



Head of Junior School Message

What is the most important thing we do?

I often ask my junior students 'What is the most important thing we do at AshColl?' The answer is, of course, learning.

It is easy to imagine learning happening in classrooms to build knowledge and skills in a myriad of subject areas. However, significant learning happens outside of structured class time, particularly when things go wrong.

Working with Teenagers

Working with teenagers is, on a daily basis, both challenging and rewarding. Most of us will look back on our teenage years and reflect on some of the most highly emotionally charged times of our lives – the best and the worst memories.

This is because the teenage brain is undergoing major development at this life stage, particularly in the prefrontal cortex, the decision-making part of the brain, responsible for the ability to plan and think about consequences, to solve problems and control impulses. While the prefrontal cortex is developing, teenagers often make decisions and solve problems using a part of their brain called the amygdala – the emotional brain associated with impulses, aggression, and instinctive behaviour. The prefrontal cortex is busy building up and making connections in the background during teenage years, but it does not come fully 'online' for most people until their mid-twenties.

Learning from Mistakes

When a young person makes a mistake in a Mathematics problem, we accept the error as an opportunity for learning. We appreciate that learning takes time, it requires repetition and practice, it may require additional or modified teaching.

But what if a young person makes a behavioural mistake directed by their emotional, impulsive amygdala on overdrive?

John Herner, a respected American educator, said

If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we punish.

If a child doesn't know how to behave, we...punish.

Learning from mistakes should be no different for behavioural errors than it is for academic errors. Behavioural errors present excellent opportunities for teaching and learning at the very time the teenage brain is being wired to solve problems and develop empathy. This is why Restorative Practice is at the heart of what we do at AshColl.

Restorative Practice

Restorative Practice is about restoring relationships, social growth and meaningful consequences which involve the wrongdoer in repairing the harm. The focus is centred on the victim and their needs, is healing, and makes the wrongdoer accountable for their actions.

Restorative Practice models adult conversations that are respectful, calm, and honest. They empower the victim, build empathy, and de-escalate anger.

A restorative meeting has four main parts:

1. Tell the story – what happened?
2. Explore the harm – who has been affected and how have they been affected?
3. Repair the harm – what needs to be done to put things right?
4. Move forward – how can we make sure this does not happen again?

Putting things right is a priority and forms the basis for meaningful consequences of the behaviour, rather than a random punishment dished out to 'cancel the crime'.

Restorative Practice is no 'slap over the wrist with a wet bus ticket'. It works alongside interventions at the highest level of behaviour management such as stand-downs and suspensions.

However, unlike a punitive approach which focuses on the punishment, Restorative Practice allows our young people to return to their learning with relationships restored and their mana intact.

Restorative Practice 'works to strengthen connections between people within a community'.

This approach is highly confrontational to wrongdoing but, at the same time; fair, honest, and highly supportive of all people involved. This approach is based in the art of listening and the search for shared understanding of how people are affected by the actions of others' (Bill Hansberry, 2004).

Restorative Practice is the way we do things at AshColl because our young people are worth investing in.

*Rurea, taitea, kia toitu, ko taika anake.
Strip away the bark, expose the heartwood.*


Carolyn Clough
Head of Junior School

The AshColl Way



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
Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz
027 247 8003

Year 13 Business Studies Pure Air Company has Car Air Fresheners for Sale

Pure Air is a Year 13 Business Studies company from Ashburton College.

Our business is selling car air fresheners - for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00.

The scents we have to offer are –

- lime and coconut
- pineapple lumps
- strawberries and cream
- hubba bubba grape
- french vanilla
- watermelon lemonade

For each air freshener sold we will be donating

\$0.10 of our profits to the Cancer Society.

If you are interested in purchasing our product

please feel free to contact us at:

harg8272@student.ashcoll.school.nz

or view our instagram @pureair_



College Build Community Presentation and Information Evening

Thursday 25 August, 7:00pm, Auditorium

Interested College Whānau and Community Members are warmly invited to this evening.

Presenting at the evening will be:

- Ursula Adams, Architect, Baldasso Cortese Noordanus (BCN Architects)
- Andrew Lapsley, Director/Senior Project Manager, Verve Projects
- Martin Connell, Delivery Manager, Ministry of Education

All most welcome

Mid-Term Break and Teacher Only Day Pending

Tomorrow, Friday 19 August: Mid-term break

Please note that this is 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.

Congratulations

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition Results 2022

Ten students entered the first part of this competition in April. The most mathematically-able students in each school then gained admittance to the second part of the competition which took place in May.

Assistant Head of Faculty Mathematics Liz Cabout said that the first part of this competition was undertaken online, as a short-answer and multi-choice problem-solving assessment.

The second part was a written assessment where problems needed to be solved with clear working and mathematical reasoning.

Selection into second part of the competition

Year 11 student Luke Hay and **Year 9 student Aryan Saluja** were selected to participate in the second part of the competition, in May.

Distinction and Merit Certificates achieved

Luke gained a **Distinction Certificate** meaning that he achieved in the top 15% of all entrants.

Aryan gained a **Merit Certificate** meaning that he achieved in the top 50% of all entrants.

Only students very capable in Mathematics are entered into the competition.



(Pictured above, left and right): Luke and Aryan with their certificates.

A Win at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' Basketball Tournament

Recently we reported on the Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament.

A week earlier, in late June, College had two Junior Girls' Basketball Teams competing in the above tournament, also held in Timaru at the Southern Trust Events Centre.

The balance of competing teams were Craighead Diocesan teams 1 and 2, Mountainview High School, Roncalli College, Timaru Girls' High School Year 9 and Year 10 teams, Waimate High School and Waitaki Girls' High School.

Results

Two College teams competed, with the **Ashburton College 1 team winners** of the ten-team grade and Ashburton College 2 placing 6th.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Ashburton College 2 team members: Torry Wilson-Brown, Penny Marriott, Milla Overend, Ruby Patterson, Grace Johnston, Taylor Lamont.

(Front row, left to right): Ashburton College 1 team members: Lucy Pearce, Jorja Abernethy, Libby Feutz, Ally Thomas, Lily Rosevear, Casey Cousins, Yasmin Larry.

Senior Girls' A Team Runners-up at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Open Basketball Championships

These were held mid-June, at Ashburton's EA Networks Centre, with the Ashburton College Senior Girls' A Team placing runner-up from the four competing teams.

Teams contesting this Championships were the ultimate winners Timaru Girls' High School, while Roncalli College finished in third position and Waimate High School in fourth.

College Team Members were: Jorja Abernethy, Gelaeya Hadfield, Hannah Joyce, Holly Ngutu, Lucy Pearce, Amelie Robertson, Angel Spooner, Claudia Thomas, Lily Williams, Laura Winchester.

Eva Kelly was injured and unable to take part in this tournament.



Congratulations

South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament

This annual event, when not impacted on by COVID (!), is held at Hagley Park, Christchurch each year. This year it was held from Monday 11-Wednesday 13 July in the first week of the school holidays. It is a wonderful festival of competitive netball.

College was well-represented by the College Year 9A and Year 10A teams.

AshColl Year 9A Team

Coach Ange Mitchell said that this tournament was a great experience for the Year 9A AshColl netball team. The tournament situation gave the players the chance to show how much they have learnt and grown over the first half of this season.

The team's strength comes from their love of playing netball; they are all talented players who have the ability to work hard as a group, being extremely supportive of each other and eager to learn.

During the tournament the shooters, Chanelle Ula, Kalotia Ula, Amelia Mitchell and Ally Thomas all provided great accuracy under the hoop. The different styles that these players can play made it difficult for opposition defenders to stop the team from scoring.

Our mid-court players, Layla Ward, Lucy Pearce and Savana Fagalima showed their speed and flair and fed the shooters extremely well.

Ange said that the whole team worked together very well on defence, turning ball over right throughout the court.

Special mention goes to the committed defence team of Emma, Lulu, Ruby and Kalotia who were tireless and destructive in the goal third, picking up numerous intercepts, loose balls and rebounds. Unfortunately for Kalotia and the team, she was injured in the final minutes of the third game against Waitaki Girls' High on Day 1 and was unavailable for the remainder of the tournament.

As a team they met their goals of giving 100% in all they did, being fantastic team members and representing AshColl with pride. The girls all faced every game with energy and excitement, no matter how big the challenge. They never gave up and always believed in the team.

This helped them come out on top in some tight situations and finish the tournament in a very pleasing 13th position, from the thirty two teams in the top Year 9 Grade.

Results from the games were -

Day 1 - Pool Play:

In the games against Garin College (34-21 win); Rangitapu Girls' School (25-31 loss); and Waitaki Girls' High School (27-27 all draw).

(Pictured right): In the game on Day 1 against Garin College, Centre Layla Ward, Goal Attack Ally Thomas and Goal Shoot Amelia Mitchell.

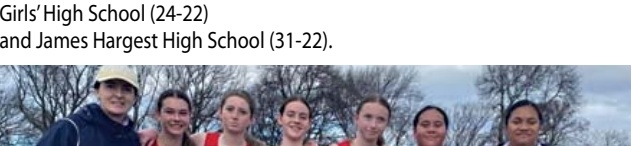
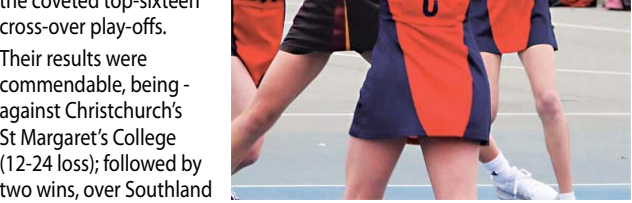
Day 2

Games were cancelled due to the extreme weather and rainfall.

Day 3 - Top 16 Cross Over Games

From the team's results on Day 1, they finished second in their pool and therefore progressed into the coveted top-sixteen cross-over play-offs.

Their results were commendable, being against Christchurch's St Margaret's College (12-24 loss); followed by two wins, over Southland Girls' High School (24-22) and James Hargest High School (31-22).



The team at the end of the tournament (pictured above, back row, left to right): Ange Mitchell (Coach), Ally Thomas, Ruby Patterson, Emma Lowry, Amelia Mitchell, Chanelle Ula, Kalotia Ula.

(Front row, left to right): Lucy Pearce (Co-captain), Savana Fagalima (Co-captain), Layla Ward, Lulu Kilworth.

AshColl Year 10A Team

The team played in Pool D, alongside Waimea College (Nelson), Southland Girls' High School and Villa Maria College (Christchurch).

Results from the games were

First game up was against Villa Maria College. After a rocky start, Coach Leisel Lambert said the girls started to come back and **took out the win 32-23.**

Game 2

With a first win under the belt, they took confidence into the next game where they faced Waimea College which proved to be a closer encounter, but they held their own **to take the win 36-30.**

Final Pool Play Match

The last game of the pool match was against Southland Girls. College had a tough start, with a few unforced errors which saw Southland get away on them in the first quarter but College pulled it back and, for the rest of the game, the score see-sawed.

Unfortunately, Southland pulled away in the last half of the 4th quarter, **to take the win 24-18.**

The pool play results placed College second in the pool.

Draw Alterations

With Tuesday's weather causing pool cross-over games to be cancelled, finals day games were based on pool-play outcomes, from Day 1.

Day 3

This brought some tough matches for the team.

First up was Wakatipu High School who had a strong start and built on this all game, to claim the win 35-26.

The team put that game behind them to focus on their next game against Timaru Girls' High School, knowing they had previously won against them. This was a close match, but the Timaru Girls' High School shooters were too accurate, with College losing by 4 goals, 25-29.

The last game of the day saw some tired bodies pitted against Marlborough Girls' High School, in what proved to be a hard match, mentally and physically. The College players gave it their all, but went down 30-38.

Overall, though, the tournament was described as 'lots of fun', with great experiences and memories created; and, on the two days where play could take place, the weather, ironically, was amazing.

Again, in a tournament of this size, the first achievement is to finish in the top sixteen group, from the thirty-two teams in this grade also.

Congratulations go to both teams on the quality of their performances. They represented AshColl with pride.



Year 10A team members (pictured above, back row, left to right): Makaletia Ula, Marnell Vaealua, Penny Marriott, Milla Overend, Harriet Hill, Isla Hart, Torry Wilson-Brown, Taylor Lamont.

(Front row, left to right): Nicky Lamont (Manager) Meg Lill, Ashleigh Houston, Leisel Lambert (Coach).

Forthcoming Events

August 19	Mid Term Holiday Break Day – no school on this day 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
22	ACCORD Day (Teacher Only Day)
24	Supernet Reserve Competition, College A Netball, Avonside Girls' High School, Christchurch
26	Year 12 Trades Welding trip, Ara, Timaru Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
26-28	Cycling Southern School Tour (Cuddon Cup), Blenheim
28	South Island Secondary Schools' Motocross Championships, Gore

Jake Parsons Gains Tennis Experiences and Successes

Year 10 student Jake Parsons has been playing tennis since he was about three, and inter-club from about 7-8 years old.

Over recent weeks Jake has been committed to a busy, successful and valuable tennis programme.

Competing as an individual, Jake spent ten days competing in Brisbane, Australia, from the end of June and into the July student holiday break.

Jake competed in the Rafa Nadal Event on the Gold Coast, only losing in a super tie-breaker, in the quarter finals, to the number 1 seed.

A post written said 'Jake had a great performance in the quarter final against the No 1 seed of the event, going down in a heart-breaking 4-6, 6-4, 13-15 super tie break'. To add to the players' challenges there was a 35 minute rain delay at 7-9 in the tie break. Jake came out fighting and fought off 4 match points but didn't gain one himself to close the match out, but a great fight to come so close!

(Pictured right): Jake in action in the match against the No 1 seed.

Jake competed in two tournaments in Australia, saying it was 'really good to be competing against Australian players', noting there is a greater depth and number of players who are good.

Returning to Ashburton the first weekend of the school holidays, Jake then followed-up by competing during the holidays in an Under 14 Tier 3 tournament in Christchurch, and an Under 16 Tier 2 tournament in Dunedin, where he gained runner-up position.

Ahead for Jake is the Under 16 Kiwi Indoors Junior Championships, to be held in Auckland at the end of August.

Jake admitted to training quite hard, with Fitness/Strength and Conditioning usually before school and tennis skills training after school.

Target Shooters' Selection for Indoor Nationals, Starting Tomorrow

Teams have been selected for Nationals to be held in Palmerston North, starting tomorrow until 22 August.

Team Manager Nina McKenzie said selection is a rigorous process of competing in ranking list championships for the premiere national event, with the standard for selection being very high.

Ashburton College has the following students attending in South Island teams for this event:

Jake Jones: South Island Junior (Under 21) team.

This is Jake's first outing at this level and is a thoroughly deserved selection.

Madi Tourle: South Island Junior (Under 21) and South Island Women's Team.

This is Madi's second selection at this level as an Under 21 team member, and her first for the Senior Women's team, which shows her progression in the sport.

Charlotte McKenzie: South Island Junior (Under 21) team; South Island Women's team; and South Island Open (Senior) Team.

South Island Junior Team Captain

Further, Charlotte, as top qualifier in the South Island, has the honour of being South Island Junior (Under 21) Captain for the event.

Three teams is an enormous programme for anyone, and especially for a junior, but one which Charlotte has worked hard to achieve.

Future Talent

Nina said that it is also worthy of note that **Phoebe McKenzie** and **Tane Moore** raised some good numbers in their chase for selection, showing great potential, which will provide a great launching pad for success next year.

Winter Tournament Week Events

27-30	NZ Secondary Schools' Junior Basketball Boys' and Girls' Prems Tournament, Nelson
28-31	South Island Secondary Schools' Rural Livestock Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Waimea
28-01 Sept	South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament, Timaru Senior A Netball
28-02 Sept	Boys' Hockey Johnson Cup, Ngā Puna Wai Hockey Turf, Christchurch
	Girls' Hockey 1st XI, Audrey Timlin Cup, Ngā Puna Wai Hockey Turf, Christchurch
29-01 Sept	Girls' Football, Gary Sowden Tournament, Blenheim
29-02 Sept	South Island Secondary Schools' Equestrian Championships, National Equestrian Centre, McLean's Island, Christchurch
31-02 Sept	Senior Girls' Basketball, Southern Cup, Dunedin
31-03 Sept	NZ Secondary Schools' AA Basketball Tournament, Invercargill – Senior Boys