



### Deputy Principal Message

#### AshColl Ball

Thursday 23 June will be the highlight of the year for many, as the AshColl Ball takes place.

This year the theme is 'Welcome to the Decades'.

Planning for this started at the beginning of the year with the Ball Committee, led by Caendal Harris and Henry Wallis. Each committee member has a responsibility for an area and updates progress at weekly meetings. The committee has been enthusiastic and looking forward to another great night at the Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Event Centre.

#### Doors Open – 8:00pm

If you want to brave the cold and view the students walking down the red carpet, the doors open at 8:00pm and there will be tiered seating in front of the Event Centre.

#### Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people behind the scenes who help make this event run as smoothly as it does - Roger, Casey and James from the Event Centre; Denise and her team from Balloons and Flowers for the decorations; DJ Boogie Beats; the team at the Somerschet Grocer for the food; photographer Tony Stewart from Photoshots, Christchurch; SprayMarks traffic management of the event; Neumanns Tyres for allowing their yard to be the right-of-way for the Ball attendees' vehicles, and the many AshColl staff who give their time to supervise the event.

#### New Build Progress

A Project Manager has been engaged and the main contract work has been tendered, with the contractor scheduled for confirmation next week. With the new Phoenix Pre-school Inc building now completed, plans are underway for the pre-school to make the move to the new building. Following this, we can the move to demolish the old pre-school building in readiness for a start on Block 1 mid-August.

This block will accommodate Science, Agriculture, Art, Drama and Maths classes; and the Te Whare Manaaki. Additionally, there will be renovations in Menorlie, and a new gym changing shed built with a staff office on the end.

The design for Block 2 and the Technology Block are still progressing. Block 2 will accommodate the Social Sciences, English, Physical Education theory classes, Library, Canteen and a variety of offices.

#### COVID - Reminder

Here is a reminder of what Traffic Light Orange settings mean for our school:

- At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However - public health advice is that masks continue to be **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED WHEN Indoors**.
- We strongly encourage the continued use of face masks by students at school.
- Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we encourage visitors to the school - including parents, caregivers and whānau, to wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.
- Buses and School Vans:** At Orange, students are still **REQUIRED to wear a face mask on school or public transport**.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette and appropriate physical distancing whenever we can.

And, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

Thank you for your understanding as we manage through the COVID situation.

Helen Shore-Taylor  
Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua

### Information

#### Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1: Hui specifically for Employers and Business Community Stakeholders

We are very interested in our community's employer/stakeholder thoughts and perspective with regard to the place of NCEA Level 1.

At College we are focused on producing graduates who can thrive in the future, and we know that there are a different set of skills and dispositions required for future employment than in the past.

If you would like input into this process, which we would welcome, or want to hear more; we invite you to attend either of the employer-focused sessions in the College Auditorium, on:

- Wednesday 08 June, 9.30am - or
- Wednesday 08 June, 7.30pm

All interested community business members welcome.

#### The AshColl Way



### Acknowledgement

#### Meet Jimu Robot! - With Appreciation to Harvey Norman

Meet the Jimu (Joint Insolvency Monitoring Unit) Robot! This awesome interactive building block robotics kit was donated to Ashburton College by Harvey Norman, mid-May.

Head of Science Marg Jones, and Head of Technology Rob Isaacs, were introduced to the possibilities that robotics could play in their respective curriculum areas.

These kits are compatible with Lego Technics and come with their own App for teaching staff and students how to build and programme it through the Blockly Coding Language. The Jimu Robot system supports teachers and students to expand their robotics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning.

A huge thanks is given to Harvey Norman for this generous gift.



(Pictured above, left and right): Head of Science Faculty Marg Jones receiving the Robot gift from Harvey Norman's South Island Business Development Manager, Commercial Division, Stephen Chapman.

### Information

#### New Date – Second Day of Parent/Student/ Subject Teacher Interviews and Early Closure

Second day – rescheduled for next Tuesday 14 June  
(transferred from Tuesday 24 May)

2:30pm – 8:00pm, Hotel Ashburton.

The interviews are for all year levels.

For Year 9 students, interviews are with subject teachers only, (not option teachers).

The length of each interview is five minutes.

It is expected that students attend with their parents/caregivers, in order to be part of the three-way conversation.

Bookings: will be automatically transferred over from those made for 24 May.

If your previous booking time no longer suits you can alter your appointment time/s in SchoolPoint or, alternatively, please contact the College Office.

As previously, if you do not have an online facility, you are able to book by contacting the College Office on 3084193, Ext 0.

College will close early, on this day - from 1:20pm.

The closure is Board of Trustees approved.

#### Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1: Remaining Hui Date

Ashburton College is undertaking a comprehensive consultation process to consider if our College will retain NCEA Level 1 as a primary focus for our Year 11 students.

As part of this process, we are seeking the input of current and former students, whānau, employers and our staff.

We are reviewing the role that this qualification plays in supporting the best outcomes for our students, and asking related questions like:

- What are the benefits and limitations of NCEA Level 1?
- Do all of our students need to complete NCEA Level 1?
- Are we supporting student well-being?
- How does NCEA Level 1 support our Vision?

While our focus is very much on Ashburton College, this is a conversation which is taking place in secondary schools and their communities around New Zealand.

We have one remaining community hui date:

- Saturday 11 June 2:00pm College Auditorium

If you are interested in hearing more, we invite and strongly encourage you to attend to gain information and to provide feedback to us at College.

It is anticipated the hui will be for approximately one hour.

An opportunity to share your thoughts will also be made available via a survey in the near future.

### Events

#### Cultural Programme Event Returns

Put Lip Sync in your calendar, if you can join us in the audience to enjoy the talents of College students.

Note: Ash Dance cancellation but Lip Sync is still scheduled.



#### Bullying-Free New Zealand Week

The College's Student Executive continues to spearhead their initiatives, and focusing on a range of important aspects which affect many lives. During the week of 16-20 May the emphasis was on Bullying-Free, and activities to promote wellness.



To bring awareness they ran a series of events, including Appreciation Bags. This event had students scan the supplied QR code to nominate a staff member or student they appreciate. On the Friday of the week, Executive members delivered Appreciation Lollie Bags to the nominated students and staff, up to their maximum supply of 100 bags.

Various posts were also placed on the Student Executive Facebook and Instagram. When the weather was dry, positive chalk messages were placed around the campus.

Wednesday lunchtime saw a Pink Heart on the chessboard, for students to place pink post-it notes affirming and encouraging students to feel good about themselves, and to say something they liked about themselves.



(Pictured above, clockwise from the left): Henry Wallis (Ball Committee Co-Head), Jed Amos, Campbell McBride (Head of Student Welfare Committee), Jorja Roulston (Head Student).

Friday saw the week out with Pink Shirt Day for the staff. 'Judging' took place by the Student Executive in the staffroom at 8:40am, with credit to the Executive members for coming in on their home-studying rostered day. There were coffee and chocolate prizes for the best pink outfit!



### Events

The awards went to - Teacher Heena Shah (1st), Financial Manager Kay Rotch (2nd), Teachers Joanne Wakelin (3rd) and James List (4th) with Principal's Secretary Jodee Ross (5th).

So cleverly camouflaged were some staff that the Student Executive had to ask, in some cases, who the staff member was!



(Pictured right): First place-getter Heena Shah.  
(Pictured left, left and right): 5th place-getter Jodee Ross and 2nd place-getter Kay Rotch.  
(Pictured below): Staff on display, with 3rd place-getter Joanne Wakelin front right in the peaked hat; and 4th place-getter James List prominently elevated at the back.



The Executive classed the week as very successful.

#### House Spirit Week

Following this year's earlier COVID constraints on activities and group sizes and the cancellation of high-profile House events such as Athletics Prelims, a 're-boot' of House activities and building House cohesion and competition took place during the week of 09 May. A range of events was scheduled, along with raising funds for each House to support various projects and activities. Customarily Prelims day is also the avenue for House fundraising.

Staff, who also have their own House affiliation, with the exception of the Principal and House Sports Co-ordinator who are required to remain impartial, formed part of this week.

Activities were spearheaded by Staff House Leaders Stacey Monk (Blue House), Pete Lee (Orange House), Georgia Keenan (Red House) and Julia Bell (Green House), alongside the House Co-Captains and their committees.

**Student House Co-Captains** are Molly Milmine and Charles Savage (Blue House); Anna Gray and Matt Pearce (Orange House); Gemma Tapurau and Amy McLachlan (Red House); Mya Johnston and Caleb McNulty (Green House).

#### Activities

##### Kiwi Classic Games

Activities during the week started with Kiwi Classic Games on Monday 09 May. These included gumboot throwing, sack race and tug-of-war.

##### Dodge Ball

This was followed by an Inter-House Executives' Dodge Ball competition on the Chessboard during the lunch break, on the Tuesday, with some fairly fierce passing evident in the interests of a win.

**Final results, from the organised chaos came out with:**

Orange House in 1st place; Red House – 2nd; Blue House – 3rd; and Green House in 4th place.



(Pictured left, clockwise from front left): Winning Orange House to the fore, with Mae Patterson and Clyde the mascot helping the cause; Anna Gray, Matt Pearce and Ruby Gray.

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(Pictured left): Blue House Co-Captain Molly Milmine and Devon Flannery preparing their onslaught against Orange House team members.



#### Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle

As a continuing part of the week and support for the House system, the students held a Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle on the Wednesday, with baking available to staff in the staffroom, for a gold coin donation per item. The balance of the baking was then made available to students on the chessboard during lunch time.



(Pictured above): Georgia Keenan Red House Staff Leader, weighed down by some of the items on sale.

#### Culminating Activities

The week's event wrapped up with a non-uniform day for the students, plus the coup de gras Carnival lunch-time activities of throwing a soapy sponge at teachers in the 'stocks' and 'Dunk the Teacher' – all available for a small payment.

Funds from the non-uniform day raised money for StarJam and the House system. StarJam is a not-for-profit Charitable Trust which provides for young New Zealanders with disabilities to unleash their full potential through the magic of music, dance and performance.

(Pictured right, left and right): Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihifo and Head of Faculty English Michael Clark withstand the soggy, soap sponge attack.



(Pictured left): The Dunktank 'Hit-List' of staff.

(Pictured below): Dunking the Teacher involved students firing a ball at the target, a successful hit from which then released the seat, thus dunking said 'victim'. Senior Dean and Green House member Jason Vannini anticipates the possible timing of his dunking.



(Pictured right): Teacher Pete Lee contemplates the sudden transition from dry to wet.



(Pictured below): Junior Dean and Red House member James List emerges from his dunking. Making it more pleasant for all, the weather did support a water activity.



#### House Sports

House lunchtime sports competitions are now underway again, which is a real positive, providing opportunities to increase House spirit and gain House points towards the coveted end-of-year trophy.

At the time of writing this newsletter, build-up for the Student Executive v Staff Volleyball Match was happening, for last Friday. We will update you on this outcome in a next newsletter.

### Forthcoming Events

- | June | 09    | NCEA Japanese Workshop, University of Canterbury   | Year 10 Nanogirl presentation, Auditorium, 12:25pm   |
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|      |       | Year 9 Nanogirl presentation, Auditorium, 2:05pm <td></td>   |  |
|      | 10    | Year 12 Business Studies Market Day, Chessboard <td>Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs,</td>  | Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs,   |
|      |       | Basketball Junior A Girls; Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch <td>South Canterbury Secondary Schools; Basketball – Junior Boys' A and B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru</td>   | South Canterbury Secondary Schools; Basketball – Junior Boys' A and B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru |
|      | 11    | NCEA Level 1 Community Consultation, 2:00pm, AshColl Auditorium <td>New Zealand Secondary Schools' Shooting Championships (Triple S) Round 1, Home Range</td>  | New Zealand Secondary Schools' Shooting Championships (Triple S) Round 1, Home Range                                       |
|      | 12    | Year 13 Ara trip, Christchurch (Madras St and Woolston) <td>Arariki Cycling Championships, Timaru</td>   | Arariki Cycling Championships, Timaru  |
|      | 13    | Basketball – Senior A Boys' and Girls; Thomson and Whelan Trophy <td>Competitions, Christchurch</td>   | Competitions, Christchurch   |
|      | 14    | Exchange vs Burnside High School at Burnside <td>Parent/Subject teacher interviews, Hotel Ashburton, 2.30pm-8.00pm</td>  | Parent/Subject teacher interviews, Hotel Ashburton, 2.30pm-8.00pm  |
|      | 15    | Year 12 RYDA Day, Hotel Ashburton <td>ERU Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Methven, Darfield, Rolleston, or Ashburton</td>  | ERU Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Methven, Darfield, Rolleston, or Ashburton   |
|      |       | Supernet Reserve Competition, A Netball, Avonside Girls' High School, Christchurch <td>Hockey Girls 1st XI Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch</td>                                     | Hockey Girls 1st XI Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch   |
|      |       | South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Rugby Girls' Under 18, Point Domain, Ashburton <td>Celtic and Geraldine</td>   | Celtic and Geraldine   |
|      | 15-17 | Year 11 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking, <td>Hammer Springs Forest Camp</td>   | Hammer Springs Forest Camp   |
|      |       | Year 13 "Josiah Tualamali'i" presentation, Auditorium <td>11:25am-12:25pm</td>   | 11:25am-12:25pm  |
|      | 17    | Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, <td>Christchurch</td>   | Christchurch   |
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|      |       | AshDance, AshColl Auditorium, 7:00pm <td></td>   |  |

#### Staff – Farewell

##### Murran Buller

Murran has had two recent short-term timeframes with us at College. From February to July and October to December 2021 she was employed as a Learning Support Assistant in Te Whare Manaaki on a short-term Ministry of Education contract.

She returned to College at the start of this year, this time as a Mainstream Learning Support Assistant. Murran is now finishing this role at the end of next week, on Friday 17 June.

In her time at College, she has been professional, hard-working and a team player. Murran always took the time to get to know the students and this led to positive working relationships in the classroom. Murran will be missed by both the students and staff she worked with.

We thank Murran for her contributions while with us at College and wish her well for future ventures.