitment are evident each week, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they are making as a team.

Congratulations to Lakisha Mennell on her selection in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Junior Squash Team. This is an outstanding achievement and reflects countless hours of hard work and dedication. We wish Lakisha every success as she heads to Sydney to compete in the Trans-Tasman Tournament. We know she will do us proud.

We are also delighted to congratulate Lynne Grove on becoming a finalist in the Murihiku Art Awards for Leadership in Education. This recognition is a testament to Lynne's passion, commitment, and the positive impact she continues to have on the young people she works with.

As Polyfest approaches, we wish our kapa haka group all the very best for what promises to be an exciting and rewarding week. We are incredibly proud of the commitment and dedication shown by all involved. A special acknowledgement goes to Amber and Madison both Year 12, who will take on important roles as rangatahi leaders throughout the Polyfest week. We know they will lead with pride and represent our school exceptionally well.

Above all, I want to express how proud I am of Aparima College and our wider community. Time and time again, we demonstrate what can be achieved when people support one another, celebrate success, and work together. Whether in the arts, sport, culture, leadership, or academic pursuits, our students consistently seize opportunities and achieve great things. We may be a small school, but we continue to punch well above our weight, and that is a credit to every student, staff member, whānau member, and supporter who contributes to making Aparima College such a special place.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our school. Together, we continue to achieve remarkable things.

Aloma Williams
Principal

In Memoriam: Zara Heath

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Zara Heath, a much-loved and respected member of our school community.

During her time as a teacher at Aparima College, Zara made a lasting difference in the lives of countless students. She was dedicated, compassionate, and committed to helping every young person reach their potential. Her warmth, generosity, and unwavering support for others earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues, students, and families alike.

Zara's contribution to our school extended far beyond the classroom. She was a valued colleague, a mentor, a board member and a friend whose positive influence will be felt for many years to come.

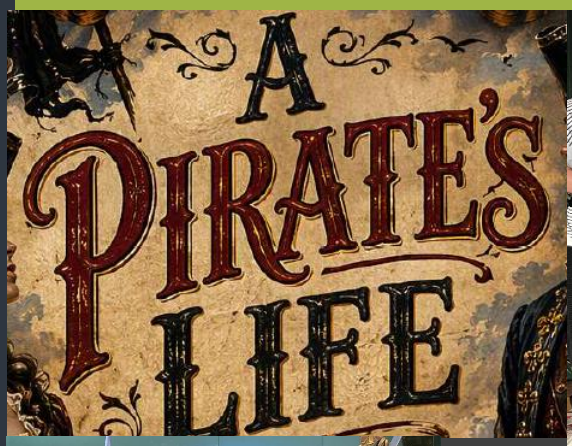
Our heartfelt condolences go to Zara's family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched. We remember her with gratitude, celebrate the impact she made, and honour the legacy she leaves within our school community.

Zara will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Me tangi, kāpā ko te mate / te marama



















Three years ago, a student, Tahla Ward, asked me to put on a school production. We never got to do it while Tahla was still at school, but in 2026 Robyn and I said, "Let's just do it". As soon as those words were out, we were away.

It's hard to explain what a school production gives our students. It is far more than what you see on the stage. It is weeks of commitment, of sticking at something that is not always fun. It's certainly not easy.

It's about pushing yourself out of your comfort zone. It's about doing things that your friends are not doing.

A school production is about working together as a team. It's about taking responsibility for learning lines, costumes, and props. Its resilience, focus and stickability.

Each and every member of the cast and crew should be proud of what they have achieved. Some may never tread the boards again. Some may have caught the theatre bug and will want more. All will have memories that last a lifetime.

Aloma



Year 7 Engineering Class in action



Super Proud

Of Lakisha Mennell - Flag Bearer for NZ Squash, competing hard over the ditch. Representing New Zealand, Aparima College, Riverton **#smalltownbigheart #weliveourlearning #Taumata**



Uniform Reminders

With winter coming there are slight changes in uniform, no sandals are to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. A reminder that the uniform does have school socks. These come in packs of 3 for $21 from the U-SHOP. They are plain black with a green hoop at the top. Jackets should be plain black or should be the soft shell Aparima College Jacket, in stock at the UShop for $98. We thank you for your support in this matter. Students have opportunity to express themselves on Fridays, Non-Uniform day; we expect all students to wear the uniform with pride on all other days.









Young Enterprise

"Our Young Enterprise family includes Jessica Black, ex Head Student at Aparima College and Southland Young Enterprise Company of the Year CEO for two years running. This year Jess is also the YES coordinator for Southland and Otago, which involves looking after 160 YES companies and organising regular regional events, an extremely busy and valuable job. For our Aparima companies, Jess's input is essential and we really look forward to her regular visits. She offers advice to the two Business classes and their teachers, and also works individually with each company to feedback on their progress and offer ideas to make their companies more successful. We are very grateful to have 'one of our own' in this role."



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Prize Giving - Cups and Trophies

Please return all Cups and Trophies

to the College office

by Wednesday 16 September 2026

Science at the Marae

A group of Year 8 and Year 10 Aparima College students were invited by Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka to participate in a *Science at the Marae* wānanga at Takutai o Te Tītī Marae on Friday 24 July 2026.

This opportunity linked to the Ōraka-Aparima Fiordland Carbon Sink Project (a partnership between Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka and researchers from the University of Otago) with students engaging with Earth sciences alongside mātauranga Māori while exploring Te Mimi o Tū Te Rakiwhānoa (the Fiordland coastal and marine environment) and the freshwater systems that connect to it.

A range of hands-on activities exploring geology, sediment cores, climate, environmental change, and the tools Earth scientists use to investigate our environment resulted in students coming away with a better understanding of how our environment has changed over time and what that means for the future. Students were able to interact with members of the Ōraka-Aparima project team and researchers from the University of Otago Geology Department, ask questions, explore real scientific samples and equipment, and learn about study and career pathways in Earth sciences.



HOKONUI MĀORI ENDOWMENT FUND

LAINA NIHA • SECRETARY • 87 BURROWS STREET, BLUFF 9814

1 July 2026

Applications are invited from secondary school students, Year 9 onwards, tertiary students, work-based learners and apprentices 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 – 027 896 2227
Ricky Topi – (03) 212 8556
Louise Fowler – (03) 212 8577

A copy of the Application Form for the ***current 2026 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 ***Wednesday, 30 September 2026***. 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 available from the College office

UP AND COMING EVENTS

31 August 2026	Girls Football Tournament Invercargill
31 Aug – 4 September	SISS Senior Netball Tournament - Nelson
1 September 2026	Otago Uni Liaison at 1:10
4 September 2026	3 x 3 Basketball Challenge
7 – 11 September 2026	Co-requisite Literacy and Numeracy Exams
9 September 2026	**Aparima College OPEN DAY**
13 September 2026	Southland Schools Gym Sports Festival
14 – 18 September 2026	Hauora Week
14 – 16 September 2026	OREC Snow Camp
11 September 2026	SSS Squash Teams Event
17 September 2026	Year 7/8 Southern Interschools
18 September 2026	Aparima's Got Talent
23 September 2026	BOT Meeting 5:00pm in Room 9/10
25 September 2026	Dan Davin Awards
25 September 2026	Last Day of Term Three
12 October 2026	First Day of Term Four
13 October 2026	Options Night Years 10 – 12
14 - 16 October 2026	Derived Grade Exams
21 October 2026	BOT Meeting 5:00pm in Room 9/10
21 October 2026	Science Roadshow
26 October 2026	Labour Day
10 – 30 November 2026	NZQA Exams
13 November 2026	**TEACHER ONLY DAY**
17 November 2026	Year 8 Camp – Te Anau
18 November 2026	SIT Taster Day for Year 10s
24 - 26 November 2026	Year 10 Camp – Lakeland Park Queenstown
2 December 2026	Orientation Day
10 December 2026	Prize Giving

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winton Football Club
Summer Football league entries are now open. Please contact 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com to be sent a team entry form or to make an enquiry. Individual players may be able to be placed in teams a bit light on numbers if you don't have your own team.



The Rotary Club of Aparima Inc

GARAGE SALE

Sunday 25 October 2026

Register your Garage Sale at the Red Door - $20 - call in or phone Jilly on 0272378281

Maps are $5 and these will be available from 8am - 11am on the day at NEW VENUE Aparima College Hall, 33 Leader Street, Riverton



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

TRANSPORT SERVICE

NGA KETE MATAURANGA POUNAMU He Puna Waiora Wellness Centre

TO ATTEND HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

NEED TRANSPORT TO YOUR HEALTH APPOINTMENTS IN INVERCARGILL?

Offering weekly transport to Invercargill for your health appointments.

Bookings can be made at the Riverton Community House

When: Every Wednesday

Depart Riverton: 10am
Depart Invercargill: 3pm

Service includes:
Passenger pick up from Bupa on the way out of town.
Passenger drop off at Bupa on the way into town.

Koha (Donation): Koha is appreciated to help cover transport costs (round trip).

For bookings and enquiries:

CONTACT RIVERTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

03 234 8206
www.rivchouse.nz
37 Napier Street, Riverton

Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

RIVERTON Community House

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

SEPTEMBER

Work and Income Te Hiranga Tangata	LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDSAY BY APPOINTMENT 03 234 8206	02/09/2026
jubilee BUDGET ADVISORY SERVICE	JENNY BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT 0800 582 4533	03/09/2026 17/09/2026
nkmp NGA KETE MATAURANGA POUNAMU CHARITABLE TRUST	Manawa Ora Nurse	WEDNESDAY DROPIN 9.30am - 12.30pm 2pm - 4pm	02/09/2026 16/09/2026
Alzheimers New Zealand Aparima Support Group	APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	MONDAY 10.30am at Bupa office@alzheimerssocietysouthland.org.nz	21/09/2026
Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua Heartland Services	OREPUKI OUTREACH - OREPUKI FIRE BRIGADE	WEDNESDAY 10.30am - 11.30pm	30/09/2026
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE Tāhū o te Ture	MICAELA BEKHUIS FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR	TUESDAY 10am - 2pm	07/09/2026

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

nkmp NGA KETE MATAURANGA POUNAMU CHARITABLE TRUST | He Puna Waiora Wellness Centre | BLUFF MEDICAL CENTRE

Our nursing team is here to support the hauora of our tamariki, whānau and community.

KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI HEALTHY!



ALL WHĀNAU CAN BE TESTED!
POCT isn't just for tamariki—parents, caregivers and all whānau members are welcome to be assessed and tested too.

WE OFFER POINT-OF-CARE TESTING (POCT)
FAST RESULTS WHILE YOU WAIT.



SORE THROAT? Test for Strep A (the bacteria that causes strep throat)

SKIN INFECTION OR RASH? Test for Staph (Staphylococcus aureus) & MRSA

GET ANSWERS QUICKLY and start the right treatment sooner.

FAST • ACCURATE • CONFIDENTIAL • FREE



ALL WHĀNAU WELCOME
TAMARIKI • RANGATAHI • PARENTS • KAUMĀTUA

PHONE OR TEXT TO BOOK
022 517 2769

RIVERTON OUTREACH NURSING CLINIC

RIVERTON COMMUNITY HOUSE
37 NAPIER STREET, RIVERTON

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
9:30AM – 12:30PM

OUR NURSING CLINIC CAN HELP WITH:
- Sore throats & skin infections (POCT available)
- Blood pressure checks
- Blood sugar (diabetes) checks
- Wound care & dressings
- Stroke education and prevention advice
- General nursing assessments and health advice

Drop in! or call/text
022 517 2769 to book an appointment.

MANAĀKI TAMARIKI Caring for our children | MANAĀKI WHĀNAU Caring for our families | MANAĀKI HAPORI Caring for our community