



Message From The Principal

New Build Major Foci

The holidays have seen a major focus on earthworks, preparing for next stages towards our new build. Our front entrance and visitor drop-off and parking has seen plenty of action over the break. The view out of our Administration Block windows has featured a constant parade of 'bigger, bigger diggers'.

The end goal of this work was to have our front entrance and visitor parking sealed and completed before the new term started and, of course, before the onset of winter. Due to weather impacts there is a slight delay and this completion is now due at the end of this week.

The new curbing and channelling links into the upgraded drainage system so, hopefully, this will ensure that pedestrian access is a dry-shoe entry!

The other earthworks have involved the creation of service trenches throughout the campus to enable the underground heating system to be run to the new and remaining blocks. An amount of this work has been carried out during the holiday break, with work continuing through the term but with as little disruption as is practical when students are on site.

Our Gym new changing area and services block are progressing nicely.

I have been impressed with the traffic management and the general tidiness of the build site. The contractors are certainly working to do their best to minimise disruption to teaching and learning.

Technology Faculty

Our Technology Department has just purchased a new plasma cutter. Whilst this piece of equipment certainly wasn't cheap, it does continue our Ashburton College tradition of having our students being well-prepared for the workplace.

ANZAC Day Head Student Addresses

Once again, our Head Students did us and themselves proud with their ANZAC Day addresses, at the 11:00am Cenotaph Service. I am unsure as to how many years our students have spoken at this event, but it has become a long-standing invitation from RSA Ashburton. The quality and thought that goes into their presentations never fail to impress.

It is always heartening to pass on, to them, the positive feedback from our community.

Term Two

This term will be very busy as our senior students continue with their internal assessments. There are two key dates for families.

These are the Parent/Teacher/Student subject interviews to be held on 18 and 23 May. If you wish to discuss your child's progress in any area, then please book a time. Once again there will be online bookings available and the interviews will be at the Hotel Ashburton from 2:30pm-8:00pm.

Sadly, the industrial action between the PPTA and the Government may continue to cause disruption. There is another strike day proposed, at this stage, for 09 May and there are also plans for year levels to be rostered home on various dates, amidst other actions pending in the event of non-settlement of the Collective Agreement.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter. This is not an issue that Ashburton College can control.



Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaki

Information

Opportunity for College Students –

Sign Up Early

RECYCLE A DEVICE (RAD) CLUB



RAD club is offered in partnership with Ashburton Public Library and Recycle a Device. It is open to all Ashburton College students from Term 2. Learn how to fix donated laptops, help reduce e-waste and contribute to helping others. Limited spaces, sign up now by heading to the RAD event on this page:
<https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/digital>



The RAD Club will operate at College, Wednesday lunchtimes, from Wednesday 10 May, with a full-day training on Friday 05 May, in Room C17.

This is available to students from all year groups, but note there are limited spaces.

Events

Poipoia te Pitomata (Harnessing Potential)

During the second to last week of Term One the College's Year 11 Foundation Studies class had the privilege of spending three days at Hakatere Marae on a course run by Hato Hano St John.

Head of Department Foundation Studies Liz Carrick said that the course covered leadership and self-management skills for two days and, on the third day, the students spent eight hours learning and practising their Level 1 First Aid Certificate, followed by an exam at the end.

All students who attended that day received the First Aid Certificate and four NCEA Level 1 credits.

Liz said that this was an incredible experience for our young people and for many it was their first visit to Hakatere Marae. This also meant that a lot was learnt about tikanga (Māori customary practices) on the Marae.

The Foundation Class teachers Sean Hewett, Stacey Monk, Jason Vaninni, Amy Dean and Liz Carrick accompanied the students at different times, while Learning Support Assistant Nicki Wilding was there for the whole time, supporting both teachers and students. Liz said that she was a huge asset to this Kaupapa, plus ensuring all were fed and looked after.

The staff said they could not have been more proud of our College young ākonga, in the way they behaved in this environment and, of course, for passing their First Aid Certificates.



(Pictured left): Riley Butler wrapping teacher Sean Hewett up, in the First Aid Competition.

(Pictured below): Student Chloe Lovett also administering to teacher Sean Hewett.

Special thanks goes to the tutors - Moengaroa, our lead facilitator; Jo and Shayne, our First Aid trainers; Sophie, who attended on the last day; and Michelle, who was our liaison for the Marae and Hato Hone.

Acknowledgement

This course was funded by The Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust, with Director Trevor Crox attending on the Thursday to present the awards. All students who completed the full course also received a full First Aid pack.

Michael Rushton, Chair of the Hato Hone St John Mid Canterbury Committee, who applied for the funding, attended at both the beginning and the conclusion of the course.

Congratulations went to the Foundation Class students for awesome mahi.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Makai Heke, Riley Butler, Aiden Lapham, Michelle Brett, Sam Keeley, Peni Taufa, James Andrew, Arjay Tulaga, Hunter Boulton, Rhys Scammell, Chloe Earnshaw, Brilee Hurst, Jenna Halkett, Tony Lemberg, Blake Johnson, Trevor Croy, Liz Carrick, Michael Rushton.

(Front row, left to right): Nicki Wilding, Moengaroa, Leighton Watson, Bradley Olin, Sean Hewett, Brodie Legg, Della Williams, Chloe Lovett, Bella Robertson, Austin Soal, Clayton Heney.

'Kiwiiana' Cross-Curricular Learning Activities for Year 9I Class

Cross curricular learning involves taking a concept and working across different subjects to provide opportunities for authentic learning and experiences. It allows students to view their learning as a whole.

9I's 'Big Afternoon Out', early March, covered the theme of identity, looking specifically at what it means to live in New Zealand and what our collective 'Kiwi identity' is. Teacher Greta Hampton said that it was a way to bring the class together, and to give them the opportunity to work collaboratively.

This was organised by Greta and Cheyenne Parris, supported by other teachers of 9I including Ron Carlson, Jonah Drye and Ellie Hammond.

The afternoon was spent completing various activities including a quiz on all things 'Kiwi', a traditional Kiwi lunch of fish and chips, and fun games in the Ashburton Domain such as the sack and three legged races.



(Pictured left, clockwise from front left): Isabelle Morton, Ruby Bartlett, Nico Thompson and Jamie Orr working on the Kiwi Quiz.



(Pictured above, front row, left to right): Ready for the start of the quintessential Sack Race: Zeke Darrell, Kowhai Rimene Bird, Rory Molloy and Jamie Orr.

Congratulations

Summer Tournament Week

The annual Secondary Schools' Summer Tournament Week involved a number of College teams, from 26 March to 02 April 2023, when a number of Carnival and Cup events took place around Aotearoa.

Events being competed at were the AON New Zealand Secondary Schools' Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta; Aoraki Secondary Schools' Golf Championships; New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships; and the South Island Secondary Schools' Girls' Softball (Division 2); Mountainbike Championships; Athletics Championships.

We look at some of these results in this newsletter:

Aoraki Secondary Schools' Golf Championships – Second Placing Gained

This event was held at the Pleasant Point Golf Course on Monday 27 March, with College having three teams competing within a group of eight teams. Aside from Ashburton College, competing teams were Roncalli College, Timaru Boys' High School, St Kevin's College (two teams), and Timaru Boys' High School.

Teams' members were:

Team 1: Seb McMillan, Mitchell Leath, Ollie Bubb, Mitchell Lye.
Team 2: Lachie Jemmett, Oliver Hobbs, Fletcher Hobbs, Olly Prince.
Team 3: Jack Middleton, Sam Orr, James Reid.

Coach/Manager Teaching staff member Liz Cabout.

Results from the day were:

Team 1 – Second Placing

The best three scores of the four players totalled to 251 points, placing them narrowly in 2nd place behind Timaru Boys' High School who scored 248 points.

Team 2 finished with 265 points and **Team 3** on 309 points.

Best Gross Score for Ashburton College was **Seb McMillan**, with a score of 78, which was the third best Boys' Gross Score of the day.



(Pictured above): Seb McMillan watching his shot.

Best Net Score for Ashburton College was 71. This was gained by three players – **Lachie Jemmett**, **Jack Middleton** and **Sam Orr**; followed closely by Olly Prince - Net 72, Fletcher Hobbs - Net 73 and Oliver Hobbs - Net 74.

Liz Cabout said that all players represented Ashburton College well.



(Pictured above, left and right): Fletcher Hobbs and Lachie Jemmett in action, looking to sink the ball into the hole.



Congratulations

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships 2023

Ashburton College proudly represented in the Mixed Championship at the New Zealand National Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships, held at Wilding Park, Christchurch, from 27-30 March.

Teacher-in-Charge of Tennis Michael Clark said, as expected, the level of competition at such a championship sees the 'best of the best' come out to play and the 2023 Nationals was no exception.

There is a pre-entry pre-requisite for this competition as can be seen outlined below, with College players acquitting themselves well, at this high-level of competition, and Josh Gilbert having particular success.



(Pictured above, left to right): Team members Holly-Jayne Feutz, Ollie Bubb, Jake Parsons, Josh Gilbert, Libby Feutz.

College's first head-to-head in the Round Robin Competition

This was with Scot's College of Wellington, which saw Ashburton College go down 1-5.

Victory and a Tight Loss

However, Ashburton's **Josh Gilbert** started the tournament as he meant to finish, with a victory over his opponent. Despite a tough and tight-fought match, **Jake Parsons** came up short against his opponent (3-6, 4-6).

In the other matches, tournament second seeds Scot's College were convincing in their mixed doubles ties against AshColl, as well as their individual matches against our girls.

(Pictured right): Josh Gilbert faces off against his Scot's College opposition, Joe Bryant.



Josh won the head-to-head, 7-6, 6-1.

(Pictured below): Jake Parsons in his singles tie against Jonty Giesen of Scot's College.



AshColl's next tie – almost as close as it could get

This was with St Andrew's College, Christchurch, with the singles matches played the same day as the full tie against Scot's College, while the doubles ties were played the following morning.

Josh Gilbert took out his singles match with a 6-2, 6-0 win; while **Libby Feutz** fought hard but came up short with a 3-6, 0-6 loss.

Other singles results were more fruitful for AshColl with **Jake Parsons** and **Holly-Jayne Feutz** proving to be victorious, which left the doubles ties to determine an overall winner.

The doubles matches were held the following morning, where the weather necessitated the tennis being moved indoors. While **Josh Gilbert** and **Libby Feutz** came unstuck against their opposition in straight sets; **Jake Parsons** and **Holly-Jayne Feutz** took it to the wire in their doubles tie, narrowly going down 4-6, 5-7 (tie break) leaving STAC with a win **50 games to 48 on a countback**.

Day 2

Day 2 saw AshColl face up against Auckland's Maclean's College, and inclement weather had games moved inside again, and sets reduced to 4.

In his singles tie, **Jake Parsons**, ranked number 3 in New Zealand for his age, came up against the nationally ranked number 2 who took the match on a super tie 4-2, 2-4 (10-1).

Josh Gilbert proved dominant over his opponent and **took out his match in straight sets 4-0, 4-0**.

The girls came up against it and while **Holly-Jayne** won her first set, her higher ranked opponent took out the match in a super tie. The final result saw Macleans take this match out 5-1.

The final day of play

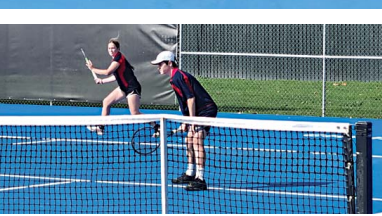
On Thursday, AshColl met the eventual Mixed Championship Winners, King's College, of Auckland.

While the rain held off, the blistering cold wind made a mockery of Summer Tournament Week!

Ashburton's **Josh Gilbert** proved his mettle again and fought a tough battle to **take out his singles tie 7-5, 7-5**. Unsurprisingly, and given their national rankings, King's College put on an impressive display in their other games and came out convincing winners 5-1.



(Pictured left): Holly-Jayne Feutz in her singles match against Renee Zhang of King's College.



(Pictured below left): Libby Feutz and Josh Gilbert in their mixed doubles tie against their King's College opponents on the final day of the tournament. King's College took out the title for the Mixed Championship.

Entry to this Championship is determined by individual 5-band rankings of players, and AshColl deservedly took its place alongside its opponents. Michael said that some tough-fought matches, against quality opposition, tested our players but their efforts will work well to help their individual games.

The team is looking forward to 2024.

Oli Nicholls Gained Under 20 South Island Champion Title at the 2023 Skoda South Island Secondary Schools' Mountainbike Championships

These Championships were held at Coronet Skifield, Queenstown from Friday 31 March to Sunday 02 April, with Keagan Nel and Oli Nicholls representing Ashburton College. Oli's father Anton was Team Mechanic/Manager.

Both riders competed in the Under 20 Boys' category, with Oli racing in the Cross Country, Downhill and Enduro events, while Keagan competed in the Cross Country.

The weekend featured three events: Cross Country, Downhill and Enduro, with 365 students from sixty seven schools entering the competition. Oli's mother, Tabitha Armour, reports that the weather played havoc with the programme over the weekend, with all events postponed by a day because a cold snap covered the skifield in snow, and reduced practice time while the snow was cleared off the tracks by hand!

Cross Country

First up on Friday was the Cross Country, which saw 188 riders complete laps of a 3.5km circuit that featured some steep climbs. The Under 20 Grade raced 14.2km with a total of 964 metres of climbing, a hard task for anyone living in the middle of the Canterbury Plains!

Oli placed 6th and Keagan 12th in a competitive field that contained the current Schools' National Champion.



(Pictured left): Keagan Nel competing in the Cross Country.

Downhill

Due to rain forecast for the following day, part of the Downhill event was rescheduled for Friday afternoon.

The top of the downhill was accessed by the chairlift and included lots of bermed corners and rocky sections, which had begun to dry out with a day of sunshine.

The 230 downhill competitors had to complete two practice runs and then do a timed qualification run (seeding) to determine the start order for the following day's race.

Oli qualified in first position in the Under 20's, but slipped into second place after his race run, the following day.



(Pictured right): Oli Nicholls' Downhill action.

Enduro

Sunday was Enduro day. This involved timed downhill stages on four trails on the mountain, with the winner being the rider with the quickest combined time over the four courses.

Showers on and off again in the morning meant the track conditions were constantly changing for the 212 competitors.

Oli successfully rode into 1st place in the Under 20's after winning two stages and posting good times for the other two.



(Pictured left): Oli in the Enduro event.

Results and Overall South Island Champion Title for Oli Nicholls

Oli's podium finishes in the Downhill and Enduro combined with a good Cross Country result saw him win the Under 20 Overall South Island Champion title.

Results Summary

As can be seen from the results summary; both riders, aged sixteen, competed very well against strong and older opposition, and high competitor numbers.

Keagan Nel	12th placing, Under 20 Boys' Cross Country.
Oli Nicholls	Under 20 Boys': 1st Enduro, 2nd Downhill, 6th Cross Country, Overall South Island Champion



(Pictured above, centre): Oli in the Enduro 1st place podium position.

Coming Events

Please note - * denotes subject to confirmation of student availability.

April	
26-28	Year 11 Outdoor Education hike, Mt Somers.
27	Year 13 trip to University of Canterbury
29-30	* NZSS Trampoline and DMT, Wigram
30	* Supernet Netball Promotion/Relegation, venue tbc
May	
01	* TSNZ Smallbore Postal Challenge
	Swimming Sports, EA Networks Centre
01-05	Year 12 Leadership Programme
02	Junior Boxing Programme, Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy
	Year 13 PED Duathlon, Allenton Rugby grounds, and River Trail
02-05	Year 12 Outdoor Education hike, St James Walkway, Lewis Pass
03	* Supernet Netball Promotion/Relegation
	Ako Class Photos, at College
	* Supernet Netball Promotion/Relegation
07	Routman Language Week
07-13	Year 13 Dunedin Tertiary Day, Otago University and Polytech
08	Sign Language Week
08-14	* Canterbury Secondary Schools Road Race, Christchurch
09	Junior Boxing Programme, Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy
	Year 10 AF-8 Roadshow, AshColl Auditorium
10	Year 13 Geography Kaikoura Field Trip
10-12	

Term Dates 2023 –

Term Two	- Friday 30 June
Term Three	Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September (Note: Friday 25 August-Mid Term Break)
Term Four	Monday 09 October - Thursday 26 October (Year 13) - Tuesday 31 October (Years 11/12) - Tuesday 12 December (Years 9 and 10)