



Deputy Principal Message

Senior Student Processes

Already we find ourselves at the end of Week 2, Term 2.

While the year has a long way to go, for senior students in particular the weeks are ticking away. With this in mind, it is important that Year 11, 12 and 13 students are keeping track of the credits that they have achieved to date, what assessments they have coming up and how they are progressing towards achieving their goals.

College's SchoolBridge Portal allows students and whānau to track progress and achievement. The portal can be accessed via the school website or at <https://login.bridge.school.nz/>

Junior Student Routines and Bringing Their Own Device

For junior students, routines are established and the challenge is to ensure that they are organised, positive habits are maintained, and that they challenge themselves in their learning.

One of the tools that help students in their learning is digital devices. For this reason, Ashburton College has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy school-wide. This means that students are requested to bring a device to school that meets minimum specifications.

It is timely to remind students that they need to bring their device to school charged and ready for the day, to ensure that they can make the most of all learning opportunities.

Cellphone Policy

We are now one term into the College's new policy restricting the use of cellphones at school. This change has gone very smoothly. Thank you to students, parents/caregivers and staff for supporting the smooth implementation of this initiative.

It has been quite incredible to observe the shift, with far more students engaging in face-to-face conversation during break times. Learning time has also been more efficient without the ongoing distraction of phones and notifications – features that, by design, are built-in to grab and hold attention.

ANZAC Service

Although it is now more than a week ago, the ANZAC services are always a time for reflection and remembrance. Thank you to our stunning Head Students, Sarah and Henry, for representing the College at the annual 11:00am Cenotaph morning service. *Let Us Forget.*

Tē tōia, tē haumatia
This whakatauki speaks to the importance of having a plan and a way of doing things.

Jonah Hay
Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuurua

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 tomorrow, Friday 05 May, in Room C17.

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Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

These are scheduled for Tuesday 23 May, at the Hotel Ashburton, from 12 noon to 8:30pm. Please note classes will not operate this day.

The interviews are for all year levels, with the inclusion of Year 9 option subjects.

Further information, and booking processes will follow, and be advised to families.

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

Information

PPTA Industrial Action for Secondary Schools

PPTA, the Secondary Teachers' Union, has announced further industrial action during Term 2. This includes rostering home of year level groups as well as a further Strike Day for union members. Information has been sent to families.

Details are -

Full Strike Day: Tuesday 09 May - Full School Closed.

This is the Canterbury Region Strike Action Day, and doubles as the Year 12 national rostered day home).

Rostered Home Days:

Thursday 04 May - Year 11 (this includes Year 11 Te Whare Manaaki students)

Thursday 09 May - Year 12 (as above, same day as full strike day)

Thursday 11 May - Year 13 (this includes Year 13 Te Whare Manaaki students)

Tuesday 16 May - Year 9 (this includes Year 9 Te Whare Manaaki and Kōhanga students)

Wednesday 17 May - Year 10 (this includes Year 10 Te Whare Manaaki and Kōhanga students)

School buses will run as usual.

Further information:

External courses (e.g. Gateway, Ara, work placements etc) will run as normal, unaffected by rostering home.

The Community Entry Programme will remain open, unaffected by rostering home or strike days. A separate email has been sent to CEP students and caregivers advising them of this.

If Settlement:

Please be aware – if there is settlement between the Ministry of Education and the PPTA, and the PPTA Union Rostered Home or Strike does not occur, this will be communicated to you electronically.

We acknowledge that this is disruptive and we appreciate and thank you for your understanding.

Ashburton College – Pasifika Whānau/Family Fono

Pasifika Second Whānau/Family Fono

Thursday 01 June

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Ashburton College Staffroom

This evening will have a focus on unpacking how NCEA works, and introducing the Talanoa Ako App (an interactive educational App for Pacific parents, developed by New Zealand's Ministry of Education).

The evening is facilitated by Gabby Makisi, Manager, Strategy and Integration, Te Pae Aronui.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Host Families Being Sought for our Tokoroza Kita High School Sister School Visit – July/August



College Teacher of Japanese, Hiromi Horsley says this is exciting news. Ashburton College's sister school Tokoroza Kita High School's group is visiting Ashburton College after a four-year Covid-enforced break.

We need some lovely host families for the students. The students want to learn English and about the New Zealand lifestyle.

Host families don't have to be able to speak good Japanese. However, if you are brave enough, you can try!

The group arrives in Ashburton on Thursday 27 July (in the afternoon, after school finishes) and they leave on Monday 07 August in the morning (an eleven night, twelve day stay).

One student will stay with each family (not two students to a family). The student can share a room with their host sister or brother.

This is a paid hosting situation. Host families are required to fill in a New Zealand Police Vetting Service Request and Consent Form.

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact our teacher of Japanese Hiromi Horsley (hl@ashcoll.school.nz).

Events

College Teams at Rolleston College Co-ed Pre-Season Invitational Tournament

This event was held on the final day of Term One, on Thursday 06 April, hosted by Rolleston College.

College Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray said that this was held at the Selwyn Sports Centre, a truly wonderful facility enabling all codes to play at the one venue.



(Pictured above): Showing the expanse of the facility, with College Netball Year 10A players in the foreground, playing Hillmorton High School's Year 10 team.

College players in the frame are Wing Attack Savana Fagalima feeding the ball into Goal Shoot Kalotia Ula, with Centre Lucy Pearce far side.

With games scheduled for 12-minute halves, games moved along very quickly. The format and pre-season timing of this event was popular with coaches regarding being able to have rolling subs and the flexibility to try different combinations in a non-competitive tournament.

Darion said that the feedback was incredibly positive from coaches, management and players and looks likely to become an annual event on our sporting calendar.

College Teams Involved

College was able to have six teams involved in the day, being Basketball Senior A Boys, Basketball Junior A Girls, Netball Senior A, Netball Year 10A, Hockey 1st XI Boys and Hockey 1st XI Girls.

Acknowledgement to Coaches and Managers

We acknowledge the Coaches and Managers involved with these teams, and their pre-season preparation. Mark Douglas and Andrew Shepherd were Coach/Managers with the Basketball Senior A Boys' and Girls' teams respectively; Netball Senior A Coaches Emma Silva, Grace Hyslop and Manager Tania Rule; while Ange Mitchell and Jemma Hurst were Coach and Manager respectively for the Netball Year 10A team. Hockey Coaches are Jason Vannini and Jo Wakelin for the Boys' and Girls' 1st XI Hockey teams.

Teams in each Category were -

Basketball Senior Boys – Ashburton and Rolleston Colleges; Lincoln, Hillmorton and Cashmere High Schools.

Basketball Junior Girls – Ashburton and Rolleston Colleges; Cashmere and Hillmorton High Schools.

Senior Netball – Ashburton College; Cashmere, Hillmorton, Lincoln and Rangiora High Schools.

Junior Netball – Ashburton and Rolleston Colleges; Cashmere, Hillmorton and Lincoln High Schools.

Hockey Boys – Ashburton and Rolleston Colleges; Hillmorton and Lincoln High Schools.

Hockey Girls – Ashburton and Rolleston Colleges; Cashmere, Hillmorton and Lincoln High Schools.

(Pictured right): Girls' Hockey Team in their team talk, clockwise from the left of Coach Joanne Wakelin: Laura Cameron, Alia Forrester, Caitlin Collie, Emma Lill, Leah Doig, Laura Stanley, (obscured), Sarah Wilson, Gracie Trotter, Joanne Wakelin.



Coming Events

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

May	
01-05	Year 12 Leadership Programme
02-05	Year 12 Outdoor Education hike, St James Walkway, Lewis Pass
07	* Supernet Netball Promotion/Relegation
07-13	Routman Language Week
08	Year 13 Dunedin Tertiary Day, Otago University and Polytech
	* Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race, Christchurch
08-14	Sign Language Week
09	Junior Boxing Programme, Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy
10	Year 10 AF-8 Roadshow, AshColl Auditorium
10-12	Year 13 Geography Kaikoura Field Trip
12	* Mid Canterbury Sports Awards, Hotel Ashburton
	Pasifika Fono



Congratulations

Summer and Aoraki Tournament Weeks' Results Continued

In our last newsletter we reported on the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tennis and Skoda South Island Secondary Schools' Mountainbike Championships and, in the Aoraki Sports Week which ran alongside Summer Tournament Week – the Aoraki Secondary Schools' Golf Championships.

This week we look at the Girls' Softball Tournament, the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Results and from the Aoraki Sports Tournament Week – 3 x 3 Basketball results.

In next week's newsletter we will carry coverage of the successful AON Maadi Cup Rowing Team.

South Island Secondary Schools' Girls' Softball (Division 2)

This event was held from 28-31 March, at the Dynasty Ballpark, Christchurch and, for the six competing teams, was somewhat weather impacted.

Coach Lyndall Chisnall said that the AshColl Girls' Team went to this tournament with two senior players and nine 'rookies'. It was therefore an inexperienced team but a 'cool wee team' Lyndall described as valuing the opportunity to coach.

The first day that they played, College and their opposition played in torrential rain, with the balance of games called off after this game, due to weather. All of Wednesday's games suffered the same fate due to the poor weather not lifting.

A particularly early start was on the agenda for Thursday with teams playing three games, including one game being played at night under lights, which was described as such a cool experience for these young girls. This game was against Riccarton High School, finishing with a close loss for AshColl, to the team who finished second-placed at the end of the tournament.

Individual Game Results were -

Game 1:	vs Avonside Girls' High School	17-4 loss
Game 2:	vs Dunstan High School	11-4 loss
Game 3:	vs Riccarton High School	a close 14-12 loss
Game 4:	vs Queen's High School	13-8 loss
Game 5:	vs Southland Girls' High School	11-6 win, to the excitement of the team.
Game 6:	vs Southland Girls' High School	12-0 loss, in the 5 v 6 play-off.



(Pictured above): The AshColl team with the Southland Girls' High School team.

AshColl players (back row, left to right): Tiffany Matangaro, Angel Spooner (Captain), Abby Aubrey, Toa Makau, Mina Mataiti, Holly Husband, Emily Meadows, Jasmine Matangaro.

(Front row, left to right): Ruby McKay, Tia Double, Briar Clark (Vice Captain). Lyndall Chisnall was Team Coach and Leigh Lyttle, Manager.

College's Top Batter for the Tournament Emily Meadows.

Most Valuable Players

Tournament Most Valuable Players were named for each team, with Ashburton College having Briar Clark and Tia Double named.



(Pictured right, left and right): Tia Double and Briar Clark with their Most Valuable Player certificates.

New Zealand Carbon Farming Award to AshColl

The AshColl Girls won the Carbon New Zealand Farming Players' Team Sportsmanship Award.



Aoraki Secondary Schools' 3 x 3 Basketball Tournament

Part of the Aoraki Sports Tournament week, Teacher-in-Charge of Basketball Andrew Shepherd said that a great day was had at these championships on Tuesday 28 March, at the EA Networks Centre, Ashburton. Thirteen AshColl teams competed across the grades.

Appreciation

Many thanks go to Year 13 student Eva Kelly and former student Summer Anderson for managing the AshColl teams, and appreciation to Year 10 student Jack Strawbridge and Year 11 student Milla Overend who were officials for the College teams.

The Game of 3 x 3 Basketball

As the name suggests, this variation on the game of Basketball features three players in each team as opposed to the five in the traditional game. Only one substitution is allowed on the bench, and this player can enter the game at any time during a dead ball situation, by tagging an outgoing player.

Grades, Team Members and Results:

Junior Boys' Grade

Pool A: Ashburton College (two teams), Waimate High School, Waitaki Boys' High School.

Pool B: Ashburton Christian School, Ashburton College (two teams), Waitaki Boys' High School (two teams).

Results

1st Waitaki Boys' High School 1

2nd AshColl 1 team members were: William Woods, Jack Spicer, Ranz Buenafe, Gian Anthony Ramos.

3rd Waitaki Boys' High School

AshColl's second and third teams placed 5th and 6th respectively.

AshColl 2 Team Members were: Reihana Harrison, Logan Bradford, Jacob Carr, Reihana Carroll.

AshColl 3 Team Members were: Hunter Abernethy, Jacob Robinson, Oakley McKenzie, Ethan Agulla, Dante Tait.

AshColl 4 Team Members were: Xymon Ramos, Harry Hayman, Amwolf Artz, Ashton Cromie, Dallas Richardson.

Combined Junior and Senior Girls' Grade

Competing teams were: Ashburton College (two senior teams and four junior teams), Waimate High School (one Senior and one Junior team).

Senior Girls' Results

1st AshColl Senior 1 Team members were: Laura Winchester, Yasmin Larry, Casey Cousins, Lucy Pearce, Tolu Sa Ngutu.

2nd AshColl Senior 2 Team members were: Lily Rosevear, Holly Ngutu, Taylor Lamont, Jorja Abernethy, Emma Doig.

3rd Waimate High School Senior team.

Junior Girls' Results

1st AshColl Junior 1 Team members were: Sophie Braas, Isla Gilbert, Chloe Prendergast, Tegan Marriott.

2nd AshColl Junior 4 Team members were: Sylvie Thompson-Hart, Tessa Jones, Kaley Levy, Abby Cochrane.

3rd Waimate High School Junior Team.

AshColl 2 Team Members were: Lily Williams, Isla Moffett, Kate Cochrane, Georgia Scammell.

AshColl 3 Team Members were: Pearl Arrowsmith, Macy Lewis-West, Aliyah Larry, Lydia Hosken, Shantelle Giles.

Senior Boys' Grade

Competing teams were: Ashburton College (three teams), Mountainview High School (two teams), Waimate High School, Waitaki Agula, AshColl (two teams).

Results

1st Waitaki Boys' High School 1

2nd AshColl 1 Team members were: Ashlin Hala'ufia, Taniela Palavi, Nick Taojo, Newel Buenafe.

3rd Waitaki Boys' High School 2.

AshColl's second and third teams placed 4th and 6th respectively.

AshColl 2 Team Members were: Jesse Nieman, Tom Patterson, Jim Reyes, Ollly Prince.

AshColl 3 Team Members were: Riki Philpott, Dick Layno, Liam Elliott, Josh King.

(Pictured right): Junior Boys' AshColl Team 1 member William Woods about to shoot the basket in the team's match against Waitaki Boys' High School.

(Pictured below): AshColl Junior Girls' Team 4 members (left to right): Abby Cochrane defending the ball, Sylvie Thompson-Hart running towards the action, and Tessa Jones.



Personal Bests and Placings at the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

As we look to Ashburton College's Swimming Sports scheduled, at the time of writing this newsletter, for Monday 01 May, we acknowledge some fine performances at the above Championships.

These were held towards the end of Term One, on 23 March, in Christchurch's Jellie Park pool.

Manager for the team Vickie Watson said that it was an absolute pleasure working with the students.

College Team Members were -



(Pictured above, left to right): Harrison Doak, Nico Thompson, Amwolf Artz, Bella Wilson, Elliot Watson, Charlotte Doak, Phoebe McKenzie, Eliza McKenzie.

Finals Results – where we note some fine placings in the top groups of the competing swimmers. The swimmers made the best of the day, with a number doubling up to swim in the Open Grade events also, against 17-18 year old competitors.

Girls' 12-13 years

50 Metre Breaststroke Charlotte Doak 3rd placed (39.10 seconds), with a 0.57second Personal Best.

100 Metre Freestyle Elliot Watson 3rd placed (1:09.84), with a 1.95 seconds Personal Best.

50 Metre Freestyle Eliza McKenzie 11th placed (32.94 seconds).

Boys' 12-13 years

50 Metre Butterfly Nico Thompson 5th placed (34.55 seconds).

50 Metre Freestyle Amwolf Artz 3rd placed (28.36), with a 1.24 seconds Personal Best.

Girls' 14 years

100 Metre Freestyle Bella Wilson 4th placed (1:08.59), with a 2.65 seconds Personal Best.

Boys' 15 years

50 Metre Breaststroke Harrison Doak 6th placed (35.01 seconds).

Girls' 15 years

50 Metre Freestyle Phoebe McKenzie 2nd placed (30.33 seconds).

Girls' Open

100 Metre Backstroke Charlotte Doak 9th placed (1:14.85).

200 Metre Freestyle Elliot Watson 13th placed (2:34.95).

Boys' Open

100 Metre Breaststroke Harrison Doak 6th placed (1:14.00).

Girls' Open Relays

Phoebe McKenzie, Elliot Watson, Bella Wilson and Charlotte Doak, swimming in that order, formed the AshColl Girls' team to compete in the Open Relays, thus ordering against students who had competed individually in older age groups.

Girls' Open 200 Metre Freestyle Relay 8th placed (2:04.39).

Girls' Open 200 Metre Medley Relay 9th placed (2:26.02).