



### Message From The Principal

#### Course Confirmation Evening

Last night we hosted our Course Confirmation evening at the Hotel Ashburton.

**This is an evening designed for learners and their parents and caregivers to:**

- give consideration to subject choices for 2023;
- discuss possible career paths with key staff.

This evening is always well attended and, in many cases, you and your child will be making choices that guide their future career.

The choice process is valuable for us also as a school, as we start to plan for 2023. Based on subject choice information we decide how many classes will run in each subject so, for us, it is important that students who are returning make their choices as soon as is practicable.

My thanks to the many people who gave the time to attend this night.

#### Enrolment Interviews

Last week we had enrolment interviews for the Year 8 students who are starting with us next year. This involves a 15-minute interview with about 280 students and their families. This vital information allows us to know and support these students from their first day onwards. Can I take this opportunity to thank our office staff who do a brilliant job of co-ordinating this logistical challenge.

These three-way interviews are followed by discussion and information-gathering with their current Year 8 teachers. Then, in mid-November, we bring all the Year 8 students into College for an orientation visit, so that the first day in February will be less challenging. Our Year 9 core classes will run on a ratio of 1:25 again next year.

#### Rebuild

As many of you will have noted, the original Phoenix Pre-school building has been cleared, which leaves the construction site for Block One ready to use. There has been a preferred contractor identified, who will be named in the near future. Construction is scheduled to begin this month, so we remain hopeful.

#### Social Media Risks and the Authority of Schools

Recently we held a full-College assembly, and communicated to parents and caregivers about the complex issue of young people's use of social media, and bullying.

This is an area of challenge for all schools nation-wide as there are limits to a school's authority, particularly for matters outside of school time. In our correspondence to whānau we asked for parents' support in making every effort to monitor their child's social media messages and usage. Negative use of social media can affect a student's well-being, inside and outside of College. As a simple test, ask to see what your child is posting. If they won't show you, should you then be concerned? My thanks, and roll-on spring and some warmer weather!



Ross Preece  
Principal • Tumuaki

### Staff Welcome



Tania Trusler-Clark  
Engagement Advisor  
to families and students.  
This is a shared role between  
Ashburton College and  
Ashburton Intermediate School

### Information

#### Mid-Term Break and Teacher Only Day Pending

##### Friday 19 August: Mid-term break

Please note that this a Mid-Term break day for College.

**There is no school on this day.**

##### Monday 22 August: ACCORD Teacher Only Day

The ACCORD Teacher Only Days are Ministry of Education nation-wide granted days allocated to support the implementation of changes to NCEA. Four days have been allocated for 2022.

As the nature of changes in each Learning and Subject area is different, staff are meeting in subject areas, with the majority of our teaching staff travelling to a range of schools in Christchurch to work collaboratively with their subject counterparts from across various schools.

**There is no school for students on this day.**

### Information

#### Voting for College Board of Trustee Members Now Started



#### ASHBURTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL PARENT ELECTION – 2022



**The option of parent elections every eighteen months has been taken by this Board to allow for continuity of membership.**

**Six nominations have now been received for the three positions.**

For those on the College Voting Roll voting papers and candidates' statements have been posted out, with a Freepost return-addressed envelope.

**Take this opportunity to lodge your vote.**

The voting paper can be returned by hand-delivery or by post, in the return-addressed envelope provided, or another envelope if you choose.

If posting, your vote must be received by the Returning Officer no later than

**5 days after the date of the election** (by Monday 12 September 2022).

Post as early as possible as New Zealand Post has reduced postal delivery days in most areas.

**If delivering your voting paper, deliver it in an envelope, to:**  
Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer, Ashburton College,  
27 Walnut Avenue, Ashburton.

This must be delivered **before 4:00pm** on Wednesday 07 September.

**Voting papers must not be emailed or faxed.**  
Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer  
E-mail: ts@ashcoll.school.nz  
027 247 8003

### Events

#### Year 10 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing Trip

**During the last week of Term Two over thirty students from the Year 10 Outdoor Education classes travelled up to the YMCA Clip 'n Climb in Christchurch for a few sessions of climbing, and putting what they have learnt to practice.**

All students got to experience climbing higher than what is available at school, and could really test their fear of heights.

At Clip 'n Climb a variety of fun climbs was available for students to test themselves individually and with friends, and to have races or beat each other's times.

##### Fastest on the Speed Wall

Taylor Wilson of Year 10BBZ managed the speed wall in 8.62 seconds. He was the fastest that day, and the fastest out of any Year 10 students in recent years.

Outdoor Education teacher Luke Martin was with this group. He said the behaviour of all students was exemplary, demonstrating the AshColl Way of Quality, Pride and Respect.

The Year 10 students are now back in the classroom, and getting ready for their next adventure of risk management and bush survival.

(Pictured right): Jah Trouland tackling one of the walls.



(Pictured above): Jorja Abernethy on the way up the wall.

(Pictured right): Ryan Evans heading up the pole.



### Events

#### Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Bike trip

**Leading into the last two weeks of Term Two, both of the Senior Outdoor Education classes headed off to Hanmer Springs to complete their Mountain Biking unit.**

Outdoor Education teacher Luke Martin said that both groups had been building up to this with a bit of practice carving up the Ashburton Mountain Bike Trail and Skills Park.

(Pictured right): Stop-off for lunch, with bikes still attached to the trailer.

Both trips were held over three days, in order to try out as many of the downhill trails as possible and to build on individual skill levels. All students challenged themselves to try something a little out of their comfort zones, whether it was attempting a Blue Run or attempting a Black Run for the first time. These are part of a progressive Mountain Bike Trail degree of difficulty rating system.

Luke said that what impressed him the most, was how both year groups worked together and helped each other out. It was great to see the students working together and, for the majority of the time, not requiring any teacher input.

There is always a risk of a few small injuries when on an Outdoor trip and the Year 12 students proved this correct! A student, who Luke said he wouldn't embarrass by naming, was giving it his all on a red run. He managed to over-cook it on a small drop and ended up over the handlebars onto a small rocky ledge. Fortunately, other than a sore knee and bruised ego they were able to continue.

A dip in the hot pools on the second night was always going to go down nicely after a full day of biking. Being in the middle of winter made for a great night to finish the trip off.

Both classes got a quick break over the holidays then got onto their respective Risk Management Units, with a spot of Skiing or Snowboarding due early Term Three.



(Pictured above, left to right): Chloe Rutledge, Danielle Faichnie, Mason Bird and Markus White after descending one of the Blue Runs.

(Pictured right): Lachie Jemmett and Nuku Penisoni showing off their latest bike gear.



### Forthcoming Events

<b>August 12</b>	Lincoln Exchange, Ashburton College ERSU Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Methven, Darfield, Rolleston, Ashburton
	Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
	Basketball Junior A Girls', Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball – Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
<b>14</b>	NZ Secondary Schools' Shooting Championships (Triple S) Round 3, Home Range
<b>15</b>	Aoraki Secondary Schools' Snowboarding and Ski Championships, Mt Dobson
	Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Target Shooting NZ Challenge, Home Range, Coronation Target
<b>15-18</b>	Year 12 Outdoor Education trail hike, St James Trail, Lewis Pass
<b>16</b>	Basketball – Senior A Boys' and Girls', Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch



### Congratulations

#### National Powerlifting Title for Ollie Bubb

**Ollie Bubb, Year 12 student, took out the National Title in his age and weight group at the New Zealand Powerlifting Championships, held in Palmerston North from 01-05 August..**

##### Personal Best

His combined total of 452.5Kkgs (Squat - 150kgs, Bench - 95kgs and Deadlift - 207.5kgs) was a 30kg personal improvement on the total Ollie gained to take out the Canterbury Championship in April of this year.

Competing in the under 74kg class, Ollie's result was 5kg ahead of second place-getter, and 7.5kg ahead of third place-getter.

Ollie noted he is very happy to be bringing the Gold Medal back to Ashburton!

(Pictured right): Ollie pictured on the podium top spot, with Abadi Elijah (second place-getter) and Caleb Campbell (third).



#### Rangiora High School –

#### Ashburton College Sports Exchange

**This week we look at the remaining individual team reports from this exchange.**

##### Junior A Boys' Basketball

The AshColl team was up against a tall Rangiora team, which they are renowned for, as well as being accurate shooters.

Team Manager Lisa Elliott said that Rangiora started the game with a full-court press and took an early lead. This play disrupted the court play of the College dribblers, and shut down the team's ability to make clean passes. AshColl had to adapt to using bounce and square passes, using their body to shield the ball from defenders. The final score of 91-59 highlighted the number of successful Rangiora shots, including an amount of success also for the AshColl team.

**Team members were:** Daniel Ditmer (Captain), Liam Elliott, Josh King, Taniela Palavi, Riki Philpott, Oly Prince, Jack Spicer, William Woods, with Year 13 student coaches Caleb McNulty-Burns and Ethan Reodique; and Lisa Elliott (Manager).

Player Ranz Buenafe was absent for this fixture.

#### Convincing Win to College Smallbore

#### Target Shooting Team

This fixture was played at the Rangiora Target Shooting Club range at the Rangiora Oval, with College fielding a team of eight, to match Rangiora High School's numbers.

Manager Nina McKenzie outlines a convincing win to Ashburton College but noted that, due to illness, Rangiora High had fewer shooters on the day, so a team average was agreed to for the result.

Members shot two targets, (being two 10-shot matches). With Rangiora's range at 20 yards, (as opposed to the college shooters' home range at 25 yards), this required some adjustment.



**Team members on the day** (pictured left, back row, left to right): Charlotte McKenzie, Jack McIntosh, Jack Jones (Captain), Phoebe McKenzie, Tane Moore.

(Front row, left to right): Bree Greer, Madi Tourle, Sama Soialo.

**Coach and Managers were** - Bryan Hunter, Nina McKenzie, Sharon Tourle.

##### Scores for the day were:

Charlotte McKenzie (99.05 and 93.03); Jack Jones (96.02 and 95.01); Madi Tourle (97.03 and 98.06); Sama Soialo (92.01 and 98.03); Jack McIntosh (80.0 and 94.03); Tane Moore (91.03 and 95.02); Bree Greer (98.04 and 95.04) and Phoebe McKenzie (89.04 and 97.01).

College's team average was 64.19, with Rangiora's average being 89.67.

Of note, Bree Greer shot a personal best of 98.04 (and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday was sung for the birthday girl, Charlotte Mckenzie).

(Pictured left): Bree Greer working on a personal best score.

Jack Jones gave a very good acceptance speech as Captain and thanked Rangiora and their helpers and coaches for a good day out. As always, the students conducted themselves in good spirit and were a pleasure to travel with.

#### Girls' First XI Football

In a turnaround from the Girls' Football success over Burnside High School's team, the College team was up against Rangiora who showed their quality, both in possession and in front of goal, to gain a 7-1 win.

However, in facing this team, which was comprised of multiple Canterbury Women's players, Coach Patrick Sandrey said that AshColl still showed some quality in defence and that they generally kept up with the play.

**Hayley Smith scored College's only goal.**

**Team members:** Sarah Mattson (Co-captain), Lusungu Mbambo (Co-captain), Katie Ashworth, Donna Dandin, E-J Elliott, Micaela Gomez, Jamila Jimenez, Taylor King-Ryan, Melissa Mattson, Darcy McCully, Zoe Nicholls, Georgie Poole, Sifala Sagaga, Hayley Smith, Gabbie Tindall, Gracie Trotter.

#### Win for Girls' 1st XI Hockey

Although the team got off to a quick start and were in Rangiora's circle early, they were unable to convert and it was Rangiora who scored first.

AshColl picked up the intensity after that and were able to come back with four goals of their own, which remained the final score of 4-1 to College.

**Goal scorers were** Lily Davidson, Emma Lill and Sarah Wilson (2 goals). Manager Jen Muir said there were numerous more opportunities, but the girls couldn't easily find the back of the net.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Gracie Trotter, Rose Vannini, Laura Walsh, Amy McLachlan, Caitlin Collie, Leah Doig, Emma Lill, Laura Cameron.

(Middle row, left to right): Alia Forrester, Anna Gray (Captain), Holly-Jayne Feutz, Lily Davidson, Sarah Wilson (Vice Captain), Honor Bradford.

(Front): Olivia Muir.

#### A Positive Win for College's Strong Boys' 1st XI Hockey Team

Manager Jason Vannini said, as a team, they were uncertain how strong Rangiora would be. Albeit College has been playing some good hockey this year, they were missing a couple of players for this fixture.

In the first quarter College controlled possession well and scored a goal off a penalty corner. This was followed by a nice **field goal from Toby Grant** for a 2-0 score to College at quarter-time.

Rangiora applied more pressure in the second quarter, and scored a goal, but this was followed by a **goal from Hamish O'Reilly** for a 3-1 half-time score.

The third quarter was very even, with some **good defence from Zane Cameron** keeping Rangiora out. College had a couple of chances, with a **near miss from Josh Cannan** and no addition to the score in the 3rd quarter.

In the last quarter College scored goals by **Nic Stringer** and **Lachie Jemmett** before a final consolation goal to Rangiora, bringing the final score to 6-2 in College's favour.

**Team members are:** Zane Cameron, Joshua Cannan, Harrison Doak, Jack Ellis, Devon Flannery, Archie Glanville, Toby Grant, Riley Harris, Lachie Jemmett, Nick Kershaw, Braden Luxton, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Will Rollinson, Tom Rosevear, Nicholas Stringer, Henry Thomas, Henry Wallis.

#### Basketball – Senior Boys' A Team

The Senior A Basketball team was described as getting off to a very slow start. However, the players started to pick it up in the second half, although still found it difficult to find a rhythm, and were down on points for the majority of the game.

**Riley Sa** noted that the Rangiora team had a height advantage over the smaller College players and also played a strong defensive game. Rangiora were hitting their shots on the day, while College was less accurate on this occasion.

**Ashlin Hala'ufa** had a very good game, and the Rangiora team had obviously planned in advance to work together to take College's strong, representative-experienced player, Riley Sa, out of the game.

**Team members for the fixture were** - Denzel Banghal, Daniel Ditmer, Ashlin Hala'ufa, Caleb McNulty-Burns, Jesse Nieman, Taniela Palavi, Tom Patterson, Ethan Reodique, Riley Sa, Nick Taojo.

Newel Buenafe was not available for this fixture, while Ben Ditmer coached for the day in place of regular Coach Roasty Douglas, and Lisa Elliott was Manager in place of regular Manager Julie McGrath.

#### Rugby Girls' and Boys' 1st XV Results

Team personnel said that this was an opportunity for both the Girls' and Boys' 1st XV teams to play against some different opposition teams.

The Rangiora Boys' 1st XV team has had a tough Miles Toyota Championship, being yet to pick up a win, with seven losses and a draw.

The Rangiora Girls' 1st XV team is sitting in fifth place in the Miles Toyota Cup, from two wins and four losses.

By contrast, the Ashburton College Boys' 1st XV made the decision to pull out of the Miles Toyota Championship prior to the start of this season, but all the players have been having great seasons playing in the Under 16 and Under 18 competitions.

The Ashburton College Under 18 Girls' team is currently third in the Autoworld Timaru Under 18 schoolgirl rugby competition.

##### Close Encounter for Boys' 1st XV Game

This game was described as a back and forward affair, with the game being decided by a mere five points. Ashburton College battled all game long, but ultimately fell at the final hurdle, losing 31-26.

**Ashburton's try-scorers were:** Hobbs, Sonny McMillan and Fononga Lisala who each scored two tries, while Sonny McMillan had a fantastic day off the tee, kicking three out of four conversions.

The atmosphere of this game was apparently incredible and is what makes the spectacle of 1st XV rugby so special.



(Pictured above): College players at a point of real action as they tussle to gain possession of the ball.

**Team members for this fixture were:** Tipeti Afu, Dale Burgess, Zac Douglas, Devon Flannery, Eddie Galbraith, Izayah Harris, Fletcher Hobbs, Oliver Hobbs, Iraia Langi, Fononga Lisala, Sonny McMillan, Jack Middleton, Ivana Milo, Millar Newlands, Nuku Penisoni, Dave Pio, Faeua Sione, Harry Spicer, Henry Thomas, Talatau Touli, Logan Williams.

#### Massive Win for Girls' 1st XV

The 1st XV game saw a clinical performance by the Ashburton College Under 18 girls' side, as they piled on ten tries to gain a 62-0 victory over the Rangiora Girls' Under 18 team.

**The tries were evenly spread throughout the side, across seven different try scorers:**

Scoring one try were Angel Spooner, Edelm Kelsall, Eteta Tanunu and Madison Trusler-Clark, while Gemma Taparau Shelley Cossey and Siasini Satui scored two each.

**Goal kicker, Angel Spooner** had a good day off the tee as well, kicking six out of the ten conversions.

This was an incredibly physical game of rugby, with impact that rivalled women's rugby of the highest level.

(Pictured left): The Boys' team present the guard of honour for the girls' team, with Gemma Taparau (front) and Mae Patterson, leading the charge through.



**Team members for this fixture were:** Kyla Apao, Mere Apaiipo, Doreen Awaikera, Zoe Barry, Shelley Cossey, Chloe-Lyn Edwards, Maria Hala, Edelm Kelsall, Mia Manoa, Mae Patterson, Chloe Robinson, Siasini Satui, Angel Spooner, Eteta Tanunu, Gemma Taparau, Madison Trusler-Clark, Ripena Umaga Vaelia, Sasha Williams.

#### 2-1 Win to College Phoenix E-sports Team

**Team members were:** Jade Jung (Captain), Neiv Sol, Matthew Wong, Jordan Green, Hamish Lyth, Ron Nai, Conner Stewart.

Team coach Tom Kitchen said that this was a solid showing from the College team, and noted the awesome facilities at Rangiora, including commentators and a live stream of the games.

