



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### Beginning for Rebuild

Last week was away to a great start with the beginning of our new build.

This was signalled with a cultural blessing and a ceremonial earth-turning. The latter was carried out by Lilly Allen and Logan Bradford, who have the distinction of being the very youngest students at Ashburton College. Their involvement was a simple way of signalling that schools always have students at their core.

My thanks are given to everyone who joined us for the morning. The main contractor has now been confirmed as Hawkins Construction. To be considered for these large school builds a firm needs to have a proven track record in their construction, and be on the Ministry of Education's preferred contractor's list.

The first block is due for completion later next year, with the thirty-two classrooms to be in use in 2024.

#### Winter Sports Tournament Week

Last week saw the annual Winter Sports Tournament Week take place. College had teams involved in Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Football and Equestrian. These teams were competing all over the mainland from Invercargill to Nelson. It's a great experience for our young athletes. Many of us cannot recall individual lessons at school but most people can clearly recall any sporting or cultural trip they went on. I am sure psychologists would have some form of explanation for this?

#### College Derived Grade Exams

Next week sees the round of school exams which are known as 'derived grade' exams. These exams give an indication of students' progress towards the external exams but are also important, as the results from these exams are the grades allocated to students who are unable to sit the NCEA external exams in November. Most years we have a number of students who are unable to sit exams for a valid reason, such as illness, a bereavement in the family, or an accident; (note: sleeping through the alarm isn't a valid excuse). For example, last year, a student was hit and injured from an electric scooter accident, while walking to school to sit their exam. I am also very confident that all the students who needed derived grades in November were no doubt thinking 'they would be fine' at the time of the College Derived Grade exams.

#### Senior Student Reports

Our senior school reports were sent to families on Friday 26 August. These reports on progress towards end-of-year results. The vast majority of our seniors should be fine but, clearly, some are going to have to put in a 'finishing burst' as the end of year approaches.

#### Student Attendance

There has been a lot of national coverage of school attendance rates as a cause of concern. I can share with you that the AshColl average for all year levels for the year-to-date is 81%, which is significantly higher than the national average.

Ross Preece,  
Principal • Tumuaiki



### Events

#### New Build Site Cultural Blessing and Ceremonial Earth Turning

This was held at 8:20am on the crisp, clear morning of Monday 29 August by Walnut Avenue on the former community pool site, where the new build will begin.

College teacher of te reo and tikanga Tiipene Philip led the blessing in front of invited guests and staff who gathered to celebrate the commencement of a new era for the College site. Ministry of Education and Hawkins Construction representatives were in attendance, alongside local District Council, Hakatere Marae and community groups' personnel, and Board of Trustees representatives.



(Pictured above): Some of the crowd gathered for the event.

#### (Pictured right):

Tiipene Philip leading the blessing, with (left to right) Principal Ross Preece, student Logan Bradford and Hakatere Marae representative Michelle Brett standing by.



The majority of our current buildings has been available as a learning environment for 50-plus years with much of the campus, as users will testify, well-ready for a modernised upgrade.

Contractor Hawkins Construction has advised that work on this site of the first block to be built is to start this month, with machinery due to move in. The block is due for completion later 2023, ready for classrooms' use early 2024.

(Pictured right, left and right): College's two youngest students, Logan Bradford and Lilly Allen, undertaking the first turning of the earth on the site soon to be humming to the tune of machinery and building.



This site was prepared initially with the demolition of the previous Phoenix Pre-school, with this enterprise now relocated in a new building off Middle Road, the site of the previous netball courts.

The occasion concluded with the singing of the Waiata, Whakataka te hau.

#### College Build Community Presentation and Information Evening

Preceding the above event was a presentation and information evening for interested whānau and community members, held in the College Auditorium during the evening of Thursday 25 August.

Presenting and answering questions at this meeting were Ursula Adams, Architect with Baldasso Cortese Noordanus (BCN Architects); Andrew Lapsley, Director/Senior Project Manager, Verve Projects; and Martin Connell, Delivery Manager, Ministry of Education.

### Congratulations

#### Ashburton College - Lincoln Sports Exchange: Rugby Results

We now report on the last two games of the Lincoln Sports Exchange.

##### Girls' 1st XV Rugby

Normally this team is a Mid Canterbury Combined team, being a composite of Ashburton College and Mount Hutt College players.

However, for inter-school fixtures the team is required to revert to being comprised of solely 'own school'/Ashburton College players. This brought about the addition of seven Under 15 players who, it was said, 'really stepped up to the mark'.



**Team members for this fixture were -** (pictured above, back row, left to right): Honey Reuben; Jas King, Tiresa Kwan Wing (Under 15); Edelma Kelsall, TC Trusler-Clark, Angel Spooner, Ripena Umaga Vaeila; Poppy Vaeavae, Chloe Graham, Siosiana Taufa, Lusi Tagicakibau (Under 15).

(Front row, left to right): Siasini Satui, Mere Apaipo (back), Sasha Williams (front), Shelley Cossey (back), Mia Manoa (back); Lily Kwan Wing (Under 15); Eteta Tanunu, Chloe Robinson.

Honey Reuben has been a loyal and supportive team member, and water-girl, continuing to come to all games since being ruled out playing due to concussion earlier in the season.

Despite the significant winning score of 44-17 to Ashburton College, the game was a physical and hard-fought fixture.

This was followed by the Filipino Dance Group entertaining with **Alitaptap** and the **Candle Dance**, and then **Max Nicol** and **Libby Alford's** contemporary dance duet. **Isabel Wang** ended the lunchtime's entertainment with her version of **Hallelujah**.

(Pictured pictured, left and right): Max Nicol and Libby Alford.



#### Next Open Mic

The next Open Mic will be in Week 9 of this term, on Thursday 22 September, and anyone is welcome to sign up - just email Mrs Bubb on [bx@ashcoll.school.nz](mailto:bx@ashcoll.school.nz)

### Events

#### Open Mic Returns to the College Stage

Thursday 25 August saw the return of the very popular free lunchtime concert, OPEN MIC, to the Ashburton College Auditorium stage.

Director of Performance Claire Bubb said that Open Mic is an open invitation to all performers from across the disciplines of Dance, Drama and Music to take to the stage in front of their peers.

The College Auditorium was packed with a very supportive and vocal crowd for the first Open Mic of the year, and they were treated to a variety of talent and experiences.

This Open Mic was also special as it was, additionally, a 'celebration of Filipino Language Week', kicked off by **Gwen Zamora** singing a traditional Filipino song, followed by her rendition of Love, by Keysia Cole.



(Pictured left): Gwen Zamora opening the lunchtime performance programme. Gwen had the Auditorium rocking within seconds of her opening number.

Next, the band **Suspended Seconds** rocked the crowd with two original songs which saw them win through to the Regional Finals in October recently.

(Pictured below, left to right): **Suspended Seconds** Band members Conner Stewart, Imogene Felton, Marc Calzada.



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#### Aoraki Badminton Championships

These were held at the Southern Trust Events Centre in Timaru on Tuesday 09 August (Girls' Competition) and Thursday 11 August (Boys' Competition).

##### Girls' Competition

Four College Girls' teams were entered:

**Team 1 - A Grade:** Simone Forster Lobato de Faria, Sai Sukumar, Zoe Cribb, Yumi Cabalse.

**Team 2 - A Grade:** Hope Mendez, Ysabella Tawatao, Jasmine Galos, Alice Homer.

**Team 3 - B Grade:** Janelle Galos, Jessica Hayman, Lyn Militante, Orpah Sildo.

**Team 4 - B Grade:** Mikaella Rigor and Leah Thomas plus two subs from various other schools, to cover two College players not able to travel due to sickness.

The teams travelled with **Lloyd Tuhao** and **Sunny Rana** as coaches, and **Sports Co-ordinator Darian Gray** and **Mandy Harrison** as Managers.

Spur said that the Southern Trust Events Centre presented competitors with twelve courts, showcasing back-to-back games of singles and doubles with no stoppages for the entire day.

The A Grade Competition was comprised of six teams, and B Grade eleven teams.

**The AshColl A Grade Team 1** fought a real battle against Mountainview High School with the results being decided by points for the winner, which College narrowly missed out on. Game and set scores were even at 3-3, 6-6, with the points decided being 210-219.

However, points went in College's favour from the B Grade AshColl 3 Girls v Waitaki Girls' High School Lemon game (3-3) with points at 104-103 in College's favour. As Darian said, it doesn't get much closer than that.

##### Final Results

###### A Grade: Play-off for 5th and 6th place

Both Ashburton Team 1 and Team 2 finished 3rd in their respective pools (A and B), and therefore were drawn to play each other in the cross-overs.

**Team 1**, in a close game, emerged the winner; 7 matches to 6 (214 -200 points).

##### B Grade:

Ashburton 3 had three losses and one win, while Ashburton 4 had two losses and one win.

##### Summary

Darian noted that the highlight of the day was the College A Grade teams playing each other for 5th and 6th placings.

The matches over the day were highly contested and thoroughly enjoyable for all. Appreciation went to **Mandy Harrison**, 'super-efficient' Team Manager for the day.

**Lloyd Tuhao** and **Sunny Rana** both did themselves proud as coaches and did a 'super job'. They were thanked for arranging practices, team selection and for their enthusiasm at this tournament.



The College girls and coaches (pictured above, back row, left to right): Sunny Rana, Lyn Militante, Orpah Sildo, Leah Thomas.

(Middle row, left to right): Lloyd Tuhao, Zoe Cribb, Simone Forster Lobato de Faria, Jessica Hayman, Alice Homer.

(Front row, left to right): Sai Sukumar, Hope Mendez, Ysabella Tawatao, Mikaella Rigor, Yumi Cabalse. (Absent from photo were): Janelle Galos, Jasmine Galos.

Darian said the team players were a pleasure to take to a tournament and that, while the results may not have gone their way, their appreciation and sportsmanship was top notch!

#### Boys' A Grade Badminton Team

##### Boys' Competition

Three College Boys' teams were entered:

**Team 1 - A Grade:** Lloyd Tuhao, Sunny Rana, Ken De Lara, Gabriel Teves, Gabe Rigor, Ian Pepito, Sir Aron Da-al, plus a

**Team 2 - B Grade:** Waitaki Boys' High School substitute, Partheshwar Lal, Redict Teves, Julius Apolonio, Harsh Patel.

As for the girls' competition, the teams travelled with **Lloyd Tuhao** and **Sunny Rana** as coaches, and **Darian Gray** and **Mandy Harrison** as Managers. The A Grade Competition was comprised of four teams, and B Grade ten teams.



The boys' teams (pictured above, back row, left to right): Redict Teves, Partheshwar Lal, Ian Pepito, Harsh Patel, Julius Apolonio, Gabe Rigor.

(Front row, left to right): Sir Aron Da-al, Sunny Rana, Lloyd Tuhao, Ken De Lara, Gabriel Teves.

##### Results

**AshColl 2** had a tough day at the office with four losses. However, that didn't dent their enthusiasm and perseverance during the day. Darian said they were most appreciative of Waitaki Boys' High School loaning College a player to fill a gap.

**AshColl 3** had three losses and a great win over St Kevin's College, 5-1.

##### AshColl 1 - Winners of Aoraki Secondary Schools' Championship

Darian's statement was that they 'left the best to last'.

With AshColl 1 and Mountainview High School 1 both on two wins and a loss, the result for 1st place came down to points.

Lloyd Tuhao, Sunny Rana, Ken De Lara and Gabriel Teves were exceptional and came up with the goods, 570 points-519 points to win the Championship.

**This trophy has been in the hands of Waitaki Boys' High School for the last six years of competition, and it was 2014 since the silverware has been in the AshColl trophy cabinet.**

This was described as a super way to end the day, with the outcome so well-deserved to these wonderful school ambassadors.



The winning team with their trophy (pictured above, left to right): Gabriel Teves, Lloyd Tuhao, Ken De Lara, Sunny Rana.

#### Target Shooters Successful at

#### South Island Championships

In the last month our College Student Target Shooters have been busy with qualification and competition events. In this newsletter we look at results from the South Island Target Shooting Teams Championships were held on Saturday 30 July, in Oamaru, at the end of Week 1 this term.

##### Andrew & Faulkner and Greenhough Shields Competed For

Manager Nina McKenzie said that Associations' teams from across the South Island, both Open and Junior, were present in the hunt for the prestigious Andrew & Faulkner Shield (Open teams) and the Greenhough Shield (Junior teams). It is important to note that competitors need to qualify to compete in this competition.

Shooting spanned all day, with each team fielding one team member per round, which means the results build across the day to a very exciting and much-anticipated final round and conclusion.

**Ashburton College had the following students gain selection for this prestigious event:**

- Bree Greer (as part of the Ashburton Association Team)
- Charlotte McKenzie (Mid Canterbury teams, Open and Junior)
- Jack Jones (Captain of the Mid Canterbury Junior Team)
- Madi Tourle (Mid Canterbury Junior and Open Teams)
- Phoebe McKenzie (Mid Canterbury Junior Team)
- Sama Soialo (Mid Canterbury-Timaru Combined Associations Junior Team)

- Tāne Moore (Mid Canterbury Junior Team)
- Luke Rhodes (selected for the Mid Canterbury-Timaru Combined Team but sadly unable to compete due to 'isolation' requirements)

Nina said that all the junior shooters should be commended for selection to this competition (apparently the largest indoor smallbore competition of its kind in Australasia).

The course of fire is one double (200.20) and one single (100.10) match, contributing to a final total for each shooter out of 300.30.

##### Scores were as follows:

Bree Greer	284.10	Charlotte McKenzie	287.10
Jack Jones	289.13	Madi Tourle	292.13
Phoebe McKenzie	286.07	Sama Soialo	286.05
Tāne Moore	280.07		

##### Combined Junior Team Section

**Sama Soialo** competed in a team in the Combined Junior Team section - which allows for Association entries where the Association isn't large enough to field six junior shooters at this level (Junior being Under 21), plus from Associations who already have a Junior Team but have enough quality Juniors to combine with another group.

In this instance **Sama Soialo**, and **Luke Rhodes** were selected to shoot with four Timaru Association Juniors. As noted above, unfortunately for Luke he was in isolation, which was described as 'rotten luck'. His spot then went to the first on-call shooter, **Jack McIntosh**, who was also unable to compete, and so then to **Eliza McKenzie** (St Joseph's School, 283.10 and an exciting addition to the AshColl ranks in 2023).

##### Winners of Combined Teams' Section

This team acquitted themselves very well, and not only won the Combined Teams section but were 6th overall Junior team!



(Pictured above): The Mid Canterbury-Timaru Combined Team with their Combined Junior Team Champion Medals.

(Back row, left to right): Nicole Curtis (Timaru), Charlotte McKenzie, Tāne Moore, Jack Jones, Phoebe McKenzie.

(Front row, left to right): Eliza McKenzie, Sama Soialo; Liam Harding (Timaru), Madi Tourle and Emily MacLean (Timaru).

(Absent from photo): Amelia Swan (Mid Canterbury), Riley Anderson (Timaru).

##### Ashburton Association Open Team

**Bree Greer** competed with the Ashburton Association Open team, which finished 10th and did extremely well in the Open (ie: senior age) section.



(Pictured left): Bree Greer.

##### Mid Canterbury Open Team

**Charlotte McKenzie** and **Madi Tourle** joined together with the Mid Canterbury Open team to go very close to the title, ending up 4th overall.

##### Return of Greenhough Shield to Mid Canterbury and Title Defended

And the big result of the day was **Jack Jones (Captain)**, **Charlotte McKenzie**, **Madi Tourle**, **Phoebe McKenzie** and **Tāne Moore**, together with **Mt Hutt College student, Amelia Swan** 288.06, putting on 1442.49 to go clear and defend their South Island title of 2021 and return the Greenhough Shield to Mid Canterbury.

This score was seven points better than the exact same team members' score of 2021, and surpassed some excellent finishes from North Otago (three points behind) in second, and a fast-finishing and very experienced team from East Otago (Dunedin City) in third (four points behind), with this team containing a number of university-aged students. Nina said that the winning team was again a class act.



(Pictured above, left to right): The Mid Canterbury Greenhough Team with their South Island Junior Team Champion Medals and the Greenhough Shield - Phoebe McKenzie, Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones (Captain), Tāne Moore, Madi Tourle.

(Absent from the photo): Mt Hutt College student Amelia Swan.

### Information



We welcome the return of another of our key cultural events, after the previous COVID-restrictions.

If you are able to attend, diary this event which showcases the musical talent of many of our students.