Rangitata Block

start their lessons in.

End-of-Year

communities.

Thank You

Year 9 and 10 Students

January for their results.

Deputy Principal Message

The Rangitata Block is on track to be open for

01 February 2024 for the new Year 9 students to

This week has seen Science, Art, Drama and

Te Whare Manaaki Faculties and Departments start

The interior and exterior colour scheme of the

Rangitata Block reflects the Canterbury Plains.

The outside colour of off-white and light blue

year to view this showcase of educational architecture.

represents the sky and clouds; while the interior is a combination of

Green represents the Canterbury green pastures; blue the Canterbury rivers; orange the tussock- covered mountains; all along with splashes

It is truly a magnificent building and the public will be invited early next

The end of the year does now seem to be approaching fast. NCEA external examinations have finished and students wait now until mid-

The Year 13 students have had their last days of being in classrooms at Ashburton College. They have finished their exams, we have celebrated their academic success at our Year 13 Graduation Awards Ceremony, and have said our final farewell at the Graduation Dinner held on Sunday

The students now leave the well-known, familiar, secure school

environment and begin to make their way in other endeavours and

As the Year 13 students leave, another group - our new Year 9 intake for

2024 - have had their 'orientation morning' at College, as a start to their

Since Years 11, 12 and 13 students have been on exam leave, Year 10

Both Year 9 and Year 10 students also have had the excitement of getting

prepared for 'Get Out There' Day, scheduled for the day this newsletter is

published. Students will spend the day partaking in activities selected

from a comprehensive list, including fishing, horse riding, tramping,

would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and caregivers

for their support over the year; whether it is ensuring their child is to

College on time, in the correct uniform, encouraging homework to be

completed, or revising for a test or examinations, or supporting them to

It has been a busy year when it is reflected on, and soon it will be schools'

holiday time and I wish you and your families a safe, restful break for

Helen Shore-Taylor

Ashburton College School Board Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A Casual Vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an Elected Parent Representative. The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989, to fill the Vacancy by Selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the College Roll

ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published,

to hold a By-Election to fill the vacancy, then a By-Election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a By-Election should advise this, in writing, to:

Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz;

or write to: Ashburton College School Board,

P O Box 204, Ashburton 7740

On or by: Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua

be at practises and/or extra-curricular events in and out of College.

This help supports the saying - 'it takes a community to raise a child'.

those who have a break, and a very Happy Christmas.

Information

transition of entering secondary schooling at Ashburton College.

students have enjoyed being the 'seniors' of the College.

surfing and white-water rafting, to name a few.

muted soft grey tones with the College House colours incorporated.

to move resources into their new spaces.

Ashburton College Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

what it will be like to be an AshColl student.

Events Successful Orientation Morning for Incoming

2024 Year 9 Students There are always a number of positives in the latter part of this year and one of these is our annual welcome to, and orientation for, incoming

2024 Year 9 students from our contributing schools and, in some cases, new students from outside of our district. The morning is an ideal way for incoming students to experience a taste of

This morning took place on Friday 24 November and it was our pleasure to welcome approximately 275 students, who enjoyed a full programme of activities following on from their welcome from Head of Junior School John Cook, in the Auditorium at 9:00am.

(Pictured above): Students in the Auditorium for the welcome, meeting and hearing from Deans James List and Josh Sim, and gaining 'starter's information'. **Programme for the Morning** Students were divided into Ako classes and experienced two subjects,

Science and Physical Education, plus a tour of the school. The tour guides were a number of Year 9 students who were tasked to show the incoming students around the various blocks and talk with the students about different subjects available at College. The current Year 9 students

were also able to talk about how they felt on their first day of secondary school and help ease any worries that the Year 8 students may have asked about.

Rotational Subjects (Pictured right, left and right): Year 10 students Leanè Senekal and Flliot Watson in their roles as lab assistants in Science teacher

Chan Deng's class. Following the safety briefing and demonstrations, students worked in groups to start their bunsen burner operating and to undertake an experiment of testing various substances over the flame. As each student in the group had a turn, they wrote on the worksheet which colour the flame

showed for Barium, Calcium, Copper, Lead and Potassium; and learned which substances were toxic, an irritant or low hazard. (Pictured left, and below): Students managing the bunsen burner process.



flame, find out which substance

Gym, a fast rounders-style game was underway with students on the move in fast succession, under the management of Phys Ed Head of Faculty

they are working with. The orange/red flame in front is Calcium, while the Blue/Green

flame behind is Copper. Meanwhile, in the College

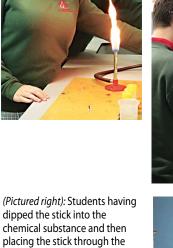
Vaughan Matheson and

Phys Ed teacher Josh Sim.

Plenty of verbal encouragement

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HUARAHI AKO



Ashburton College

(Pictured below): Action shots from the Gym.

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with the students from the start of next year. **College Rock Band Performs at** 'Light up the Night' Ashburton College's Rock Band 'No Sleep at Work' performed at the

Ashburton District Council's Christmas Event on Saturday 25 November as the festive season hit Ashburton, and the big Christmas Tree was lit

are reliably informed this was still a rock song!

This band was formed for the Smokefree RockQuest this year, performing in the heats, in Timaru, where they placed second. On Saturday evening the band played a 25-minute set of rock cover songs and finished with a song that had a more Christmas-type theme to it, but we



(Pictured above): Kate Cochrane on drums. Issue 41 7 December 2023



Our Vision

ENGAGED IN LEARNING FOR LIFE

Junior Sports Week Te Whare Manaaki Students Pakeke In our previous newsletter we gave a taster to this week held from **Lions Day Out** Monday 20 November-Thursday 23 November. This week was a post-Covid initiative of Sport South Canterbury and has become a firm Annually the Ashburton Pakeke Lions Club sponsor an outing for College's Te Whare Manaaki students, and this year was no exception, favourite for students and staff throughout the Aoraki region.

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The activities over the week encompassed Beach Day on Monday, Touch on Tuesday, Waimate Day on Wednesday and Volleyball on Thursday. Monday and Wednesday were non-competitive fun events, while Touch and

twenty activities, and a total of 725km travelled.

activities in the park and on the beach, being:

Alex Kenure-Blackler, Oakley McKenzie, Curtis Bayston, Sawyer Skilling, (Middle Row, left to right): Laura Stanley, Addison Judd, Sophie Braas,

After a joint lunch, venues were swapped and the College team spent the

Jack Bennett. Abby Cochrane, Tia Double, Kate Cochrane. Isla Gilbert.

afternoon at the Waimate Event Centre.

Lucy Boldy.

(Pictured right):

Curtis Bayston

with the outing taking place on Tuesday 28 November, at The Plains Vintage Railway and Historical Museum.

and caught bubbles,

have two rides on the Railcar, played under the parachute, blew

Te Whare Manaaki Teacher Tina Johnson said that the students got to

and even had a visit from Father Christmas who gave gifts to everyone. The superb

hand-made gifts went down a treat, enhancing the outing, and we thank those who gave the time to making The shade canopies and tables and chairs layout were an added comfort (Pictured right): Niesje Burgerhout by the Lions Sign.



(Pictured below): Chelssea Cheesman receiving her gift from Father Christmas

(Pictured above): Harrison Thorpe under the parachute.



our students.

Volleyball were competitive events. We take a look at each of these days **Caroline Bay Beach Day**

Rugby Invasion Game

Hula Hoop Challenge

Relay

Skipping

Noodle

Waimate Day

Riddle Solving and Photo Task Beach Volleyball I Te Timatanga (Rhythmical and Mental Ability game, undertaken in pairs to help develop counting in Māori while keeping a rhythm, action and amp)

At Caroline Bay Park teams participated in significant rotations of

Ashburton College's Kairuruku Hākinakina | Sports Co-ordinator

Darion Gray gives us some details related to this week and the activities

Overall College had 140-plus students involved, with exposure to over

Poi Toa, as shown in last week's newsletter. Charades Memory Music and amp

Sharing the beach with passengers from the cruise ship meant the visitors were very interested in what was happening, which made for many

Sponge and amp

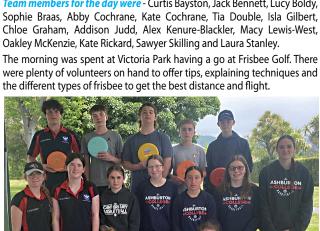


One hundred-plus participants enjoyed this day on Wednesday 22 November in Waimate, with College team members transported

by Kairuruku Hākinakina | Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray and School Transport Manager and Teacher Relief Co-ordinator Mandy Harrison, with

appreciation to her for her support as driver and helper for the day.

The morning was spent at Victoria Park having a go at Frisbee Golf. There were plenty of volunteers on hand to offer tips, explaining techniques and



At this venue students self-managed the choices of 3 x 3 Basketball, Rollerblading and Badminton. Rock Climbing was on offer with experienced instructors. Over half of the College group, many outside their comfort zone, gave this a whirl, with all

reaching goals or exceeding goals, which was such a thrill to watch.

with the ball in the 3x3 Basketball match.



Lucy Boldy,

Chloe Graham,

Macy Lewis-West setting

out on a roller-blading

Kate Rickard,









Jonah said the results were a great reflection of all the hard work and commitment students have put into themselves and each other. They represented Ashburton College extremely well and should be very proud. AshColl Boys' Team

results

Ashburton College

Junior Sports Week

Junior Boys' and Girls' Volleyball

Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru.

The second-placed AshColl Junior Boys' A Team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Coach Jonah Drye, Lucius Hunt, Mei Vaeila, Pokoina Paraia,

The quick 515m Sprint has a hand-held start, with Eliza having a strong start and sweep to the front as she built speed. She held the front for the whole distance but was just out-bid at the final stage of the finish. (Pictured left): Eliza preparing for the 515m Sprint Final.

own points but also their competitors' points, whilst also planning and responding to attacks. As can be expected, points were hotly contested, with Eliza making an early bid for the opening lap, and just being pipped on the line. However, she grabbed a great point in lap 6, catching her competitors stalling and then dropping into the racing lane to grab the point. Ultimately, she finished third in the race. South Island Secondary Schools' Track Cycling Bronze Medal **Overall for Eliza**

From the above three separate events, competitors gathered finishing place

points to provide the outcome for the overall podium placings.

podium receiving

her Bronze Medal.

(Pictured right): Double

Glanville (1st placed)

Mini Trampoline winners Finleigh

(Pictured right, far right): Eliza on the



Coach Ethan Santich, Brodyn Cooper.

Shams Tahiri.

In reaching this outcome they had wins over Mt Hutt College A (2-1); Timaru Boys' High School B (2-0); and then a 2-0 semi-final win over Timaru Boys' High School A; followed by a finals loss against Waitaki Boys' High School AshColl Girls' Team

(Front row, left to right): Tangi Tepaki, Nonu Tilialo, James Fakateli and

The first-placed AshColl A Junior Girls' A Team (pictured above, left to right): Coach Jonah Drye, Shalom Pio, Toa Makaui, Hope Mendez, Yumi Cabalse, Siosiana Taufa, Althea Agacer, Hazel Bernarte and Coach Ethan Santich. Unbeaten throughout the day, the team's wins were against Mackenzie College A (2-1), Timaru Girls' High School A (2-0), Mountainview College (2-0), and the semi-final win over Mt Hutt College A (2-0), with the final a

Boys' competition: Mt Hutt College A and B Team, Timaru High School Boys'

Girls' competition: Thirteen teams contested this competition, being the

A and B teams from Mt Hutt College, Timaru Girls' High School, Mackenzie

College, and Geraldine High School, plus Timaru Girls' High School Year 9, Waitaki Girls' High School A, Craighead Diocesan School, Mountainvew

Appreciation is given to Coaches Jonah Drye (and Manager) and

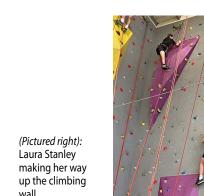
Ethan Santich, to driver Cheyenne Parris; and to Hope Mendez for adding

A and B Teams, Waitaki Boys' High School A and Ashburton College A.

in some refereeing. **Touch Rugby** This competition was held on Tuesday 21 November at the Timaru Old Boys' Rugby Club, with seven teams in each of the three grades - Mixed, Boys' and Girls'. Travelling with the teams were team Coaches Sean Hewett,

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(Pictured left, left to right):







Maddie Stirling

Year 10

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4-3 win - against Mount Hutt College Red

1-5 loss - against Twizel Area School

2-8 loss - against Roncalli College





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Congratulations Excellent Trampolining Successes for College Students at the Canterbury Championships In the final Trampoline Competition and presentation of the Canterbury Champion Trophies for 2023, College students Finleigh Glanville, Laura Stanley and Jamie Glanville achieved outstanding results. Finleigh Glanville: 13-14 years category Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline 1st placed Canterbury Champion for the year in both the Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline Laura Stanley: 13-14 years category Double Mini Trampoline 3rd placed 4th placed Trampoline Jamie Glanville: 15-16 years category Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline 1st placed Canterbury Champion for the year for both Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline

repeat 2-0 win over Timaru Girls' High School A.

High School and Ashburton College.

focus on anything but the basics.

Appreciation:

Genevieve Kirwan and Josh Sim, with help from students Dave Pio, Beaver Touli, Siasini Satui, Ripena Umaga Vaeila, Angel Spooner and Shelley Cossey.

Sean said there were many nerves amongst the three teams on the way to

Timaru, mainly due to the fact that the students had only had one touch training before the tournament and that was as a large group, with little

Principal's Commendations –

contributions to College life and personal achievement. These were recorded in our early November newsletter but two students escaped that list and we want to acknowledge them publicly, as we did for the other students. E-J Elliott and Georgie Poole are acknowledged for the contribution as Ashburton College Football Coaches.

Two Additional Students

(Pictured left and right): E-J Elliott and Georgie Poole.

Year 9 and Year 10 final day and prize-givings (refer below). 2023 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-givings, Events Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the remaining two 2023

Year 9 Prize-giving, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Ashburton Event Centre.

Year 10 Prize-giving, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Ashburton Event Centre.

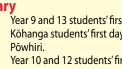
Year 9 and 10 students' final day.

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The Mixed Team members (pictured above, back row, left to right): Coach Josh Sim, Eleanor Ross, Hope Peters, Maddy Thomson, Siosiana Taufa,





Year 10 and 12 students' first day Te Whare Manaaki - all students start. Year 11 students' first day

Waitangi Day public holiday **Term Dates 2024 Term One** Start dates as above

- Friday 12 April Easter holiday 29 March-02 April **Term Two** Monday 29 April - Friday 05 July Accord Teacher Only Day 31 May

King's Birthday holiday 03 June Matariki public holiday 28 June **Term Three** Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September Mid-term break, 30 August

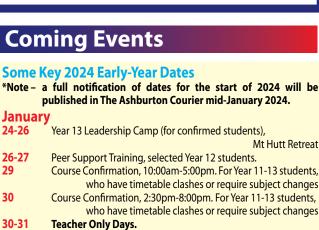
Canterbury Anniversary Day 15 November

Tuesday 30 October (Years 11/12)

- Tuesday 10 December (Years 9 and 10)

Monday 14 October - Thursday 24 October (Year 13) **Term Four** Labour Day public holiday 28 October Accord Teacher Only Day 14 November

Christchurch



The Boys' team got off to a slow start, given the limited training together, but improved dramatically in the second game, to secure a place in the



Year 9 and 13 students' first day.

24-26 26-27 30 30-31 **February** Kōhanga students' first day.

Alex Kenure-Blackler, Coach Sean Hewett. Jack Bennett, Pokoina Paraia.

News The Frisbee Golf (pictured below left, back row, left to right): (Front row, left to right): Macy Lewis-West, Kate Rickard, Chloe Graham,

Darion said that our rangitahi managed themselves extremely well and, with the aid of a map, navigated the park finding the various stations in the correct order and in a timely manner. It was described as fun for all! A 'Shout Out' was given to Alex for his Double Dutch Skipping score of 84 and, despite it not being a competitive day, seemingly the AshColl team came out on top overall!





The Junior Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams had a great day on Thursday

23 November at the Aoraki Junior Volleyball Tournament played at

Coach Jonah Drye said he was 'blown away' by the amazing quality of

volleyball both of the College teams played and, with volleyball being one

Both teams played in their respective top grade and came out with excellent

with the Boys' team finishing in 2nd place within the top Boys' Grade

and the Girls' team finishing in 1st place in the top Girls' Grade.

of the two competitive sports, this quality showed in their results.

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment Congratulations **Impressive South Island Secondary Schools'**

(Pictured right):

Eliza competing in the Yunca Criterium, under the Tinwald Cycling Club

banner (in the blue and orange

515m Sprint Final

Favourite Discipline However, hot on the heels of the Yunca Junior Tour of Southland which is comprised of six demanding stages over three days on the road, Eliza was excited to get back onto the Invercargill boards for her favourite discipline. 2500m Scratch Race Tired legs from the Tour were quickly warmed up and a good speed was put

on for the first 2000m, with a sprint finish seeing Eliza in third place.

3000m Points Race The final race was a Points race, where there is a neutral lap, and then a single point awarded to the first person over the line, for each 250m lap. This is a good tactical race, with riders having to keep

track of not only their

Having placed 3rd in each of the 2500m Scratch race, the 515m Sprint final, and the 3000m Points Race, Eliza claimed the Bronze Medal position overall. The Gold Medal went to a Central Southland College rider, and Silver to a Roncalli College rider. This event concluded the school fixtures for cycling for 2023, and brings in the start of Track Season and Summer Road Racing.

and Laura Stanley (3rd placed). (Pictured right, left and right): Jamie Glanville and Finleigh Glanville with their certificates and Canterbury Champion trophies in both Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline, in their respective age groups.

As part of the College's recognition process, Principal's Commendation Awards give acknowledgement and appreciation for outstanding **Coming Events** 08-10 NZSS Track, Field and Road Championahips, Ngā Puna Wai,

Prize-givings.

December