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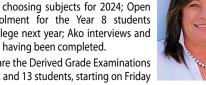
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Deputy Principal Message

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

farewells to our students who are leaving Ashburton College at the end

Term Four will involve a raft of activities, including those associated with

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, complete with the planting of new trees and shrubs, plus lighting and parking areas. The grassed 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 put 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 Tuarua

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



Year 10







Year 13

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

Nic Collie and Mason Bland have just completed their drift trikes in the Year 12 Engineering Technology class. Teacher Patrick Neal 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.





Mason Bland showing his completed bike.

(Pictured left):

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

Automotive Department – Donated Mondeo to Work On Ashburton's Gluyas Motor Group has kindly donated this 2004 Ford



Congratulations

They finished in 3rd place.

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.

(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

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 Collison

answered fourteen questions correctly, putting them in 5th equal place. Our other Year 9 team of Eliza McKenzie, Noah Cassineri, Sheli Pascua and Gemma Van der Vliet answered seven questions correctly.



Gemma Van der Vliet and Noah Cassineri working on their answers.

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.



The car is extremely tidy and has been used as a Gluyas Group courtesy car since new. However, since the Mondeo has now covered considerable kilometres there are some faults which our students will need

Our two automotive classes now have three modern cars each for the purpose of teaching general servicing, as well as two project cars.

All students are required to perform engine and transmission oil changes, inspections and wheel changes as well as simple repairs, while studying toward their Level 2 and 3 MITO (Motor Industry Training Organisation) programme. Having a variety of modern vehicles will be an excellent experience for our students.

(Pictured left, left to right): Automotive Course students Nic Dalgety, Jared Munn, Dick Layno, John Dalton, Sam Kingsbury, Patrizio Novello, Ebe Baldeviso, Cj Bernarte, Mason Bland.



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(Pictured right): Festival A team

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Congratulations

Sound Results at Aoraki Girls' and

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

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

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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

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.



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

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

Blue and the exciting 3-all draw with Waitaki Girls' High School White.

C Grade and Festival Teams

Stephanie Solomon,

Samantha Lagapa.

not recorded.



players, Jasmine Galos, **Boys' Badminton Championships** Janelle Galos, Lorraine Huy, Larrein Lumatec. (Pictured below): Festival B team

players, Empress Lumatec, Mikaella Rigor, Irenee Pepito.



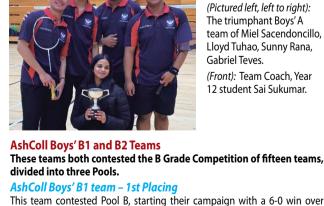


ppreciation Thanks go to Kay Rotch, second van driver and Manager for the day, who the teams and Darion could not have done without. College offers their appreciation to Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray for her tireless mahi in preparing teams, fixtures and arrangements.

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

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.



wonderful ambassadors of Ashburton College.

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.

a 4-2 win over Geraldine High School; and 6-0 wins against both Geraldine High School 2 and Opihi College C.

AshColl Boys' B2 team - 2nd Placing Playing in Pool C the team's results were a 6-0 win over Twizel Area School;

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, lan Pepito, Pippo Trinidad and Harsh Patel.

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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 Lee. (Pictured below, left to right): John Montojo,

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



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

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

Sai Sukumar, Zoe Cribb, Miel Sacendoncillo and Lloyd Tuhao for their

student-led initiative of regular lunchtime practices and support of the



Mid-Term Break (no school this day). Mid Canterbury Combined Hockey 2nd XI, Forster Park, Rolleston

South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' A Basketball Competition, Pioneer Sports Complex, Christchurch

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

28-01 Sept 1st XI Hockey Boys'Tournament (Johnson Cup),

Saxon Fields Hockey Complex, Nelson Rural Livestock Junior Boys' Rugby, Alexandra 28-30 Aoraki Football Girls' 1st XI, Lotto Sportswear Tournament, Timaru

South Island Secondary Schools' Netball, Senior A Team, 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 Senior Boys' Basketball, AA Secondary Schools Premiership

Senior Girls' Basketball, AA Secondary Schools Premiership Zone 4,

Zone 4. Dunedin

September 01-03 * MotoCross SISS

Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Ashburton 03-09 Tonga Language Week FLAVA Festival, Caroline Bay, Timaru

College Derived Grades Exam Week



Samantha Lagapa, and who did not look at all out of place! (Pictured right, left to right): Lara Africano, Liberty Mendez,