



Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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News

Deputy Principal Message

Do the Best You Can

'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better' -

Maya Angelou.

Maya was an American memoirist, poet and civil rights activist.

When I was a Dean, the above quote is what I had written up on a whiteboard in my office to remind me that, within my role, I must do everything I can to support our young people so that they reach their individual excellence, while being in a state of mauri ora.

As we develop our knowledge about each student's strengths and areas of development, our intention is to continue the upward trajectory of providing our students with the support they need to flourish at Ashburton College.

As we have this expectation from ourselves as teachers, we also expect our students to aim to 'do better' after facing challenges in and out of the classroom.

I strongly encourage our students to utilise the people (*Ako/Classroom Teachers, Deans, Guidance Counsellors, Heads of School, Heads of Faculty and Senior Leadership Team etc...*) within the school, to explore how to make progress and/or improve in any aspect of their educational journey at Ashburton College.

Sau Ia Festival by Tama Mai Sauté Dance Academy

On Saturday 09 July, our Pasifika group will be heading to the Aurora Centre at Burnside High School to perform their set routine along with nineteen schools from across Otago/Christchurch.

Since Ashburton College is the only school attending from outside the 'Garden City', the group is aware that how they perform and how they conduct themselves is a reflection of their aiga/kāinga/family and the value they place on the school they represent.

The time, dedication and persistence the members have invested to ensure their performance is of the highest quality (ako pai) has placed them in good stead to represent our AshColl community with whakautu (respect) and manawa whakahi (pride).



The students have been very fortunate to have been tutored and supported by Mercy Seiliu and one of the co-founders/co-directors of Tama Mai Sauté Dance Academy, Albany Peseta. I have been so impressed with their approach with our students and how they've been able to get the best out of each individual.

A testament to that is that our very own Alex Gabriel has been selected to lead the Taulauga (traditional Samoan Dance) for all the schools at the end of the festival. The students are very excited to be performing and showcasing their culture and hard work and I am very confident that our students will represent us and their families very well.

Staff Welcome



Nadine Pink
Mainstream
Learning Support Assistant

Staff Farewell

Helen Wakelin

Helen Wakelin has been at Ashburton College since May 2017, initially as Arts Co-ordinator, a position she held until November 2019.

Since May 2018 Helen has been a valuable teaching staff member of the Social Science Faculty. Head of Faculty Ange Mitchell said that Helen has taught Social Studies to numerous Year 9 and Year 10 classes, as well as Senior Law.

She has made a substantial contribution to the junior programmes with her significant knowledge of other cultures, and her creativity. This, along with her caring and thoughtful approach, has been appreciated by staff and students.

Helen has also shared her other talents in the Music and Languages Departments, teaching Junior Music and playing in the orchestra, as well as teaching Japanese.

Helen came to College with International Schools' teaching experience, and she takes with her our appreciation of her contributions to Ashburton College and very best wishes as she finishes her time us, this Friday, 08 July. Helen now travels now to fulfill her new position as a Secondary Generalist Teacher at the American International School of Guangzhou in China.

Information



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Open Evening

Thursday 28 July 2022,
5:30pm-7:30pm

The AshColl Way
Quality Pride Respect



Future students, parents/caregivers, whānau and community members are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening.

A particular welcome, and encouragement to attend, is extended to students who will be in Year 9 in 2023, and family members.

During the evening you will have the opportunity to -

- Meet and talk with the Principal, staff and students.
- Hear and see what the College can offer your child and family.
- View our facilities, and Subject displays.
- Meet with BYOD Retailers - College is a BYOD school [Bring Your Own Device]
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle, coffee, tea, juice in the staffroom.

To make decisions ready for Enrolment Week (02-06 August) - there will be information to help select option subjects for 2023 (Year 9 students)

Option subjects: nine subjects to be taken from twelve available:

- Choose at least one from The Arts: Art, Drama, Music.
- Choose at least one from Languages: German, Japanese, Māori.
- Choose at least three from Technology: Agriculture, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Information Technology, Fabric Technology, Food and Nutrition, Hard Materials Technology.
- **Note:** all Year 9 students take English, Mathematics, Physical Education and Health, Science, Social Studies.
- **Additionally available:** English as an additional language for students for whom English is a second language.

If you have not yet chosen option subjects or require assistance in choosing them through SchoolPoint, there will be staff available in the College Office to assist you.

Presentations start in the College Auditorium at 5:30pm and 6:15pm.

These are followed by guided tours of the College, or you may choose to self-tour by following the signs.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

ASHBURTON COLLEGE PRESENTS

Midsummer Night's Dream
Midsummer Night's Dream
a fresh version of a well-known comedy

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 11-13
7:00pm

ASHBURTON COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

TICKETS \$10
Available from the College Office
Phone 03 308 4193

Events

Matariki Celebration at Hakatere Marae

A group of College students spent half a day, on Friday 17 June, helping with the set-up for the community Matariki celebration held on Saturday 18 June. Teacher Liz Carrick said that the Marae Komiti was totally impressed with the work of these ākonga and their desire to help in any way at all.



(Pictured above, left to right): Alissa Mellish, Kawhaka Peetitungano, Shylah Johnston, Rico Hurst-Evangelista, Sasha Williams, Archie Glanville, Leah Doig, Zach Rowland and Lukas Fowler.

Matariki at the Marae

Additionally, Liz Carrick said that a number of our Year 13 students completed an assessment by creating a stall for Matariki at the Marae.

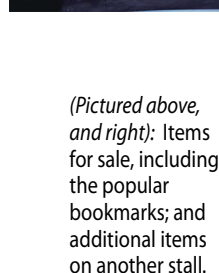
The students involved were TC Trusler-Clark, Gelaeya Hadfield and Jonathon Kilgour.

Whānau at the Marae were really impressed with the students' work, and



needless-to-say their stall was completely empty within an hour, with the bookmarks being particularly popular.

Liz said that over 800 people attended this community event.



(Pictured above, and right): Items for sale, including the popular bookmarks; and additional items on another stall.

Congratulations

Strong Outcome for Kalyam Chalmers at New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships

College Year 9 student Kalyam Chalmers continues to perform well on the athletics scene, with his latest outing being at the above championships, held at Saxton Fields Sports Complex, Nelson on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 June.

At this event, from a field of ninety four competitors, Kalyam finished the 3000m event in 17th place in a time of 10 minutes and 50 seconds which is a smart time over this distance in a Cross-Country event. The first place-getter finished in 10 minutes and 12 seconds.

Personal Best

Kalyam is reported as having an amazing race, setting a new Personal Best time on what was a very muddy and heavy track.

Relay Event

Held on the Sunday, Kalyam was the first runner for the Year 9 Aoraki A Relay Team.

(Pictured right): Kalyam looking satisfied with his efforts.

(Pictured below): The Aoraki Team, with Kalyam in the front row, second from the right.



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Congratulations

Ashburton College - Burnside High School Sports Exchange

As advised, in our previous newsletter, we now look at reports of the remaining sports played at the Burnside High School-Ashburton College Exchange, on Tuesday 14 June.

At the time of compiling this newsletter the second of three exchanges was scheduled, with Rangiora High School, which we will report on in next newsletters.

Reports

Last week we reported on the Boys' Under 15A Basketball game, and the three Netball team games.

This week we include the remaining reports.

E-sports

Two Ashburton College and two Burnside teams contested this sport, with a resulting 3-1 win to Burnside. College Coach Tom Kitchen said the games were a great effort from the teams.

Burnside High School did have more experienced players to call on, with one member of their team ranked in the best 0.1% of players in Oceania. This player regularly competes with people from the professional scene.

(Pictured right, left and right): Adam Goudie and Neiv Sol engrossed in co-ordinating an upcoming team fight.



Team members were: (pictured above, left and right):

A Team: Jade Jung (Captain), Matthew Wong, Jordan Green, Ron Naui. (Outside photo, but A Team member): Neiv Sol.

B Team: Conner Stewart (Captain), Conner Rogers, Lucas Wong, Adam Goudie, Ryan Heal.

Boys' 1st XI Hockey

This well-coached and committed team certainly put their stamp on the game against Burnside, gaining a real sense of satisfaction in it being the first time the College Boys' 1st XI Hockey team has beaten Burnside in a school exchange in 10+ years.

Goal scorers were Devon Flannery, Nicholas Stringer and Toby Grant (two goals each), and one goal each by Hamish O'Reilly and Will Rollinson.



Team members for this exchange were:

(Back row, left to right): Braden Luxton, Nick Kershaw, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Jack Ellis, Henry Wallis (Captain), Archie Glanville, Devon Flannery, Will Rollinson, Joshua Cannan.

(Front row, left to right): Toby Grant, Henry Thomas, Harrison Doak, Lachie Jemmett, Zane Cameron, Nicholas Stringer.

Ryan Hampton is the team's coach, although not able to be at Burnside; where the team had the support of Manager Jason Vannini. Players Riley Harris and Tom Rosevear were also not at this game.

Girls' 1st XI Football

A very exciting game, from Ashburton College's point of view, eventuated; motivated, we are sure, by customary coach Patrick Sandrey's challenging words in the Bus Bay before the team's departure.

As for many teaching staff, Patrick stayed at College to lessen teacher cover needed and to be available for the parent-teacher-student interviews which started early afternoon.

Support Staff Learning Support Assistant Cezanne Rodgers managed the team, with Year 13 students Sarah Mattson and Lusungu Mbambo proving very able player-coaches on the day.

The girls played as a strong team unit, dominating territory and play in the first half to build a solid lead and battling to keep it this way as Burnside made some inroads in the second half. Cezanne said that the co-coaches worked very well together, with a combined understanding of all aspects of change needed.

The 5-3 win to Ashburton College provided a very positive finale to the day.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Jubilant Team Members, post-match were: Hayley Smith, Darcy McCully, Katie Ashworth, Gracie Trotter, Sarah Mattson, Lusungu Mbambo, Micaela Gomez, Taylor King-Ryan, Melissa Mattson, Sifala Sagaga, Teagen Cameron.

(Front row, left to right): Jamila Jimenez, Maddie Stirling, Donna Dandini, JEJ Elliott, Gabby Tindall.

Girls' 1st XI Hockey

After winning against Burnside High School 1st XI Girls in the Secondary Schools' Competition the week before, the AshColl Girls were keen to back it up with another win.

This they achieved successfully with goals from Anna Gray (Penalty Corner) and Honor Bradford (Field Goal).

The coaches said that the team kept their structure for most of the game and, with space, kept the Burnside defenders scrambling with their breakaways. There were, for AshColl, a few attempts at goal which they were, though, unable to convert.

However, the Penalty Corner goal in the first half got the score underway and although Burnside got one back, AshColl was able to score again in the second half. Some determined defence in the last quarter stopped Burnside from being able to take any more chances and kept the game at 2-1 in AshColl's at the final whistle.



Team members: (pictured above, back row, left to right): Lily Davidson (didn't play-injured), Leah Doig, Caitlin Collie, Laura Walsh, Olivia Muir, Amy McLachlan, Rose Vannini, Alia Forrester, Jessie Pitney.

(Front row, left to right): Emma Lill, Laura Cameron, Anna Gray (Captain), Holly-Jayne Feutz, Honor Bradford, Sarah Wilson.

Team Coaches are Skip Muir and Jen Muir.

Squash Team

Three players represented College in the Squash exchange, up against proficient opposition which led to a 3-0 win to Burnside.

Regular senior players Devon Flannery and Lachie Jemmett were unavailable due to playing in the Boys' 1st XI Hockey exchange, and Riley Broker was unavailable. These players, with Millar Newlands, play as a College team when there are no other classes.

Millar said unavailability meant putting together a substitute team, with real appreciation to Year 9 students Harry Trott and Samantha Nieman who stepped into the breach.

(Pictured right, left to right):

Samantha Nieman, Harry Trott, Millar Newlands.

College was up against a well-drilled Burnside team who play weekly in the Christchurch Super Competition, of top teams in the area. The fixture was played to the best of three games, with Burnside achieving their win after two games.

However, there were positives. Harry Trott played well against Burnside's top player, winning one game, and Millar said that both Samantha and Harry did very well fronting up at their age and experience stage, with both looking 'pretty promising' players of the future.



Positive Outing for AshColl Golf Team

The Ashburton College Golf Team played Burnside at the Templeton Golf Club in what turned out to be a very competitive day. Coach/Manager Royden Leath said that all three AshColl players led at various parts of their rounds. This was positive as they were up against an extremely competitive and talented Burnside team, meaning the AshColl team was in for a battle.

The three AshColl players were competing against players with a significant handicap advantage, but they all overcame this on the day to take each match down to the wire. Royden said they showed glimpses of brilliance, a desire not to give in at any stage and that they should be proud of the overall performances on the day.

Results

Sebastian McMillan, lost 4 and 2; Mitchell Leath, lost 2 and 1; and Mitchell Lye finished all square.

(Pictured right): Sebastian McMillan in action.



(Pictured above, left to right): College players, interspersed with their Burnside counterparts, Sebastian McMillan, Mitchell Lye, Mitchell Leath.

Boys' Junior 1st XI Football

This was a tough outing for the AshColl junior boys, against an extremely well-drilled Burnside team which benefitted from their core of eight players who play weekly in a club team in the Christchurch schools' competition. With credit to the Burnside team, they were described as 'ready to unleash at every opportunity'.

However, College is in a building phase, with these players only looking to develop further with experience gained. They deserve recognition for hanging in on the field and keeping positivity.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Drew Gilbert, Pedro Masino, Korin Chambers, Sam Kennerley-Drye, Ben Edkins, Daniel McBain, Millar McGrath, Will Paterson.

(Middle row, left to right): Rico Hurst-Evangelista, Magnus Aragon, Kaizer Lambinico.

(Front row): Solomon Bagenda (Coach), Guy Ward.

Forthcoming Events

July 08	Final day of Term Two Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
	Basketball Junior A Girls', Pioneer School's Basketball, Christchurch
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Somerset - Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru
09-24	Term holiday break
09-10	South Island Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Race, Christchurch
10	NZ Secondary Schools' Shooting Championships (Triple S) Round 2, Home Range
10-16	Kiribati Language Week
11-12	Cycling Track Nationals, Cambridge
11-13	South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament, Christchurch
12	Basketball - Senior A Boys' and Girls', Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch