



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Head of Junior School Message

#### AshColl Way

The start of our year at College has given us the opportunity to teach our new staff and students (and remind our returning staff and students) about the AshColl Way.

In everything we do at College, we strive to achieve our Values of **Quality, Pride and Respect**.

**Our focus for Term One is on the Value of Pride** and, in particular, we will be working with students to ensure they are showing this by wearing our College uniform correctly and attending every class, every day on time.

#### Uniform Guidelines

In Ako time, uniform guidelines have been explained and reminders have been given. Students are required to wear their uniform correctly from the time they leave home in the morning until they return after College. There are plenty of options within the uniform to allow for changeable weather conditions and also flexibility for personal preference.

We appreciate the support from parents and caregivers to ensure that our young people do wear their uniform with pride, and we will make contact with home if this is not the case.

In particular, we do not allow hoodies or sneakers to be worn with the uniform, and only College hats may be worn.

#### Link Between Attendance and Academic Success

Over the past ten years, we have collected student achievement data which categorically shows the link between attendance and academic success.

We will be working hard with students and parents/caregivers to maintain high levels of attendance across the College.

A reminder that our College day begins at 8:45am on Monday and Friday so students need to be at College and heading to their classes by 8:40am. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, classes begin at 9:00am so students need to be at College and on their way to class by 8:55am at the latest.

#### Relationship Value Between School and Home

At College we value the relationship between school and home in supporting our young people to succeed.

The Ako teacher is instrumental in this role and we encourage parents and caregivers to make contact with the Ako teacher of their child, with any questions or concerns. At two points during the year, we close the College for instruction and ask all students and parents/caregivers to come in for Ako interviews.

This three-way discussion and information sharing between student, parent/caregiver and Ako teacher is crucial to ensure the student's needs are being met in all aspects of their College life.

The first Ako interviews will take place on Thursday 10 March so please put this into your calendar now. Information will be emailed to parents about making times for interviews. All students are expected to attend the interviews on this day.

#### Term One

Term One is usually a busy term, with various sporting and cultural activities as well as the beginning of the academic year.

Sadly, many activities have already been cancelled due to our current COVID-19 Red Light Setting. Our priority at this time is keeping everyone safe and maintaining face-to-face teaching and learning on-site at College for as long as possible.

In time, we will see a return to those many activities that enrich the life of our College.

For now, let's focus on our core business and have a great start to the academic year.

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei.

Pursue Excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.

**Carolyn Clough**  
Head of Junior School



### Information

#### Early Closure – Next Wednesday, 23 February

##### PLEASE NOTE:

##### EARLY CLOSURE NEXT WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY



PPTA has asked that there be a Branch-based Paid Union Meeting held on this day, from 1:45pm – 3:45pm. This is being held in accordance with Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

The meeting is being held between 1:45pm and 3:45pm, in the Ashburton College Auditorium.

The on-site meeting minimises greater disruption for students by lessening any travel time for our staff.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider possible claims to be made in the 2022 Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement negotiations.

**Therefore, College will close for normal instruction from 1:20pm (the end of Period 4).**

**This means that Period 5 classes will not operate on this day, and we ask that you please make alternative arrangements for your child/children where possible.**

Supervision will be available at College for bus students (bus times will run as normal) and students who are not able to make alternative arrangements.

We do thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

### Acknowledgement

#### Ceremonial Baton - Gift Presentation, from Melvin Galletly

Melvin Galletly was a former Ashburton College student and Head Boy in 1974. As a follow-on from the College's First Ten Years' Student and Staff Reunion on 07-08 May 2021, Melvin has donated a 'Ceremonial Baton'.

Presentation of this was arranged for the last day of the year, on 10 December 2021.

##### Memorandum Walk

In recognition of the College's two predecessor schools, Hakatere College and Ashburton High School, Melvin arranged to walk up from the Hakatere College's Cameron Street site, along Cass Street past the previous High School site (now the Ashburton Intermediate School site) and up Walnut Avenue to Ashburton College.

Melvin was unable to attend last year's reunion but was the instigator of the group ceremonial walk from Cameron Street to Ashburton College on the Friday morning, which heralded the start of the celebrations.

The walk in December allowed for 'walking up' the metallic gold-painted aluminium athletic baton from the historic roots of Ashburton College to the current home of the life and work of College.

Melvin and Peter Gluyas, Chair of the Ashburton College Alumni Group, arrived at College for 9:15am to make the presentation to Principal Ross Preece, by the Kowhai Tree in the Memorial Garden.



(Pictured left, left to right):

Chairperson of the Ashburton College Alumni Peter Gluyas, Baton Donor and former Head Boy Melvin Galletly presenting the baton to Principal Ross Preece.

##### Deed of Gift

Accompanying the baton was a Deed of Gift, prepared by Melvin, with some possible intentions for the baton use, and a possible inscription. Melvin has suggested this be discussed within Ashburton College and the Ashburton College Alumni Group. This will be looked at now the new year is underway. Melvin's idea re the baton was its association with a relay race, with members passing it on to a new runner – this could be actioned in any forum relevant to momentum and moving forward, through a passage of time journey; from groups of students, change of staff; older buildings to new buildings. Thus – a symbol for aspirations, continuity and values.

A stainless steel sleeve provides a place in the middle of the baton for engraving, and possibly opportunity for native timber pieces to be placed at each end of the baton. Also donated was a small pendant-shaped piece of greenstone from South Westland which could be inlaid. Significantly the pendant is two pieces of pounamu joined together, symbolising the joining together of the two secondary schools, to form Ashburton College.

##### 50th Anniversary of all Students On-Site at College

This year, on 06 June, is the 50th anniversary date of all year levels of students consolidating on to our Walnut Avenue site. 06 May 2021 marked 50 years since the relocation of junior students from the Cameron Street to Walnut Avenue. Ashburton College itself was formed in 1965 but operated out of the two sites which homed the predecessor schools.

It is also meaningful that the College's rebuild project is scheduled to commence this year.

### Ako Meetings/College Closure –

**Thursday 10 March**

Please note that the College will be closed for normal instruction on this day, in order to hold Ako interviews for all year levels.

These interviews provide opportunity for students to share information, plan and set goals, with their Ako teacher and parent/caregiver.

**The interviews will be held at Ashburton College, from 10:00am-8:00pm.**

**Twenty minutes is allocated for each interview.**

**Families are to book their interview times on-line, and this information will be provided to families.**

**All students-parents/caregivers are expected to attend at Year 9 and 10 levels.**

**If parents/caregivers of senior students are unable to attend, students themselves are expected to attend their interview.**

**Please Note – Red Traffic Light COVID protocols will be adhered to:**

- Parents/Caregivers are required to scan in on arrival.
- Masks must be worn when in the classroom.
- Social distancing is required in the interview.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use.

**The current intent is that these important interviews will take place. Should national COVID requirements change, this – and any changes – will be advised to families.**

### Congratulations

#### Advance Ashburton Leadership Scholarship for Staff Member Tiipene Philip

At the end of 2021, after the production of our final newsletter for the year, we received the news of the above Scholarship awarded to Matua Philip, Head of Department Māori at College and Across-Schools Hakatere Ako Community of Learning Teacher, Māori.

**The joint winners of the 2021 Advance Ashburton Leader's Scholarship were announced, as Tiipene Philip and Kaylib Gorrie (Deputy Principal, Mount Hutt College).**



(Pictured above, left to right): At the official presentation Kaylib Gorrie, Tiipene Philip and Advance Ashburton Selection Panel Member Sir Graham Harrison.

Chair of the Foundation, Mary Ross, said the calibre of this year's applications was so high that a joint award was made.

Tiipene, who is also a Warden and Trustee at the Hakatere Marae, will use the scholarship to help improve capacity and leadership for Māori services provided on a volunteer basis for people of all ethnicities in the district.

Both men noted they were humbled by the award and reaffirmed their ambition to help and support our district through their leadership roles.



(Pictured above): Tiipene Philip (front row, third from the left) with Advance Ashburton and Hakatere Marae Komiti members.



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## News

### Congratulations

#### Update on College Rowers and Regattas

A number of College students have been busy on the water since early November and, in this newsletter, we summarise results from the December 2021 (which missed the 'cut' on the last newsletter of the year) and January 2022 regattas held to date.

COVID constraints permitting, forthcoming events on the rowing calendar include the South Island Junior Regatta (26-27 February); South Island Secondary Schools' Championships (11-13 March) and the peak event of the season: Aon Maadi Cup (28 March-02 April).

The South Island Junior Regatta was to be held at Lake Hood but all events have been moved to Lake Ruataniwha at Twizel, with the location being big enough to accommodate the necessary distancing/team bubble requirements.

#### Meridian 2021 Otago Championships

Information provided by Year 13 student Claudia Thomas

Over the weekend of 11-12 December a squad of twenty one Ashburton Rowing Club/College Rowers made their way down to Twizel ready to race in the Meridian/Otago Champions Regatta.

There were a total number of forty eight schools and clubs in attendance, totalling upwards of 1120 competitors, with 227 races completed over the two days.

##### Weather Impacts

Due to the weather, racing was put on hold for two hours and then not long after restarting it was called off for the day on Saturday, with the remaining heats set to be raced before the finals on Sunday.

##### A or B Finals

There were twenty three Ashburton boats entered to race in heats, with sixteen of these progressing through to either an A or B final.

##### Secret Santa

At the regatta the rowers also went through the tradition of Secret Santa, with each rower purchasing a gift for another rower after picking out a name from a hat. There were many types of gifts received.

Claudia said that overall it was a successful regatta with some good results, preceding their next regatta, mid-January in Twizel.

#### Results were:

<b>Women's Intermediate Double Sculls</b>			
Heat 2	1st	– Charlotte Cox, Isabel Wall.	
Heat 1	6th	– Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling.	
<b>Boys' Under 17 Double Sculls</b>			
Heat 2	6th	– Henry Wallis, Jed Amos.	
<b>Boys' Under 18 Single Sculls</b>			
Heat 1	6th	– Zane Cameron.	
<b>Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls</b>			
Heat 1	6th	– Leah Reid, Mia Chambers, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Honor Bradford, Izacc Carr (Cox).	
<b>Men's Novice Double Sculls (1000m)</b>			
Heat 2	7th	– Ashton Brook, Travis Amos.	
<b>Girls' Under 17 Double Sculls</b>			
Heat 3	8th	– Ruby Leverton, Laura Jensen.	

#### B Finals

<b>Men's Club Double Sculls</b>	2nd	– Ged Wall, Zane Cameron.	
<b>Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls</b>	2nd	– Chloe Braas, Honor Bradford.	
	6th	– Isabel Wall, Leah Reid.	
	7th	– Mia Chambers, Isla Connelly-Whyte.	
<b>Boys' Under 17 Single Sculls</b>	4th	– Henry Wallis.	
<b>Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls</b>	8th	– Izacc Carr, Jordy McGillen.	

#### A Finals

<b>Men's Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls</b>	3rd	– Jed Amos, Izacc Carr, Jordy McGillen Travis Amos, Chloe Braas (Cox).
<b>Men's Intermediate Coxed Four</b>	4th	– Jed Amos, Izacc Carr, Ashton Brook Travis Amos, Chloe Braas (Cox).
<b>Women's Intermediate Coxed Four</b>	4th	– Coty Cuadrado, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Ruby Leverton, Claudia Thomas, Leah Reid (Cox).
<b>Boys' Under 18 Double Sculls</b>	5th	– Henry Wallis, Zane Cameron.
<b>Men's Club Single Sculls</b>	5th	– Ged Wall.
<b>Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls</b>	6th	– Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling.
<b>Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls</b>	7th	– Isabel Wall, Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling, Chloe Braas, Travis Amos (Cox).
<b>Women's Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls</b>		



(Pictured above, left to right): Isabel Wall, Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling, Chloe Braas, Travis Amos (Cox), parked in the bay by the starting line, waiting for the regatta to commence again.



(Pictured left, left and right): Boys' Under 16 Sculls Jordy McGillen and Izacc Carr making their way to the start line.

(Pictured below, left to right): Women's Intermediate Coxed Four Leah Reid (Cox), Claudia Thomas, Ruby Leverton, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Coty Cuadrado (out of view) getting ready to go on the water.



#### Meridian 2022 Canterbury Championships

Information provided by Year 11 student Leah Reid

Over the weekend of 15-16 January a crew of thirty Ashburton College and Ashburton Club rowers made the trip to Twizel to race in the 2022 Canterbury Champs Regatta, on Lake Ruataniwha.

A total of thirty four clubs and schools made up the 1219 competitors. Due to some fog, the regatta was put on hold for an hour and half on the Sunday, but continued for the rest of the day in order to complete all races. There were twenty seven boats put in to races on the Saturday, while twenty boats raced on the Sunday in either A or B Finals. Leah said the regatta was successful with some great results.

#### Results were:

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Heats

Boys' Under 17 Double Sculls

Heat 2

6th

– Henry Wallis, Jed Amos.

Women's Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls

Heat 2

7th

– Ruby Leverton, Coty Cuadrado, Laura Jensen, Leah Reid, Charlie Howden (Cox).

Boys' Under 16 Double Sculls

Heat 1

8th

– Izacc Carr, Liam Taylor.

Boys' Under 15 Double Sculls

Heat 1

8th

– Ashton Brook, Jordy McGillen.

Men's Intermediate Double Sculls

Heat 1

8th

– Isacc Carr, Liam Taylor.

Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls

Heat 2

9th

– Leah Reid, Mia Chambers, Chloe Braas, Honor Bradford, Charlie Howden (Cox).

Women's Intermediate Double Sculls

Heat 1

9th

– Coty Cuadrado, Laura Jensen.

B Finals

Men's Club Single Sculls

1st

– Matthew Pearce.

4th

– Ged Wall.

Men's Club Double Sculls

3rd

– Henry Wallis, Jed Amos.

3rd

– Ashton Brook, Charlie Howden.

8th

– Jordy McGillen, Travis Amos.

<b>Men's Senior Single Sculls</b>	4th	– Ged Wall.
<b>Women's Intermediate Double Sculls</b>	5th	– Ruby Leverton, Mia Chambers.
<b>Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls</b>	10th	– Mia Chambers, Isla Connelly-Whyte.
<b>A Finals</b>		
<b>Men's Club Coxed Four</b>	1st	– Zane Cameron, Henry Wallis, Matthew Pearce, Jed Amos, Chloe Braas (Cox).
<b>Women's Intermediate Double Sculls</b>	3rd	– Charlotte Cox, Isabel Wall.
	5th	– Sophie Gibson, Honor Bradford.
<b>Women's Intermediate Coxed Four</b>	4th	– Ruby Leverton, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Sophie Gibson, Laura Jensen, Chloe Braas (Cox).
<b>Men's Club Double Sculls</b>	4th	– Zane Cameron, Matthew Pearce.
<b>Men's Novice Coxed Four</b>	5th	– Ashton Brook, Jordy McGillen, Travis Amos, Charlie Howden, Lily Davidson (Cox).
<b>Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls</b>	6th	– Isabel Wall, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling, Lily Davidson (Cox).
<b>Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls</b>	8th	– Isabel Wall, Honor Bradford.
	9th	– Sienna Skilling, Sophie Gibson.
<b>Men's Club Single Sculls</b>	9th	– Zane Cameron.

#### South Island Club Champs Regatta

Information provided by Year 13 student Claudia Thomas

Over the weekend of 29-30 January a squad of twenty three rowers travelled down to Twizel to race in the South Island Club Champs Regatta on Lake Ruataniwha.

Overall there were some good results from the weekend but, unfortunately due to the weather, there were many delays in racing with Saturday's racing being called off before completion of all heats. As a result of this, Sunday's timetable resumed from where the heats got to on Saturday.

##### No B Finals and Limited A Finals

Due to limited time, there were no B Finals raced and many A Finals did not happen, which meant that the three fastest boats over the event received the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

##### Bronze Medal

One of our crews, the Women's Intermediate Four, gained a 3rd placing which meant that they secured the Bronze Medal.

Another five boats progressed through to the A Finals. A total of twenty seven boats were able to get out on the water and race in heats.

##### Results were:

**Bronze Medal** Women's Intermediate Four



(Pictured left, left to right): **Bronze Medallists Women's Intermediate Coxed Four:** Coty Cuadrado, Sienna Skilling, Claudia Thomas, Sophie Gibson and Cox Lily Davidson.

In next week's newsletter we will list the remaining results from this regatta.

#### Student Leadership

In our next newsletter we will look at Leadership Camp, its programme and activities, and student House and Executive Committee leadership positions.