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Staff - Farewells **End-of-Year Good Wishes** As this is our final newsletter for 2023, we take this opportunity to wish During his time at College he has held the positions of Assistant Head readers, contributors, College whanau, students and staff all the very of Department; Teacher of Health; a Year Level Tutor - and then Dean as best for the end of the year and into the new year. those roles became; Teacher-in-Charge of Sport and Recreation; Sports For those holidaying, travelling, and/or being with family members over Co-ordinator; Operational Manager/Teacher Co-ordinator of Outdoor

Christmas - enjoy the time, travel safely and may any days spent recharging batteries be valuable. We recognise also that, for some, this is a difficult time of the year for many different reasons, and we acknowledge this. As a College, we look forward to bringing more news of our student successes, activities and information on the life and work of our school to

our community in 2024. Appreciation In this final newsletter for 2023, Ashburton College Management would very much like to acknowledge the ongoing partnership it enjoys

and values with The Ashburton Courier, as we publish our newsletter weekly for forty-plus weeks of the year, reaching across all homes in our community and beyond.

We appreciate continuing to place College information in front of our district and very supportive communities. In putting these productions together, the welcoming and positive working relationship, professionalism of the Courier staff, and skills and flexibility especially of Creative Manager Murray Thompson – is invaluable and greatly

Information **Ashburton College Office and Uniform Shop** Opening Hours Please note that the College Office will be re-opening

on Friday 19 January 2024. Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday;

and until 4:00pm on Friday. **Uniform Shop**

Will be open from Tuesday 23 January 2024, same hours as the office.

Ashburton College School Board Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee A Casual Vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an Elected Parent Representative. The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989,

to fill the Vacancy by Selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the College Roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a By-Election to fill the vacancy, then a By-Election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a By-Election should advise this, in writing, to: Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz;

or write Ashburton College School Board, P O Box 204, Ashburton 7740 On or by: Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Newsletter 1, 2024 Due to space and deadline constraints some articles will be held over until the first newsletter of 2024. Get Out There Day photos and reports; Year 13 Graduation Dinner; Science Events; New Zealand Secondary Schools' Track, Field and Road Nationals. Staff – Farewells

all they have collectively contributed. We especially acknowledge two long-serving staff who, between them, have contributed the remarkable total equivalent of sixty-four years to the life and work of Ashburton College. This is a huge total of institutional knowledge and experience. We thank each for their individual and collective input into the College.

At the end of any school year we acknowledge a number of leaving

staff, shorter-term and longer-term, with significant appreciation of

We are indebted to all they have given to students and their colleagues, and sincerely wish them all the best for a well-earned retirement, and all the opportunities that will bring. It is never possible to cover all that is involved in these years of service but, in this recognition, we acknowledge some key factors, with

sincere appreciation.

they are as people. Ron Carlson - 34 years Just under 34 years ago Ron Carlson began at Ashburton College as an **Assistant Teacher of Physical Education.**

We are the richer for having each of these people in our lives. They will

be missed for all they have contributed but, most importantly, for who

Congratulations capability, and to help and plan for students' learning support needs. A working knowledge across a range of student syndromes, multi-sensory support devices, and programme approach was valuable. As a part of the role Hannah was a part of the Learning Support Co-ordinator

We have appreciated her contributions to the staff and students at AshColl

and we wish Hannah all the best as motherhood takes priority over

Mandy Isaacs has been a teacher of Food and Nutrition over the past

three years, travelling to College and return as part of the commuter

group who live in Christchurch. Mandy's days will be made much easier

Mandy gained her teacher registration at College and has been described

as a dedicated teacher, who spends her morning tea and lunch breaks in her room, facilitating extra learning sessions and supporting students.

Some words from students were that 'Mrs Isaacs is a fun, encouraging

teacher; she is always prepared for cooking and goes out of her way for the

sake of her students' learning: I see true dedication to teaching: I am very

thankful that I could be taught by her; I have learned so much and it really

Alister has been at College for the past two years, as Head of Faculty

Arts. He has been recognised as a body of energy and passion of, and

College students and staff have benefitted from his knowledge, vast experience and enthusiasm in delivering and promoting 'The Arts'.

In relation to the College's new build, Alister was instrumental in designing

the new drama rooms from a 'black box' to an all 'bells and whistles'

performance area, which the Faculty will move into for the start of 2024.

Alister's experience and expertise from previous school and community

involvements was invaluable and we are sorry that he won't get to work in

Another feature of Alister's time at College was cohesively leading the Arts

Josh has been a valued member of the Mathematics Faculty for the

past two years. He is recognised as a quiet, respectful, and hard-

He is meticulous about lesson-planning and often makes lunchtimes

available to further help students who are wanting some additional tuition

A feature of his teaching is the work he puts into endeavouring to meet the

We are sorry to lose Josh, and wish him well in his new teaching position.

Although Jonah's time at Ashburton College has been relatively brief,

His friendly and caring nature means that he connects well with all students. This, combined with a willingness to give up his time to coach

various Volleyball groups, will lead to him being sorely missed by the

From starting at College, Jonah has developed into a valued member of

the Physical Education Faculty and has made significant contributions, in

Jonah's sense of humour and willingness to help his colleagues will also

be greatly missed. Jonah is wished all the best for the next chapter of his

Coming to College from Pukekohe High School, John has been in the

role of Head of Junior School for this year, and has been an effective

leader who has helped many of our students with well-being and

Ashburton College will miss his ability to support and work with different

groups of people and empower students and his team to reach their

potential. John is a genuine and caring person who has been quick to

acknowledge the support, to himself as well as to students, and expertise

In addition to his Head of School role, John taught Year 9 Digital Information

Technology and Year 11 Foundation Studies, which linked in with his

We are sorry to see John leave, but do wish him all the best in his new

Kate was a valued addition to our staff this year, in a part-time

role, teaching Year 10 Māori. Her skills, knowledge and passion have

been appreciated. Kate is wished well as she continues with her other

Each of these people have enabled College to be fully staffed

and run a full timetable, and we thank them very much for

giving of their expertise and time.

Ashburton College Board Deputy Presiding Member – Tony Gilbert

employment, and embarks on new ventures during 2024.

particular, to the development of our senior Health programme.

it has been impactful on many students over the past few years.

needs of a range of students across different areas of support.

this space next year. We appreciate the awesome legacy he has left.

Faculty into additional cross-curricular integration between subjects.

for, the Arts; and each of the subjects within the Faculty.

team within the Hakatere Kāhui Ako. Hannah also undertook, from Term Three 2021, a Fixed Term position through until January 2023.

Mandy Isaacs – 3 years

Alister Emerson – 2 years

Josh Johnson – 2 years

working teacher.

teaching career.

learning needs.

John Cook - 1 year

of the Junior School Pastoral members.

support of students and their learning.

teaching role in Melbourne, Australia.

Congratulations

Board, including

Presiding

Tony Gilbert spoke on behalf

Board

Member's acknowledgement of retiring Principal Ross Preece. Those words have been recorded in our newsletter at

the time of covering the Year 13

Additionally, Tony congratulated

students and prize-winners

saying that it was great to

see amazing efforts from

throughout the year being rewarded, and he wished them every success on their exciting

Graduation Ceremony.

the

reading

Kate White - 1 year

as Lead Teacher of the College's PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme which linked with our AshColl Way Values. This role continued

next year as she lives and teaches in Christchurch!

retired at the end of last year. The word is that Ron just couldn't stay away, but the reality is that he returned to teach the Year 13 Furniture Course, for which a teacher was required. Ron spent countless extra hours with the class ensuring projects were finished to his very high standards.

Ron Cresswell

their contributions, were -

This year Ron was also on the stage as Fagan in Oliver! showcasing his considerable performance skills. **Mary Buckland** Mary has been a regular returnee since 'retiring', expertly filling classes. This

year this equated to two Year 12 Maths classes.

After being a 'casual' relief teacher, from mid-July we were very grateful to have David agree to being an across-Faculty teacher in a part-time role, encompassing Art, Design, Digital Information Technology and Social Studies, and including Video Conferencing. Tori has been at College in the role of a Learning Support Assistant for the past six months, and has been valued in this role. We wish Tori all the best as she embarks on teacher training in 2024.

we can in the College Auditorium. Both events were held in the evening, with the Year 9 event starting at 5:30pm, and the Year 9 at 7:30pm. **Awards Criteria:** Criteria for the various awards is -The AshColl Way Award is awarded to students who have consistently followed the AshColl Way of Quality, Pride and Respect throughout the year.

champions or who have been selected for a national sports team or are a

which allowed us to accommodate more families audience-wise than

This prize-giving saw the inaugural presentation of Colours Awards, in recognition of the High Performance level of success the awards stand for. In 2024, this will be the presentation event for students gaining Colours Awards. Previously, and this year, they have been presented at our Blues

second to fifth in the particular subject.

member of a national cultural group.

for. In 2024, this will be

Head of Junior School John

Cook was MC for both events.

(Pictured right): Head of Junior

School John Cook, addressing

the audience.

Processional, National Anthem, Performance and Recessional were performed by talented and versatile musicians. MC for the Evening

This night was notable for Head Students Sarah Wilson and Henry Thomas, in signifying their final official duty in their roles, for Ashburton College.

Year 9 Prize-Giving Special Prize Awardees were: Mihi Pai Trophy Alyssa Meager

Education; Recreational Co-ordinator; Head of Sport; and, within his role, organiser of numerous Year 13 Leadership Camps, Swimming and Athletic Recognised in his early years at College as having talent and potential, Ron

was a popular and competent teacher, a valued colleague and an integral part of the Phys Ed Department. Ron's commitment to an active lifestyle and his personal fitness levels remain an example to us all to this day, and his preference for handson coaching was evidenced by many years spent coaching, travelling with, and being Teacher-in-Charge for basketball teams of all levels, and

supporting them to many successes, including at Nationals. He was Orange House 'sports master' as it was called back in the day, coached Touch, Softball and Cycling; the College's inter-school triathlon team and had involvement in the College's Junior Ski Trips.

On the academic side, Ron was involved in the writing of NZQA Bursary Modules and Marking Schedules; was a Regional Moderator for University Bursary Phys Ed exams; and prepared a number of health and well-being For many years he was a Faculty representative on numerous College

Committees and College staff representative on the Ashburton Community The Physical Education Faculty acknowledge they will miss his valuable experience and collegial approach, where his in-depth, broad knowledge of the curriculum has been an asset, with contributions to the development of our curriculum and department being significant. Ron's passion for fitness led him to develop the Year 13 Physical Education

Duathlon Programme, through which students not only learn about how to write an endurance programme but also about Exercise Physiology, Risk

Management and the numerous personal lessons that come with being pushed outside their comfort zones. Annie Lees - 28 years Annie Lees has taught at Ashburton College since 1996, thus committing 28 years to the life and work of our school.

Offering a friendly, positive and encouraging classroom environment Annie has taught across the subjects of Social Studies, Geography, Work Life Skills, Business Studies; and was Teacher-in-Charge of Geography from Innumerable students will well remember Geography Field Trips (Kaikoura and Mt Cook to mention two), travel to Social Studies Quiz events plus her involvement in Year 9 and 10 ski trips and swim teams' support.

Time was given on the NZQA New Zealand Marking Panel, to the College Peer Support and Restorative Practices programmes, and to the AFS

(American Field Scholarship) Inter-cultural programme. Behind the scenes,

Annie helped to organise Lip Sync, and prepared costumes for several of College's productions. For six years Annie was the Staff Representative to the Ashburton College Board of Trustees. Annie Lees has been a valued and integral part of the Social Science Faculty. As a passionate Geographer she has shared her expertise with countless

classes, entertaining them with great anecdotes of people, places and her own experiences. Annie has organised many NIE (Newspapers in Education) quiz teams and generously shared her resources and time with her colleagues. Her fantastic sense of humour and kind, caring nature will be missed by us all. Additionally we thank, with real appreciation a number of shorterterm staff for their range of inputs into our College, during their time with us, and wish them well for their variety of future endeavours. Sarah Bartlett – 13 years

Sarah started in the College Library in February 2011, as her first

job back in employment after having her daughter. Prior to being

a mother, she was a Social Sciences teacher at Macleans College in

Auckland for a number of years.

While working in the Library, Sarah's greatest skills were her ability to make the most amazing book displays seemingly out of nowhere, and her relationships with students. She was the cheery face students saw when they entered the Library, and everyone was treated to the same cheerful greeting Sarah was responsible for the change from the printed Library newsletter onto Hail as a digital copy, and was the champion of many digital tools in her liaison with staff. During Covid lockdown, she linked the Library to the staff who were using Hail. Interestingly, it was a result of the pandemic that she was able to move back into teaching by regaining her teaching registration during a fees-

free programme though the Ministry of Education. Library Manager Delia Achten said that the Library's loss was College's Social Sciences Faculty's gain. Over the past two years, Sarah has returned to the classroom, teaching Social Studies, where she has been valued for her creative ideas and collegial spirit. Sarah has built strong relationships with her classes, with students producing some fantastic work under her guidance. Sarah is wished all the best for her new teaching position in Christchurch. Kendra Maw – 13 years

Kendra started at Ashburton College at the beginning of Term Three,

2008, in a relief capacity. With time out for travel and parental leave,

Kendra has taught at College for fifteen years.

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> **Parental Leave Georgia Keenan** and **Kate Gilbert** Both Georgia and Kate were wished well as they uplift their parental leave entitlement and embark on their new stage in life. Another group of staff has supported our programmes and student learning during this year, plus two we acknowledge as they uplift their

parental leave. These people, who we are absolutely indebted to for

Formerly a long-serving staff member and Deputy Principal Ron, in fact,

Additionally, this year, Ron has retired from his Auditorium Manager role,

where he has given countless years, and hours over each year, up in the

sound and lighting box, and training student tech crews. Prior to the end

of this year, Ron facilitated a specific training workshop for the current tech

crew as a final preparation for ongoing work, but also to ensure succession

Firstly her tenure was as a teacher of Physical Education and Health. Kendra's

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an opportunity for staff, at our farewells, to acknowledge Kendra in person and thank her for her considerable contributions to the life and work of Ashburton College. Kendra continues to contribute to College as a relief teacher, from time-totime, which is a benefit to students and staff. Jono Hay - 8 years Jono came from Mt Hutt College to Ashburton College in January

other specialist subject was English and, by the start of Term Four 2008, she

was appointed to a permanent position encompassing Physical Education

and English, which morphed into English teaching for the bulk of her time

A full acknowledgement was placed in our 10 April 2023 newsletter, at the

time of receiving her resignation. However, the end of this year provided

2016 to the position of Head of Faculty Science, which he held until appointment as Acting Deputy Principal for six months in 2018. This was followed by appointment to the Deputy Principal position from August 2021, while Principal Ross Preece was on Sabbatical Leave.

Jono also, very effectively, held the role of Acting Principal from May to Jono's contributions and capabilities have been significant for the College.

A key portfolio for Jono has been that of staffing appointments and related matters. This is a 'constant' and critical role within any school and, often, very busy at the end of a school year or at the start of a year if appointments are An active, contributing member of the Senior Leadership Team has seen carefully in working logically through any matters of the time.

Jono in much 'behind-the-scenes' work on a range of matters. Process and procedure is important in, and a part of, Jono's work, and these are followed Jono has also been involved in areas encompassing, but wider than the College, including as a member of the Hakatere Kāhui Ako, and an Across-Schools' Assessment and Inquiry role; and a Board Member of ACADS Jono will be missed at College, for his teaching, leadership and managerial abilities and contributions, his rapport with staff and students - including

(Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service). football coaching - and for himself as a person. He has the ability to empower people in their roles, is interested in who staff are as people, and enjoys young people. These capabilities will stand him in good stead in his new position as Principal at Year 7-13 Golden Bay High School, where he starts in January

embarks on his ongoing career path. Ross Preece - 7 years As has been well-advised, Ross has been Ashburton College's Principal for the past seven years. A range of acknowledgements and appreciations have been accorded Ross, elsewhere in this newsletter and previously, particularly in Newsletter 37, following the Year 13 Graduation Ceremony. We, therefore, won't repeat those statements here but do sincerely wish

Our loss is Golden Bay High School's gain, and we wish Jono well as he

Ross well for the retirement options and opportunities which he is very much looking forward to, and thank him for his contributions to Ashburton College and its community.

We know that the forthcoming times will offer more flexibility for Ross and Paula to pursue interests. Natalie Hayes – 4 years Natalie has given four years of quality service as a Science teacher and then, additionally, as a Dean in last two years. Within the Science Faculty, Natalie is described as having been a rock within the Faculty. Her sound knowledge and experience in Science and Biology

added value to the Faculty over her years at College. Natalie was always willing to share resources and support beginning teachers in their learning of NCEA Biology, and had a way with students that allowed them to be successful as individual learners and be enthusiastic Natalie was described as an amazing Homo Sapien (Biology play there!), who will be greatly missed by her Faculty and across the wider school.

In her role as a Dean, Natalie is described as a Dean who students respected and enjoyed working with. Her kind but firm approach allowed her to work successfully with a wide range of students and get the best out of them. Joining the Dean team late in 2022, due to her current previous experience she jumped straight in as an effective operator. In 2023 she managed the Year 12 cohort extremely well and has always undertaken her job to the highest level. Natalie will be greatly missed by the pastoral team and the students.

Natalie is wished well from us all as she takes up a new teaching position.

Hannah started at College in January 2021, in the role of Learning

Support Co-ordinator. Hannah's previous background as a Wellbeing

Hannah White - 4 years

Leading Teacher in Australia and working within a programme for Students with Disability saw her well-suited to evaluating varying needs of and for students. empathetic and genuine personality, evaluation and Hannah's communication skills were appreciated by staff whom she liaised with, and Hannah worked collaboratively and effectively as part of the College's Learning Support team, supporting teachers to build learning support

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Year 9 Prize-Giving Musical Performances Madeleine Howden sang 'Far Too

was led by Holly Burrowes and

(Pictured below): Madeleine Howden

Stage Party left the Auditorium.

Stage Party left the stage.

Late' by Andrew Lloyd Webber, as the

Stage Party entered the Event Centre

Auditorium and processed on to the

stage; while the National Anthem

Amelia Cosgrove.

Holly Burrowes and

National Anthem.

(Pictured right, left and right):

Amelia Cosgrove leading the

singing for the Processional.

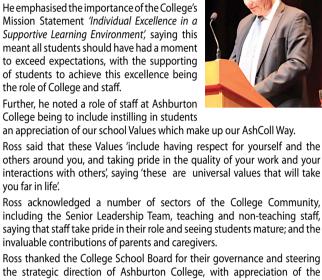
(Pictured right): Chloe Graham

Following the presentation of the Achievement Awards, Chloe Graham

sang 'Out Here On My Own' by Michael and Lesley Gore. Callum Tait, on

piano, played 'Settle Down' by Gordon Goodwin for the Recessional as the

(Pictured below): Callum Tait playing 'Settle Down' for the Recessional, as the



about to cross the stage to receive an

award, saying they could feel justly proud

of their achievements this year.

leadership of Presiding Member Jen Muir and Deputy Presiding Member Noting the Year 10 Prize-giving as being his final prize-giving assembly, Ross gave his final thanks to the students, saying they have all faced significant challenges over the past three years. By being acknowledged at this evening he said they could feel justifiably proud of their efforts in overcoming these challenges. In conclusion, Ross extolled students to 'Kia kaha and be excited about your future, I know I am about mine!'

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Ashburton High School Centennial Trust Top Scholar of Year 9 **Callum Tait**

Again, at this prize-giving, the audience was privy to quality musical

renditions, showcasing the talent and versatility amongst our junior

Maddison Davidson, guitar and vocal, performed her original composition

'Perfect' for the Processional, as the Stage Party entered the Event Centre

Auditorium and moved on to the stage; while the National Anthem was led



genuine approach to people. In conclusion, Tony thanked Ross for everything he has done for Ashburton College and the Mid Canterbury community. Year 9 Speaker – Head Student, Sarah Wilson Sarah opened by saying it was a privelege to be at the prizegiving and to be presenting her final speech to the year group just completing their first year of secondary school. She congratulated all those receiving awards and having their 2023 successes celebrated and recognised. Looking back to Year 9, Sarah said she would never have thought of being a Head Student

something 'you are passionate about, whether it be a subject, sport, hobby or cultural activity'. For her, she said, hockey and cricket are her passions, and were two outlets

Congratulations Year 10 Speaker – Head Student, Henry Thomas Henry congratulated all

there it was a long summer ahead on crutches and his foot in a cast. He therefore concluded that, technically, this was his first Year 10 prizegiving, as well as for this year's Year 10 students! As with Sarah Wilson, Head Student, who spoke at the Year Prize-giving,

being the youngest child'.

Henry then continued with -

His first piece of advice was:

Advice

at morning tea,

enjoying the last day of the

vear. Unfortunately for him he

broke his ankle, had to then

get wheelchaired to the office,

and sent to hospital. From

Lucy Boldy and Lulu Kilworth

Top Student in Design and Visual Communication Excellence in Visual Art General Excellence in 10P AshColl Way Award **Congratulations**

(Pictured right):

Josh Gilbert powers a

forehand on his way

to reaching the final

and taking out the

Year 9 Boys' Singles

Champion title.

Awards gained by Lucy were:

· Receiving the most Mihi Pai

that allowed her to have a laugh with her mates, keep fit, learn new skills and give her time away from Head Student responsibilties. Smashing a hockey ball around on a cold winter's night was recommended as a great Looking ahead, Sarah reminded students that it is up to them how they would like to spend the rest of their high school experience, saying that Sarah's concluding words were -'I can tell you that partaking in House spirit, school sports and cultural events, will make some of your best AshColl memories'.

Year 9 and Year 10 Prize-Givings These were held consecutively on Monday 11 December and, for the first time for these year levels, held in the Ashburton Event Centre,

the presentation event for students gaining Colours Awards. Previously, and this year, they have been presented at our Blues Assemblies. **Musical Performances** At both prize-givings the

This prize-giving saw the inaugural presentation of Colours Awards, in

recognition of the High Performance level of success the awards stand

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> Awards in Year 9 award General Excellence in 9L



AshColl Way Award Rakiura Trophy for the Top Overall Year 9 Māori Student **Ruby Bartlett**

Additional Awards gained by

Top Student in Social Studies

Ruby were:

Girls' Grade 3 Swimming Champion (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) - joint

Being a member of the Smallbore Rifle Shooting Team as the team that

brings the most credit to Ashburton College (Bevan Bain Trophy)





Technology Product Design Wood Embassy Prize) Top Student in Agriculture -**Excellence in Social Studies** joint award General Excellence in 10M General Excellence in 10N -AshColl Way Award ioint award AshColl Way Award

Awards gained by Aryan were -Awards gained by Kate were -Student in English (Lonsdale Cup) Trophy) Top Student in Social Studies (Peter Fougère Cup) (McLean Cup) Student in Materials Top Student in Mechatronics

Awards gained by Callum were:

Excellence in Science

Excellence in Japanese

General Excellence in 9Y

Year 10 Prize-Giving

by Chloe Graham and Alex Carr.

Maddison Davidson performing

her original composition

Musical Performances

(Pictured right):

'Perfect').

AshColl Way Award

Excellence in Social Studies

Top Student in Music - joint award

Top Student in Drama - joint award

Top Student in German (German Embassy Prize) Excellence in Materials Technology - Product Design



of a school of over 1200 students. When announced to this role she acknowledged while obviously feeling very excited, she was also nervous, questioning her ability and worthiness to take on this role. However, being fortunate to have been surrounded by great friends, family, teachers, the Student Executive and Head Student team, who supported her time in this role made the year an enjoyable, rewarding experience for her final year of high school. **Advice** Sarah's advice to students, for the years ahead, was to surround themselves with people who will support and help 'bring out the best in you'. She said that being in the type of environment where students can bounce off each other with support and friendships will help make their school journey, and life, a 'more fun and rewarding experience'. Additionally, Sarah advised that it is also important to 'believe in yourself' saying, at the end of day 'it's your life and you owe it to yourself to work hard and pursue your dreams'. She also added that it is important to find

those years only come once and shouldn't be taken for granted. Sarah recommended students not to take anything for granted, and encouraged all to show up, take on challenges and get involved in what AshColl has to offer'.

students for 'making it past' their first two years of College, noting 2023 had been a great year, and that all were at the evening to celebrate student successes throughout the year. Henry noted that, on his final day of school as a Year 10 student, he was playing

Henry said when was in Year 10, if someone had said to him that he would a

Henry said that the biggest piece of advice he can give is to get involved in

many aspects, as every little thing can help with achieving a good leadership role in Year 13. He also advised students 'that being in a good role in your

Henry reminded Year 10 students that, next year, they won't be the youngest or the oldest at school, but more so like the middle child, 'where you won't get the blame for everything like the oldest, nor will you get the benefits of

• to work hard – saying, students didn't necessarily need to set the world

leader in his Year 13 year, he would have thought they were joking.

senior years will be more enjoyable and fun for you'.

on fire with top grades, or be in the top team, but the most important thing was to give everything a go, try their best, and - who knows what might happen. The second piece of advice was: • to balance everything – saying, senior school can be tricky at times but that, sometimes, it is important to take a break every now and again, and enjoy your time at school. The final piece of advice was: • don't be afraid of change - saying, going into NCEA can be scary for some, but he emphasised 'don't stress, because AshColl provides so much Final Official Event as Head Student Henry said that the last five years have been a blast, and had gone by extremely quickly. He hoped for students that, at the end of their time at College, that they would look back on the years with pleasure, as he is. In conclusion, Henry wished students all the best for their journey at AshColl. **Year 10 Prize-Giving Special Prize Awardees were:** Mihi Pai Trophy

Receiving the most Mihi Pai Awards in Year 10 - joint award Awards in Year 10 - joint award Excellence in Physical Education and Health • Excellence in Dance · AshColl Way Award

Kahu was also awarded:

· Top Student in Māori

AshColl Way Award

Top

Top

she was delighted with.

across the match.

throughout the match.

arrived.

Awards gained by Lulu were:

(Edsall Cup) Excellence in German Excellence in Digital Information Technology General Excellence in 91 AshColl Way Award

Colours Awards Recipients

Riley Breen (Tennis), Josh Gilbert (Tennis),

Finleigh Glanville (Trampoline).



Kahu was unavailable on the evening of the prize-giving, but is pictured above beside a photo of the trophies and certificates she gained. The Galletly Award is for a Year 9 or Year 10 student showing the attributes of Leadership, Initiative and Innovation, and reflecting the College Values of Pride-Manawa Whakahi; Quality-Ako Pai and Respect-Whakaute in their **Year 10 Colours Award Recipient** Chloe Graham (Dance)

> Chess (Junior Chess Champion Top Student in Mathematics Top Student in German (German **Excellence in Money Management**

(Pictured below, left and right): Alex Carr and Chloe Graham leading the audience in the national anthem.



(Pictured left):

Molly Harrison

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performing 'Always'.

Championships AshColl's Trophy cabinet recently became more full after a successful two days of tennis in Christchurch, on 21-22 November. Teacher-in-charge of tennis Michael Clark tells us that, as part of Junior Sports Week held throughout the Aoraki and Waitaha Canterbury regions. Ashburton College had eight tennis players compete in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Tennis Championships at Wilding Park, in Christchurch.

Excellent Results at the Canterbury

Secondary Schools' Junior Tennis

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Appreciation - Ashburton Event Centre

Ashburton College thanks all at the Event Centre for their willing co-

Thank you Roger, Gudrun, Micah and all ushers for working so collaboratively

College's Junior Tennis Championship representatives (pictured above,

back row, left to right): Lulu Kilworth, Amelia Mitchell, Ashton Cromie and

(Front row, left to right): Erika Meade, Hazel Montgomery, Tom Ellis,

The tournament was divided into year levels with College students

entries being four students in each of the Year 9 and the Year 10 draws,

each of which was further separated into a girls' draw and a boys' draw.

Representing Ashburton College in the Year 9 Girls' draw were

Semi-finalist: Hazel fought her way through to the final where her

Doubles Draw: Erika and Hazel teamed up in the doubles draw where they

opponent took the title.

AshColl's Year 10 representatives were Lulu Kilworth and

Erika played well to place in the girls' singles top 8.

the eventual winners from Burnside High School.

recorded a win, before going down in the second round to

Amelia Mitchell

Riley Breen.

Top 8:

AshColl Girls' Teams and Results

Erika Meade and Hazel Montgomery.

Girls' Year 9 Competition

Girls' Year 10 Competition

operation and support of College's five prize-givings at their venue.





Year 9 Boys' Singles title trophy. **Boys' Year 10 Competition** On the Year 10 side of the draw, Ashton Cromie and Tom Ellis flew the flag for AshColl. **Singles Quarter-finals** Tom Ellis. Singles Finals: Runner-up Ashton Cromie came up just short in the finals play-off, to place a very commendable second. **Doubles: Semi-finals runners-up** Tom and Ashton paired up for the doubles, to play well for their final placing. Michael said that this tournament is a showcase for young Canterbury talent. College thanks Tennis Canterbury, and Nic Jenkins and his team for their smooth running of the tournament, and also acknowledges,

to complete a strong match. with her score showing great technique and mental patience in her shot **Gold Medal for Former Student Shania Harrison-Lee** For former Ashburton College student Shania Harrison-Lee, it was also with appreciation, local coach Jack Tiller for his ongoing mahi with our Target Shooter Charlotte McKenzie above):

Additional awards gained by Eliza were:

Top Student in English (Hill Cup)

Clayton Cup for Girls Cycling unior Shooting Champion (ATC Trophy)

Excellence in Social Studies

Excellence in Visual Art

General Excellence in 9V



Kate Rickard and Aryan Saluja



(Pictured above): Charlotte mid-way through the competition. Charlotte opened with two great shots to settle into the 60 shot match well, finishing with 600.07, as a result of a great final string (a 10-shot sequence) Charlotte placed 13th in the Open match (which includes men, women and para-athletes) and 5th placed out of the New Zealand Women, results she was very happy with, in her first international competition. Coach Bryan Hunter was very proud to see her adapt to the changed conditions,

Head of Outdoor Education Luke Martin said that, overall, the Year 10 students have really grown and developed their outdoor skills over the year. This especially showed through in these last trips when seeing how prepared and organised they were, and noting their willingness to help each The first trip this term was the hike up Little Mt Peel which had had to be postponed earlier in the year. Students knew what to expect after hearing from other students who had already undertaken this trip. Therefore, there were no surprises for them when they started having to walk uphill and knowing that it was going to

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For AshColl's Year 9 boys, Riley Breen and Joshua Gilbert, the two-day tournament proved to be a happy hunting ground. **Doubles title** Riley Breen and Josh Gilbert paired up to take out this title. Singles title Josh Gilbert added to his trophy haul by taking out the singles title. Third placing Riley Breen.

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Year 10 Term Four Outdoor Education

students with six trins taking place to finish off what has he

Term Four has been a busy time for our Year 10 Outdoor Education

(From left): Max Clark, Hamish Ramsay, Mikaere Timblick, Alex Wilson, Joshua Cannan, Omar Diab, Paige Homer, Alex Urquhart, Zoe Nicholls, Liam Elliott, Layla Ward, Savena Fagalima, Ruby Patterson, Sylvie Thompson-Luke said that the next three separate group trips introduced the craft Students undertook a variety of activities - from water collection, fire building, to shelter building - in which they slept overnight. After learning about the skills in class, they got to put their knowledge to the test. Fortunately, the weather 'played ball' and all three groups were fortunate in



(Pictured above, left and right): Amelia Mitchell and Lulu Kilworth, Year 10 Girls' Consolation title winners **AshColl Boys' Teams and Results Boys' Year 9 Competition**

(Pictured above): The group at the top of Little Mt Peel. of bush survival and an overnight camp at Peel Forest. (Pictured left): Zoe Nicholls

River Trail to Hakatere, and camp overnight.

and Layla Ward

showing off

their shelter

building skills.

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Next Three Trips

Bike Trail and Overnight Camp To finish the year, the last two trips saw students bike the Ashburton

After several weeks of biking the Ashburton Mountain Bike track to hone their skills and fitness, the bike trip to Hakatere was a 35km bike ride, while taking in the river views along the way. On arrival at Hakatere, it was a time for camp set-up and a little explore around to check out the area. Luke said that with this influx of activity, the locals love to come have a chat and see what is going on. He said that, this year, they were a true hit and even made the local Hakatere newsletter. After dinner it was bonfire time on the beach, and a chance to cook some marshmallows and reminisce about the year and all the memories they

(Pictured above): The group at Hakatere (left to right): Maddie Stirling, Zoe Nicholls, Layla Ward, Paige Homer, Neil Thakar, Maddy Thomson, Quinn McDowell, Bella Dawson, Jack Strawbridge, Ruby Patterson, Mr Martin, Savena Fagalima, Riley Trotter, Harry Hayman, Dante Tait, Ian Eason and Luke advises this was the photo used for the Hakatere newsletter.

a great match. Shania shot very well to claim the Individual Gold Medal and, as she qualified whilst still a Junior, she was able to compete in the Junior category where she also took out the Oceania Record. This was an impressive week for her too.

(Pictured left, on the right side, left and right): Riley Breen and Josh Gilbert with their Year 9 Boys' Doubles title

trophy.

Students of the Week Final Awards From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have the Year 9 and Year 10 Student of the Week Awardees, from Week 9 of this term. In Term Four we focused on all three Values of Quality, Pride and Respect. The Week 9 students have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Being Engaged/Participating'. The Recipients for Week 9, Term Four were:

Year 10

Rifle

Team

had made.

(Pictured left): bonfire.

Students cooking their marshmallows, a staple requirement when there is a

Programme

New Zealand team to contest the above championships. The Oceania Championships are part of the ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation) calendar, with the championships taking place every second year. The qualifying window begins more than a year out from the event, in order that athletes can complete designated matches and achieve ISSF ranking list scores. The event involves many of the ISSF disciplines, with Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun all competing and, amongst competitors, were Olympic athletes earning 2024 Olympic Games qualifying quotas. New Zealand has hosted this event in the past but the loss of some facilities in the last decade has seen Australian centres completing hosting rights more consistently. It was great for Charlotte to meet some of the New Zealand Pistol and Shotgun team members across the week of the event, although, with

Oceania Continental Championships for

designated practise times often being run simultaneously with their matches, it wasn't possible to see much of their competitions. After successfully passing the gear and equipment test on arrival at the Brisbane International Shooting Centre, Charlotte was straight into practise on the match range. With 60 firing points, it was certainly much larger than

including a Personal Best in the PET (Pre Event Training - which is the

mandatory official practise match the day before the actual match) which

provides very exciting viewing for spectators.

Year 13 student Charlotte McKenzie travelled to Australia for this competition being held from 30 October-05 November as part of the New Zealand Shooting Federation (Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun) selected

her home range and, naturally, presented very different conditions. The Brisbane Shooting Centre hosted the recent Commonwealth Games and will also host the 2032 Olympics. This is a state of the art facility, and

fully electronic, which makes for a great experience for athletes and it As expected, the weather was quite hot, and also humid. The reputation of very difficult wind conditions at Brisbane is well-known but Charlotte adapted quickly to the prevailing wind and had good training sessions,

New Zealand Charlotte McKenzie (front row, second from the left) and former College student Shania Harrison-Lee (second from the right).

Mahah Rehan

To gain the award, students must be nominated by at least nine of their teachers (at Year 9 level) and at least five of their teachers (at Year 10 level). **Excellence in Subject Awards** are made to students who were placed from presenting her performance of General Excellence is awarded to the top student in each Core class based 'Out Here On My Own'. on results in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Principal's Address to both Prize-givings Colours Awards are presented to students who are either national Ross Preece congratulated all who were