



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Deputy Principal Message

#### Term Three Activities

Term Three has been a whirlwind of events and activities, with Course Information Evening and students choosing subjects for 2024; Open Evening; enrolment for the Year 8 students attending College next year; Ako interviews and senior reports having been completed.

Still to come are the Derived Grade Examinations for Year 11, 12 and 13 students, starting on Friday 08 September.

#### Term Four

Term Four will involve a raft of activities, including those associated with farewells to our students who are leaving Ashburton College at the end of 2023.

We will have the Blues Assembly where students are recognised for their Sporting and Cultural achievement; the announcement of the winning House for 2023; the Chess Match where Staff versus Student Executive in a Chess pre-drawn game on the College chessboard, supported by copious quantities of water; Year 13 Graduation; and the Year 12 and 11 combined Prize-giving where the Head Students for 2024 will be announced; and the Year 13 Graduation dinner.

#### Final NCEA Examinations

That then leaves us hurtling into the real business part of the year – the final NCEA examinations, starting on Monday 06 November 2023.

The accumulation of credits over the course of the year means that students know exactly what they need to achieve to reach the 'magic figure' required to gain each Level of NCEA.

An NCEA study has observed that once students know (or think) that they have reached that figure, the motivation to keep going and to do well may be affected and this may impact on how well they prepare for and perform in the external examinations.

There are 26 school days (excluding the Derived Grade examinations) in classroom learning left before the external examinations start. For the students not sitting any external examination this means only 26 days to achieve their qualification!

#### New Drop-off Area at the front of College

On 27 July the new drop-off area at the front of the College was finished, completing with the planting of new trees and shrubs, plus lighting and parking areas. The planted areas will be resown in spring.

It is another milestone completion in the progress of our new College.

#### Note: Drop-off Area

This area is for families to drive off Walnut Avenue from the **west end of College** (nearest the new build), drop your child off and **exit via the eastern end**.

#### Building Work Progress

Progress with the building work is still on track for the Rangitata Block, Menorlue and the new gymnasium changing rooms to be ready for teaching use at the beginning of Term One, 2024.

To date, there has been over 100,000 trade person hours put in, with often over 100 people on site at any one time.

A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure this progress is kept to schedule. Staff are starting to declutter their resource areas to ensure only 'stuff' needed is in the new building. Commercial movers will help us with the move during December and January 2024.

It is going to be an absolute pleasure to work in a modern environment with modern conveniences, such as reliable, working heating and cooling of the rooms.

Helen Shore-Taylor, Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuaurua



### Information

#### Mid-Term Break: Friday 25 August

Please note that College will be closed tomorrow, for its mid-term break.

All students are to be back in College for Monday 28 August, when timetabled classes resume.

### Curriculum

#### Year 12 Engineering Students Complete

##### Drift Trikes

**Nic Collie and Mason Bland** have just completed their drift trikes in the Year 12 Engineering Technology class. Teacher Patrick Neill said that these are the first finished and will soon be joined by several others.

Nic and Mason fabricated these projects in steel, mostly making parts utilising hand techniques. However, they also used CAD (Computer-aided Design) software and the Technology Department's new CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Plasma Cutter on the projects.

Nic fitted a 2.5hp petrol engine and axle imported from China, as well as parts off a second-hand bike.

Mason used a 4hp engine from an old water blaster. This engine required some servicing, as it had been sitting outside for some time.

The wheels have skid sleeves cut from 300mm PVC culvert pipe and this allows these machines to slide and drift at fairly low speeds. Nic has also fitted a turbocharger for a little extra performance!

During this project students have earned NCEA credits in Hand tools, Fabrication and CAD drawing.



(Pictured above): Nic Collie with his completed drift bike.



(Pictured left): Mason Bland showing his completed bike.

#### College could use – 300mm Culvert Pipe Offcuts

If anyone has any 300mm culvert pipe offcuts lying around that we can use for next year's drift trikes, please contact College at [nep@ashcoll.school.nz](mailto:nep@ashcoll.school.nz)

#### Automotive Department – Donated Mondeo to Work On

Ashburton's Gluyas Motor Group has kindly donated this 2004 Ford Mondeo to our College Automotive Department. We are grateful for this generous community support, thank you to Joseph Brown and the service team for considering us.



### Congratulations

#### Positive Placings at AorakiMath

##### Competition 2023

On Wednesday 02 August fifteen students travelled to Timaru, with teachers Liz Cabout and Mieke Brooke, to take part in the annual AorakiMath 2023 competition.

At this event teams have twenty questions to answer in 30 minutes.

#### Year 10 Competition

The Year 10 team of Aryan Saluja, Josh Cannan and Kayden Smith-Ackerley correctly answered seventeen questions. They finished in 3rd place.



(Pictured above): The AshColl team of Josh Cannan, Kayden Smith-Ackerley and Aryan Saluja (centre front) working on their answers, with the gallery of spectators in the background.



(Pictured above, left to right): Third-placed team of Aryan Saluja, Josh Cannan and Kayden Smith-Ackerley.

The second Year 10 team of Darius Bell, Theo Vannini, Hiro Koizuma and Harry Tabener placed 5th equal with fourteen questions answered correctly.

There were twenty teams from throughout the Aoraki region in the Year 10 competition.

#### Year 9 Competition

Twenty six teams contested the Year 9 competition.

The team of Callum Tait, Josh Gilbert, Arlo Eccleston and Aidan Collier answered fourteen questions correctly, putting them in 5th equal place.

Our other Year 9 team of Eliza McKenzie, Noah Cassineri, Shelli Pascua and Gemma Van der Vliet answered seven questions correctly.



(Pictured above, clockwise from the front): Eliza McKenzie, Shelli Pascua, Gemma Van der Vliet and Noah Cassineri working on their answers.

### Information

#### Students of the Week Award, Week 4

From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have the five Student of the Week Awardees, who have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Showing Quality by achieving high quality work'.

#### The recipients this week are:



Ruby McKay  
Year 9



Macy Lewis-West  
Year 10



Olly Prince  
Year 11



Tiffany Rodgers  
Year 12



Angela Ciora  
Year 13



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#### Sound Results at Aoraki Girls' and Boys' Badminton Championships

These Championships were held in Timaru, at the Southern Trust Events Centre, with the girls' competition on Tuesday 08 August and the boys' on Thursday 10 August.

Three grades were played, with A Grade most suited to Year 11-13 players and very strong Year 9 and 10 competitors.

B Grade was recommended for less experienced Year 11-13 students and strong Year 9 and 10 players; with C Grade for remaining Year 9 and 10 players.

The Festival Grade operated with the purpose of 'having a go' without competition pressure.

#### Girls' Competition

Manager Darion Gray said that the Girls' team did AshColl proud, showing that all the practice in the College's pilot programme in Term 2 paid off.

#### AshColl A Team – 2nd Placing

The A team girls won their first three games with ease – against Timaru Girls' High School (6-0), Craighead Diocesan School (4-2), and Timaru Girls' High School Blue (1-5).

However, Waitaki Girls' High School Red proved too strong in the fourth round, taking the overall win (6-0) with AshColl finishing in the runner-up position, from the five competing teams.



(Pictured above, left to right): The AshColl A Team with two of the teams' coaches, Miel Sacendoncillo (Coach), Hope Mendez, Sai Sukumar, Zoe Cribb, Ysabella Tawatao, Lloyd Tuhao (Coach).

#### AshColl B Team – 1st Placing

The B Grade held a big field of competitors, with the eighteen teams entered divided, firstly, into six pools.

AshColl B was in Pool D against Geraldine and Waitaki Girls' High Schools, gaining a 5-1 win over both Geraldine and Waitaki Girls' High School Brzone.

#### Cross-over Play

The AshColl B team took it to the wire winning on points in the crossovers, making for an exciting watch.

Cross-over results saw a 4-2 win by AshColl over Waitaki Girls' High School Blue and the exciting 3-all draw with Waitaki Girls' High School White.

A points countback gave the win to AshColl by 116-113, to place them first in this competition.

A 'Shout Out' went to Jasmine Galos who stepped up for the injured Samantha Lagapa, and who did not look at all out of place!



(Pictured right, left to right): Lara Africano, Liberty Mendez, Stephanie Solomon, Samantha Lagapa.

#### C Grade and Festival Teams

Darion said that there was huge improvement in the C Grade and Festival teams' play, which makes for a bright future for Ashburton College Badminton.

Due to entry numbers of seven teams across both the C and Festival Grade, the grades were combined. Each team had five rounds of play, with scores not recorded.



(Pictured left, left to right): The C Grade Year 9 and 10 team of Maria Apoldo, Remilyn Lunaria, Sophia Corpuz, Uma Zarria.

(Pictured right): Festival A team players, Jasmine Galos, Janelle Galos, Lorraine Huy, Larrein Lumatec.

(Pictured below): Festival B team players, Empress Lumatec, Mikaella Rigor, Ireneep Pepito.



#### Appreciation

Thanks go to Kay Rotch, second van driver and Manager for the day, who the teams and Darion could not have done without. College offers their appreciation to Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray for her tireless mahi in preparing teams, fixtures and arrangements.

#### Boys' Competition

Held on Thursday 10 August the boys' teams had a very successful day.

#### Trophy Winners

Manager Darion Gray said that the A Grade Boys were on a mission to bring the cup home for the second consecutive year. By the end of the day the mission was completed, 'sailing' through four wins from four games.

Darion said the boys were all a pleasure to take to tournament and wonderful ambassadors of Ashburton College.

#### AshColl A Team – A Grade Trophy Winners

Five teams contested the A Grade, with Ashburton College's winning scores being 6-0 over St Kevin's College; 4-2 against Waitaki Boys' High School A; 5-1 against Waitaki Boys' High School A; and a second 6-0 success when playing Mountainview High School 1.



(Pictured left, left to right): The triumphant Boys' A team of Miel Sacendoncillo, Lloyd Tuhao, Sunny Rana, Gabriel Teves.

(Front): Team Coach, Year 12 student Sai Sukumar.

#### AshColl Boys' B1 and B2 Teams

These teams both contested the B Grade Competition of fifteen teams, divided into three Pools.

#### AshColl Boys' B1 Team – 1st Placing

This team contested Pool B, starting their campaign with a 6-0 win over Mountainview High School, followed by the same winning margin against Twizel Area School. Waimate High School provided a greater challenge with the game resulting in a 3-all draw, but a win to AshColl 109 points to 102. Against Opihi College the scoreline reverted to a 6-0 win to AshColl before entering crossover play, which resulted in a default from opposition Opihi College, and a first placing to AshColl.



(Pictured right, left to right): First-placed Boys' B1 team of Gabe Rigor, Sir Aron Da-al, Steven Harris, Parteshwar Lal.

#### AshColl Boys' B2 team – 2nd Placing

Playing in Pool C the team's results were a 6-0 win over Twizel Area School; a 4-2 win over Geraldine High School; and 6-0 wins against both Geraldine High School 2 and Opihi College C.

Crossover play resulted in a closely-fought battle with Geraldine High School, whose team came out on top with a 4-2 win.



(Pictured left, left to right): Second-placed AshColl B2 team of Raven Tayaban, Ian Pepito, Pippo Trinidad and Harsh Patel.

#### C and Festival Grades

These grades were combined due to team entries of four. Game scores were not recorded but team members all thoroughly enjoyed their day and gained experience.

#### (Pictured right, left to right):

The Boys' Year 9 and 10 C Grade team of Anthony Lin-Nguyen, Audric Chai, Akshay Rana and Benjamin Alee.

#### (Pictured below, left to right):

The College Festival team of John Montojo, Kaimana Acidera, Luis Varias, Jeffrey Luzana.



**Team Coaches were:** Year 13 student Lloyd Tuhao, and Year 12 students Miel Sacendoncillo and Sai Sukumar, with Managers Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray and staff member Mandy Harrison. We thank both for their work and Mandy for driving the second van and helping to manage what was described as 'one busy schedule'.

#### Overall Boys' and Girls' Championships – Pilot Programme

Congratulations and very grateful appreciation are extended to Sai Sukumar, Zoe Cribb, Miel Sacendoncillo and Lloyd Tuhao for their student-led initiative of regular lunchtime practices and support of the AshColl pilot programme.

Their encouragement of younger players, coaching and management has been truly superb.



(Pictured above): Boys' teams' celebratory record.

### Coming Events

Please note - \* denotes subject to confirmation of student availability.

#### August

25 Mid-Term Break (no school this day).

26-27 \* Cycling Southern School Tour (Cuddon Cup), Blenheim

#### 2023 Winter Tournament Week, 26 August – 03 September

From next Sunday we have teams competing at the following events. For many of our sports teams Winter Tournament Week is the culmination and pinnacle of their winter sporting season.

27-30 Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball: Zone 4 Premiership, Dunedin

27-28 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Golf, Pleasant Point (Invitational)

#### 28-01 Sept

1st XI Hockey Boys' Tournament (Johnson Cup), Saxon Fields Hockey Complex, Nelson

28-30 Rural Livestock Junior Boys' Rugby, Alexandra

28-31 Aoraki Football Girls' 1st XI, Lotto Sportswear Tournament, Timaru

South Island Secondary Schools' Netball, Senior A Team, Invercargill

South Island Secondary Schools' Equestrian Championships, McLean's Island, Christchurch (first time for Equestrian inclusion in Winter Tournament Week)

#### 28-01 Sept

Hockey Girls' 1st XI, Audrey Timlin Tournament, Nelson

#### 31-02 Sept

Senior Boys' Basketball, AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 4, Dunedin

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#### September

01-03 \* MotoCross SISS

03 Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Ashburton

03-09 Tonga Language Week

08 FLAVA Festival, Caroline Bay, Timaru

08-18 College Derived Grades Exam Week