Message From The Principal Board of Trustees News...

Our new build is underway and the progress is pleasing. We will soon be 'out of the ground' with this first block which marks a significant milestone. We have pledged to retain as many of our existing trees as possible. However, inevitably, there is going to be some felling required to encompass the new blocks and realigned vehicle access. We did have to remove six trees from our frontage to enable a new pick up/drop off area to be created.



construction, however this build won't be visible from outside of our campus. The timeframe for these new changing rooms is to have them ready for the onset of winter. **Cellphone Policy**

Between the two gymnasiums the new changing rooms will be under

There seems to be plenty of positive support for our decision to restrict cellphone usage on our campus during school hours. Most parents and

caregivers recognise that this move is designed with the best interests of

Of course, there will be times when parents need to contact their child about an urgent matter. These messages can be managed via the College

Our notification system, if your child is absent from class, will still continue in order to keep parents and caregivers updated. All our established

pastoral and guidance systems will continue next year. The altered cellphone policy was a very considered decision by our Board of Trustees and has been under discussion and development for the last

five terms. **NCEA Exams** NCEA exams, nationally, have another week to run. I would like to

acknowledge our exam supervisors for their valued work during this time. It is essential we have people ready to undertake this responsibility, and my thanks certainly go to these temporary staff members. This year's round of external exams finish on Friday 02 December. **Looking Ahead to 2023**

This is a difficult time of year for all schools as we attempt to be fully staffed for the following year. Teachers are in short supply throughout the world and especially within New Zealand. Teachers leave for a variety of valid reasons, including retirement, moving

into other vocations, maternity leave, promotion, or they move to other locations within the country. All of these factors are in play during Term Four and the pressure is on. As a simple example, we recently interviewed an impressive and experienced teacher. This candidate had a choice of three positions on offer.

The question becomes what will happen if we cannot find suitably qualified staff to teach in an area. Sometimes we can find a recently retired teacher to fill the vacancy, but otherwise we may have to consider withdrawing that subject from our extensive menu of curriculum There are many attractions to living in our region, so spare a thought for

colleagues in schools which are not so attractive. **Ross Preece** Principal • Tumuaki

Information

Ashburton College Netball Club

Applications are now open for Submissions of Interest for Coaches and Managers for all of our College Netball teams for the 2023 netball season. There is a very supportive and well-resourced

Submissions of Interest

Club and Committee behind our Coaches and Managers. For further details please contact our President Karen Burrowes on 027 031 67194 or email your submission to Club Secretary angescammell@hotmail.com. Submissions of interest close Friday 02 December 2022.

Forthcoming Events

2023 New Entrants' Morning

Te Whare Manaaki: Big Sing workshop, Auditorium NCEA exams finish Year 13 Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton

06 'Get Out There' (GOT) Day NZSS Track, Field and Road Championships, Inglewood

2022 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the Prize-givings.

Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm,

Once again we have had a year dominated by COVID-19. This year we farewelled our 2022 Year 13

students who have only known NCEA and COVID-19 together. I congratulate them and all our other students for their perseverance during these disrupted times. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our teaching staff during an extremely challenging year. As both a Board Member and a parent, I would like to say that all your efforts do not go unnoticed and



are very much appreciated. **New Build** It is so nice to be able to see progress on our new build, and it is very exciting to see the beginnings of what our College will look like in the

near future. While we still have some work to do to finalise the last parts, it is great to see things getting underway. Hopefully the build will stay on schedule and we will be using the first new block at the start of 2024.

As with a school the size of ours, we have a number of staff who are moving on to new positions following the end of this year. We thank them all for their time and commitment to AshColl and wish them all the best with their new positions. We are very fortunate to have so many

us at the end of this year to undertake a variety of new ventures and challenges. More tributes will be accorded to these people, closer to year-end, and in the newsletter, but we do acknowledge the sterling contributions to the College from -

Particular appreciation goes to our long-serving staff who are leaving

who will put so much into our school and our students.

Anne Williams - Teacher Librarian, eDean and NetNZ Board Member. Anne has given twenty eight years of quality and committed contributions to Ashburton College.

- Carolyn Clough current Head of Junior School and teacher of Science, Carolyn has contributed tirelessly across many spheres at College for twenty five years.
- Maxine Watson Maxine was a previous Chair of the College Board of Trustees and, for the past almost eighteen years, has been a parttime, very knowledgeable Library Assistant and archivist of College
- Student Cellphone Use from the Start of 2023 By now you will hopefully be aware that the Board of Trustees has made the decision to restrict student cellphone use during school hours from

This decision was not made lightly and was made with our students'

learning and welfare being front of mind. There are a number of other schools which have now implemented this type of policy and are reporting very positive outcomes.

AshColl Board of Trustees Appreciation and Welcome On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to Board Members who have now finished their terms on the Board. Firstly, we thank Chinatsu Hunt, our Student Representative from

November 2021 for her term of office. Chinatsu offered some valuable

student viewpoints as well as being a part of all full Board matters. The Board values the Student Representative perspectives around the table. We also thank Mark Aguila who was a Selected Board Member from August 2019 through until September 2022. Former Chairperson, Jeremy Savage, has given significant time and energy to the Board since appointed as a Selected Member in December 2015. A seven year tenure, of real commitment, is not something to be acknowledged lightly. Jeremy was Deputy Chairperson from February 2017 and Chairperson for

three years from February 2018. I thank Jeremy for his dedication and leadership of the Board during his tenure. We have now welcomed Matt Cassineri as an Elected Parent Representative, and Coby Snowden as a Co-opted Parent Representative,

and Safala Sigaga as our new Student Representative. We look forward to their input on the Board. Student Farewells

this year. I hope you have gained some valuable experiences from these

I trust you all remember your friendships and time learning here fondly; and continue to use our College Values of Quality, Pride and Respect as you move on to the next stages of your lives. Ngā mihi nui

Ashburton College

Events Further to an earlier newsletter, we noted that throughout every school

year Ashburton College students have many opportunities to learn outside the classroom, and to attend personal development courses and workshops in College. As we wrap up the 2022 school year, we continue to look at some of these events, and some achievements of students. **Antarctic Centre Trip**

The objective of these visits was to assist students for an Internal/Research Assessment Standard.

Teacher of Science Heena Shah said that, on 27 September Year 12 Science students undertook the Antarctic Centre Trip. The programme started at 10.00am, leading into a day that was 'jam-packed'

with good learning about Antarctica. The students learnt about the climate and weather conditions at the Antarctic as well as the organisms that have adapted to live in the harsh conditions there. The penguin enclosure was visited, with learning taking place about

a presentation about Antarctic weather and climate, and about animals and their adaptations to help them survive on and around the extreme environment of Antarctica. The trip also involved a 4D movie experience about the research that is being conducted in the Antarctic, plus a Hägglund ride and storm room

experience. The Hägglund Snow Vehicle, replicating what is used in the Antarctic for transportation, provided a fun-riding experience. It gave students a good idea of terrain and hurdles faced in the Antarctic. This was

followed, with the use of models, by an interactive demonstration on waves, light and the length of the day. (Pictured left, back row, left to right): At the Centre, in front of the Hägglund are Cody Robin, Head of Science Faculty Marg Jones, Science Teacher Heena Shah, Katie Wood,

Orpah Sildo, Lyn Militante. (Front row, left to right): Kate Peterson, Lily Williams, Ruby Williams, Harmony Shea.

gave a very real insight into the Antarctic windchill factor.



'Investigate how organisms survive in Extreme Environments'. On returning to College students worked on completing

this internal assessment task. The feedback from the students is always positive as the experience has made the connections to their learning much

In line with our College's emphasis on our Values of Quality, Pride and Respect, some very impressive teardrop flags have been designed for use at

College and at College events. (Pictured right): Head Student Jack Brown holding the front

Student Executive members for this past year were Jorja Roulston, Jack Brown, TC Trusler-Clark, Millar Newlands, Claudia Thomas, Amelie Robertson, Lusungu Mbambo, Campbell McBride, Caendal Harris,

Henry Wallis, Tielu Iakopo, Zane Cameron, before leaving College.

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Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

Sixth Consecutive Victory to the Staff! **Aoraki Athletics Championships**

Board of Trustees Newly Elected Student

was again held according to the moves of an historical set game of Chess, with the actual game to be followed drawn out of a 'hat' between

the Student Executive and Staff. This is done under strict supervision being the eagle eyes of staff members at the preceding staff briefing

meeting.

This year's game was the moves of Anish Giri v Alexander Morozevich, in 2012. In black are Student Executive members, while Staff are in The shifting and removal of chess players, however, varies from the more sedate movement of Chess pieces, and is aided by copious amounts of water! Fortunately the weather complied once again and a good time was

We are assured that this annual end-of-year event started in the early

College days as a very formal affair, with players wearing 'boards' depicting their positions. At some stage it morphed into the event it is today, always a lot of fun, and providing wonderful opportunities for students to douse staff and vice versa. It can be challenging to distinguish between staff and

students when it comes to enthusiasm and water skills.

Long-Serving Staff Member As is also traditional, the staff moves are made by a well-respected, longserving staff member who is leaving College. Retiring Teacher Librarian, eDean, NetNZ Board Member Anne Williams was accorded this honour (Pictured right, clockwise

Anne Williams, College Chess Champion Jonathon Kilgour, with Teacher Tom Kitchen overseeing.

(Pictured right,

left and right):

Deputy Head

TC Trusler-Clark

Student

from the front): Making

the moves are retiring staff member



(Pictured left, clockwise from



Head Students' watery farewell to Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce (pictured above, left to right): Deputy Head Students T C Trusler-Clark, Millar Newlands, Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce, Head Students

There will doubtless be double security for next year's chess match draw,

given this was the sixth consecutive victory for the staff side! The students

are vocal in their belief that there is a conspiracy for all Student v Staff

competitions, with the staff coming out on top regularly.

Jack Brown, Jorja Roulston.

(Pictured above): The two teams combined for the post-match photo.

Ashburton College Target Shooters Finish

We look, in this newsletter, at the team's last two key events and results.

This event is run in conjunction with School Sport New Zealand, and was

For the first year, largely due to the multi-venue approach because of COVID,

schools were allowed to enter more than one team if they wished. As this is

Target Shooting New Zealand's Secondary School Nationals

Their Year on a Truly High Note

day with two new records, ten first placings, three second placings and one 3rd placing.

Kalym Chalmers - New Meet Record

local students – and the weather was great too!

Results Included Two New Records for College Students Despite this, the College athletes competed very well, topping off the

athletes due to the timing of the event and it being held out of season,

which impacted on overall numbers competing. As the South Canterbury

Regional Manager said, it was great to be able to provide opportunities to

Under 14 Boys' 3000m, with a time of 10:12:07. **Toby Grant - New Meet Record** Under 14 Boys' Long Jump, with a distance of 5m 73cm. For Toby, this was his last event of the day, and taking into account the day

1st Boys' Under 14 1500m, 4:43.65 **Joshua Eketone** 1st Boys' Under 15 Shot Put, 11.85m (5kg)

Kalym Chalmers

1st

Boys' Under 14 200m, 25.65 Boys' Under 14 400m, 64.36 Boys' Under 14 100m, 12.78 3rd

Girls' Under 19 Triple Jump, 9.44m

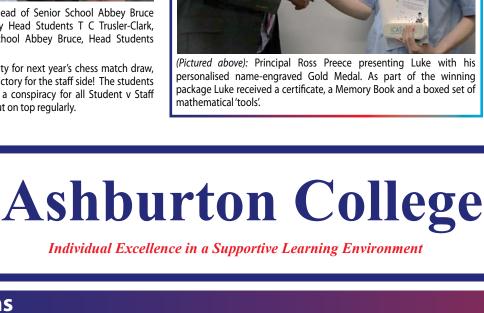
Girls' Under 19 100m, 13.34

ICAS Mathematics Medal Award. ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions have been operating for forty years, with the intent to

Competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The subjects span Literacy (English, Writing and Spelling Bee); and STEM (Science, Digital Technologies and Mathematics).

Medal Award for first equal place in New Zealand

place on 31 August, with those results reported on at the time, at which time we reported also on Luke's notable outcome. However, the top student results and their awards were released



to vote electronically for their chosen candidate.

prepares their video link nominee speech, each of which is shown to all students in Ako Classes, following which all year level students are eligible This is a one year position, with the new representative's first Board Meeting being at the 30 November 2022 meeting.

This year six students were nominees for the role, which is a very pleasing level of interest shown for what is a responsible leadership position, with the student representative a full Board Member privy to all Board business matters.



acknowledgement of their hard work in working to have the credentials to achieve them, were: Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Caendal Harris Campbell McBride Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

Jack Jessep Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Joanne Mafiti Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Lana Clark-Powell Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Lucas Vainerere **UC Business School Enterprise Scholarship**

Zane Cameron (Pictured right): Principal Ross Preece

presenting

Ngahuia Maeva with her three Scholarship certificates. Four of these students were available at College last week to receive their certificates

Enduro results Under 15 Boys Riley Trotter 33rd place Kayne Johnston 5th place

the elite level of secondary competition, College chose to send two teams The venue for College was at Rangiora, along with strong teams from Darfield High, Amuri Area and Rangiora High Schools. Overall, twenty seven schools competed. The format meant that one team member, per team, per round competed, with the results built across an exciting morning of competition. A constant Zoom was running, along with live result recording, which kept the tempo College Team 1 was varyingly in the lead at points, with Team Media person Nina McKenzie saying that the signs were all there that the end results were going to go down to the wire. All team members contributed high scores in

Congratulations

held early October.

In the end, the top three teams were separated by two single points, which is amazing. Ashburton College Team 1 - Bronze Medallists Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle, Jack Jones with a score of 867.34, Darfield High School was second on 868.37, and Waitaki Boys' High School on 869.34. Ashburton College Team 2 - 6th Placed, and the first of the 'second'

teams nationally, plus finishing ahead of a number of 'first' teams, which

Charlotte McKenzie, Phoebe McKenzie and Madi Tourle, from the above

results, were subsequently selected for the South Island Secondary team to

some rounds and the end numbers were very good, so nerves were high.

Jack Jones, Sama Sooialo and Bree Greer shot the Plate Match, and, as it turned out, all three shooters would have been good enough for the North Island team, such is the strength in the South Island.

Charlotte McKenzie and Phoebe McKenzie (New Zealand debutante) were then selected to the New Zealand Secondary Schools' team and shot a

match against the Great British Schools' team. Both posted excellent scores

for New Zealand, following which they had to wait for the British results. Nina noted that Madi was agonisingly close to her maiden New Zealand

selection, with a great effort. It is also worth noting that neither of our teams had Year 13 members as other schools did, having the College team well set up again for next year. At this time another postal result was awaited but this event concluded the indoor season and Schools' Smallbore Shooting for 2022.

Within the individual Boys' Grade there were seventy one shooters, with the remaining College shooters finishing in 21st place for Hal Twiname; 25th for All members, on the day, competed in five matches (5x10 shot targets), with Nate Woods, 27th for Bailey May, 31st for Tane Moore, 34th for Jonathon Charlotte and Phoebe competing in seven including their New Zealand Kilgour, 38th for Luke Rhodes, 42nd for Jack McIntosh, 57th for Adam Avnit. matches, so it was a huge day of competition for all.

of Ashburton College was well to the fore. The students were great sports, Positive Outcomes at Cycling supportive of their team mates, other teams, and their mates from other schools – it goes without saying, that we were so proud of them all. The team was well looked after by their amazing Manager and Camp Mother, Sharon Tourle - and as always, the students were expertly In mid-October the College Mountain Biking team of Kayne Johnston, prepared and coached by Bryan Hunter.





2nd Boys' Under 15 Discus Throw, 36.56m (1.25kg) 1st Boys' Under 14 Discus Throw, 33.29m (1kg) Boys' Under 14 Shot Put, 12.02m (4kg) Boys' Under 14 200m, 26.04

Girls' Under 19 200m, 27.85 **Luke Hay, New Zealand First Equal**

inspire, celebrate and challenge school students across Australia, New Zealand and the world.

Luke was awarded a medal for first equal place in the 2022 ICAS Mathematics Competition. Luke, with one other student, achieved the top grade of all the Year 11 students in New Zealand, which is an absolutely outstanding result. This was an online Mathematics problem-solving competition. This took



Eley Target Shooting New Zealand's

then an overall Top Team as Whitcoulls Trophy winners.

encompassed a total of sixty three teams and 182 individuals.

Top Team for New Zealand and Whitcoulls Trophy Winners

teams) - Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle and Jack Jones.

gear) grades.

Trophy in 2021.

Challenge Postal for Schools and Retention

This is a nationwide postal competition where schools enter teams of

three into Boys, Girls, Mixed, Rest (that is - not yet shooting in the full

Individual section winners are announced, as well as top individuals and

There were superb results for the College, both in team and individual

Ashburton College had six teams entered in this competition which

Ashburton College, as well as Mixed Team Champions (from nineteen

This was a superb outcome, with the same team also winning the Whitcoulls

of Whitcoulls Trophy for College

With the Whitcoulls

Trophy (pictured

left, left to right):

Under 15 Boys Riley Trotter Under 16 Boys Kayne Johnston Seb van Rooyen Under 17 Boys Oli Nicholls Under 17 Girls **Gracie Trotter Cross-Country Results**

Under 15 Boys

action.

Event

Under 17 Girls (Pictured right): Oli Nicholls in



dish used by the Romans to make offerings to the gods. Terri Elder, Museum

The group of students with Terri Elder (pictured below, left to right):



After a break, the next step was for students to collect information from the displays about the animals that live in the Antarctic and their adaptations,

prior to the Storm Room visit where a temperature of minus 28 degrees

Heena noted that, all-in-all, it was a fun day with a lot of learning that linked to the Year 12 Earth and Space Science and the Achievement Standard to

Alex Bateman, Jonathon Kilgour; with Chinatsu Hunt a previous member

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Representative

Students can nominate themselves, or be nominated. Each candidate then

College Students Gain UC Scholarships

Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Charlize McKenzie Ciara Ross Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

Misty Mafiti Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Pevelise Taeauga Rilev Sa UC Takere Scholarship Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship Ngahuia Maeva

UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship

Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

UC Takere Scholarship

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Under 17 Boys 4th place Oli Nicholls **Under 17 Girls Gracie Trotter** 5th place **Downhill Results**

Riley Trotter

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Under 17 Boys Oli Nicholls Keagan Nel **Gracie Trotter** Rilev Trotter

secondary schools, and other interest groups. museum and were also offered a unique opportunity to handle a bronze

Rajjit Prasad.

Ethan Reodique, Angela Allen, Shekinah White, Annalise Ackroyd,

penguin behaviours in the wild and in the enclosure. This was followed by

(Pictured left): The students in the (Pictured left): Danny Glanville

Student Executive Year 13 Legacy Project Of latter years the Student Executive and Year 13 students have worked to decide on a Legacy Project which they will leave for upcoming students to benefit from.

Additional to previously advised Head Student Leadership roles, students are also nominated for the position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The process to this follows national legislative procedures, as for Parent Representative Board elections.

The successful candidate this year is -Sifala Sagaga

with a year-long programme of events set to celebrate the history and looking to the future. Recipients of these worthwhile monetary scholarships, and an

Luvepa Falealili Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship **UC Takere Scholarship** UC Te Kaupeka Ako / Faculty of Education Pacific/ Pasifika Scholarship

from Ross Preece (Pictured below, left to right): Caendal Harris, Lucas Vainerere, Principal Ross Preece, Campbell McBride, Ngahuia Maeva. Individual Excellence in a

Under 16 Boys Seb van Rooyen 20th place

Under 17 Girls **Overall Results** (those who competed in all three events) **Under 15 Boys** Under 17 Boys Oli Nicholls **Gracie Trotter**

to College students before giving them the chance to hold it (left to right): Shekinah White, Ethan Reodique,

(Pictured left, it to rigiit) Members of the Senior Enduro-Downhill Team Kayne Johnston, Oli Nicholls, Seb van Rooyen, Gracie Trotter. Year 13 Classics Trip to the UC Teece Museum

Curator, explained this item to the students. (Pictured right): Terri Elder explaining the bronze dish history

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Qualified 30th, and finished 30th

Qualified 4th, finished 25th

Qualified 18th, finished 21st

Qualified 5th, finished 28th

Qualified 4th, finished 4th

16th place

12th place

17th place

11th place

5th place

8th equal place

8th place

Phoebe McKenzie, Sama Sooialo, Bree Greer.

New Zealand Secondary Team Selection

Bree Greer, Madi Tourle, Sama Sooialo.

The

AshColl

Way

was an impressive effort.

South Island Team Selection

compete against the North Island.

The South Island beat the North Island resoundingly, with Charlotte McKenzie and Phoebe McKenzie as second and third top scorers.

Overall, very good finishes for all College competitors from big fields. Nina concluded by saying there is no questioning that the depth and skill Oli Nicholls, Keagan Nel, Gracie Trotter, Riley Trotter and Seb van

competitive age groups with over thirty five boys competing in the Downhill and Enduro in each of these age groups. Oli Nicholls and Kayne Johnston both raced very well in the Enduro

the start of the 2023 school year.

Year 10 final day. Prize-giving, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Auditorium Year 9 final day. Prize-giving, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Auditorium

Strong Results from Athletes at Sunday 30 October saw the delayed, from March of this year, Aoraki Athletics event held in Timaru. College had a small team of only five

had operated on a shortened programme, from 10:00am-1:00pm rather than 9:00am-4:00pm, and that he had already competed in three previous events, this record was impressive. **Additional Results were**

Rishaan Kumar

Place-Getter in Mathematics Year 11 student Luke Hay recently received advice of his outstanding

following the earlier notified outcomes.

Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle and Jack Jones. Second in the Girls' Grade: Bree Greer, Phoebe McKenzie and Sama Sooialo. They were narrowly

beaten by Marlborough Girls' High School and ahead of the best boys'

Sixth in the Girls' Grade: Imogene Felton, Sabrina Cassineri and

Teams Placed Seventh and Tenth in the Boys' Grade were, respectively:

Jack McIntosh, Luke Rhodes, Tane Moore; and Adam Avnit, Bailey May,

Hal Twiname, Lillian Snowden and Nate Woods who are all Year 9

Charlotte McKenzie with an impressive Top Shot total of 199.10/200.20.

Jonathon Kilgour. The team's placings were from fifteen teams.

teams. Ten teams contested this grade.

Sophia Clifford in what was a very fine effort.

Placed Seventh in the Mixed Grade were:

Top Girl and Top Shot of the Competition

students. Nineteen teams were entered in this grade.

Top Ten Individuals Charlotte McKenzie at one, Phoebe McKenzie 6th girl; Madi Tourle 7th girl; Jack Jones 7th boy; Bree Greer 9th girl. The individual placings within the Girls' Grade were earned from fifty five shooters, with the remaining College shooters in the Girls' Grade finishing 15th for Imogene Felton; 23rd for Sama Sooialo; 26th for Lillian Snowden; 34th for Sabrina Cassineri and 44th for Sophia Clifford.

Rooyen, with Jocelyn Johnston as Team Manager, competed at the These were held in the southern climes of Bluff over four days. Jocelyn noted they were fortunate to have sunshine over each of the days of competition, where approximately 400 riders from 105 schools around New Zealand competed. The Under 15, 16 and 17 boys' categories were the largest and most

to finish 4th and 5th in their respective age group, which is a significant

outcome; and both qualified in the top five for Downhill. However,

New Zealand Schools' National Mountain

Bike Championships

Special mention went to

Gracie Trotter who suffered an ankle injury in her seeding run but she bravely carried on to finish her race run and was awarded a sportsmanship award for her determination to carry on. (Pictured left): Gracie Trotter receiving her Good Sportsmanship Award.

To all our students who have left or are leaving this year, we hope you have enjoyed your journey through your years at Ashburton College. Thank you to those who have stepped up and taken on leadership roles Jen Muir **Board Presiding Member** Te Whare Manaaki prize-giving, Te Whare Manaaki, 12:15pm-1:15pm