



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### Mid-point of Term

It seems hard to believe, but we are past the mid-point of this term already.

Internal assessment is well underway for our senior students, and we have already checked off several start-of-year 'markers', such as College Athletics Prelims and Orientation Morning. The latter involves personnel marketing clubs, sports and cultural teams and activities to our student body. This always takes place on the chessboard. 50-plus activities are on offer so our students are spoilt for choice.

As I stress to all our students, it is often the involvement in extra-curricular activities that create secondary school memories, rather than any specific lesson content.

#### 01 March 2023 Roll Return

Our 01 March Roll Return to the Ministry of Education had our student body at 1297.

This growing roll generates extra staffing, extra funding and, of course, enables us to offer a full range of subject choices. Increased numbers can present challenges in terms of hiring suitably qualified staff and, at its most basic, having enough classroom space.

However, we are fully staffed for this year and, with the Rangitata Block being available for the 2024 year, this will ease the pressure on our classroom timetable.

#### Rangitata Block

Our Rangitata Block now has foundations completed and trusses being completed. With the architects and staff we are still working on finalising the plans for Block 2, and the finalised Master Plan for the whole campus. However, this will be influenced by financial pressures such as the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, and we acknowledge that financial priorities may be altering.

#### Regional Employment Initiatives

There are a couple of regional employment initiatives that we are engaging with to boost employment.

The first of these is a trial by MSD (Ministry of Social Development) to support young people in our region to get their driver's licence. For a young person to have at least their restricted licence, which means they can then drive themselves to work, will cost them in excess of \$250 and it's a lengthy process.

MSD has provided our region with a considerable sum of money which will pay for the cost of a student's Learners or Restricted licence. This removes a possible major barrier to employment.

Our region was chosen because we have significant employment opportunities but no public transport. If this trial is successful, it may well be rolled out to other regions within New Zealand.

The second initiative is a co-operation with a Mayoral Task Force for Employment. This is targeting young people who aren't in education or employment currently. For many of them the biggest barrier presenting is anxiety.

For a number of young people, making a telephone call to a possible employer or fronting up to an interview is their barrier to them gaining employment.

As a College we are fully supportive of this initiative, as having young people in employment benefits them and our region.

Ross Preece, Principal • Tumuaki



### Information

#### AshDance Returns to the College Cultural Calendar

We invite you to come and enjoy an entertaining evening, showcasing a range of skilled and talented performers.

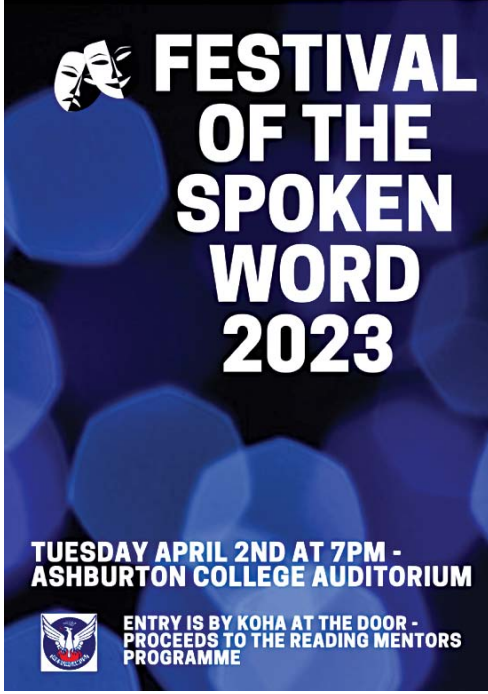


#### Festival of the Spoken Word

This is a celebration of 'things spoken' and, again, it is a real pleasure to be presenting such College performances once again.

Categories include Serious Group pieces and Serious Monologues (Junior and Senior), Humorous Group pieces and Humorous Monologues (Junior and Senior).

Join us for this annual Festival and enjoy the talents of our students.



#### Covid 19 Support

##### Safer Mid Canterbury Community Connectors' Service

With Covid having an increased presence within our community again, the Connectors' Service is wanting to ensure people know about the services available for some additional support.

Our friendly Connectors are available to support whānau and individuals.

In Self Isolation - can assist with care packs, food packages and medication deliveries.

Impacted by Covid-19: can support with anything Covid related - eg: education engagement, accessing services, employment, family harm, aged person isolation, and long-Covid.

Contact Jenny Rae 027 247 1094

ccservice@safer.org.nz

### Event

#### Welcome back to International Students and Groups

Director of International Students Michelle Hosking said that we are very fortunate to be welcoming nineteen international students to AshColl. Students are from Japan, Germany and Korea, with the majority here for one term but several staying for the year and will be working towards gaining NCEA qualifications. Beginning of year orientation included a barbecue with students and their host families, a day in College familiarising themselves with the campus and with various processes.

(Pictured right, left to right): Yukki Nakagawa, Haru Tanaka, Miwa Yoshioka in front of the College's Whare O Tāwhaki prior to the pōwhiri to welcome manuhiri onto the campus.



(Pictured right): At the barbecue, held in the Ashburton Domain.



(Pictured below, left to right): Yume Nakagawa, Nene Sakiyama, Hikari Sasaki, Nana Sato collecting their dessert at the barbecue evening.



This was followed by a day in Christchurch Tenpin Bowling and Surfing at Sumner Beach. Michelle said that the beach allowed for a magic Kiwi experience, with waves at a moderate height. For most of the students this was their first experience of surfing and they embraced the opportunity.



(Pictured above, left and right): Sascha Mertsch and Bridget Hyde (host sister of another German student) working to master the art of surfing.

(Pictured below): Jo Nagasaka enjoying being upright on his surfboard.



Having international students, Michelle said, reminds us all of the value they bring to our school and wider community.

We are always grateful to the wonderful Homestay families who ensure that the students are welcomed and supported during their stay.



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### Congratulations

#### Sound Results at South Island Secondary Schools' Tennis 2023

Ashburton College entered three teams to the South Island Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships; one each in the Girls' Championship, the Boys' Championship, and the Boys' Cup Divisions.

##### Boys' Cup

College was up against Shirley Boys' High School and Christ's College respectively in the Cup draw.

While the Ashburton team of Jack Ellis, Sam Kingsbury and Daniel McBain gained some games against their Shirley opponents, Shirley Boys' High School took the tie 3-0.

Ashburton fronted up to Christ's College in their second encounter, where a dominant Christ's College took out the match 3-0.

##### Boys' Championship

There were some tough games for the boys, but they consistently put up a challenge in all of their matches.

##### Close Results Against Christ's College

The boys first faced eventual Championship winners, Christ's College and, while Christ's College took the match, 6-0, there were notable performances from Ashburton that reflected games that were tighter than the 6-0 result might otherwise suggest.

##### Super Ties

After winning the first set and dropping the second set, Josh Gilbert took his opponent to a super- tie, going down 2-10.

Both boys' pairings also took their matches to a super tie with Jake Parsons and Riley Breen narrowly missing out on a win 8-10, and Ollie Bubb and Josh Gilbert also going down 8-10 in their super tie.

These were some of the closest results Ashburton has ever put up against Christ's College.



(Pictured left and below): Josh Gilbert and Jake Parsons in action.

##### Outstanding Performances against St Andrew's College

The afternoon saw College face off against St Andrew's College (STAC). Again, there were some outstanding individual and doubles performances from our boys' team.

Ashburton College's Number 1, Jake Parsons, took out his match with a super tie.

Riley Breen also took his singles game to a third set, narrowly going down 7-10 in the super tie.

Sadly for Ollie Bubb, who took his first set 6-3, an injury saw him retire and STAC take the win.

Ashton Cromie narrowly went down in his first set 6-7 but found things tougher in the second set, eventually succumbing 0-6.

Long singles games saw both doubles pairings play their games on the Sunday morning before round three commenced.

##### Boys' Doubles

Team Coach/Manager/Teacher Michael Clark said that it wasn't long before the two indoor courts had amassed an audience, as both pairings went blow-for-blow and put on two exciting games of tennis.

Jake Parsons and Riley Breen eventually took their game 6-2, 4-6, 10-7, while Josh Gilbert and Ashton Cromie also had to slog it out in a super tie, which went in favour of STAC 2-6, 6-4 (10-8), with STAC eventually taking the match 4 games to 2.

The head-to-head against Marlborough Boys' College proved more fruitful for Ashburton College with straight sets wins for College's listed top three in the singles games; Jake, Riley and Ollie. Ashton Cromie also won his singles game with a 11-9 victory in a super tie.

Both AshColl pairings took out their doubles games, giving Ashburton a 6-0 win.

##### Girls' Championship

The Girls' Championship saw Ashburton face off against St Andrew's College (STAC) in their first round. Ashburton's Number 1, Holly-Jayne Feutz, took out a win over her singles opponent and then paired up with her sister Libby to take out their doubles match. STAC then went on to take out the other games and claim the win, 4-2.

In their next match, Ashburton faced up against eventual championship winners, St Margaret's College, who proved dominant over our girls in both the singles and the doubles games.

The third round, played on Sunday, saw Ashburton come up against Rangitapu Ruru School. Things proved to be tighter here with Holly-Jayne Feutz taking out her singles game, as did Ashburton College's Hazel Montgomery.

Holly-Jayne and Libby Feutz teamed up for their doubles game and took out the win.

This saw the teams tied 3-3 for the match and a countback was required to determine the winner, with Rangitapu Ruru taking the win 49 games to 48.



(Pictured left, left and right): Libby Feutz and Holly-Jayne Feutz.

##### Overall Summary

Overall, and in terms of results, this was one of the most successful Championships for Ashburton College in recent years.

With the team being relatively young and some established players lending their skill-set and mentoring, there is also the promise of positive results for the next few years; particularly given the young ones coming through.

Many thanks also go to the parents who attended in support, and especially to College teacher Claire Bubb for her help with food and transport.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Daniel McBain, Jack Ellis, Sam Kingsbury, Jake Parsons, Ollie Bubb.

(Front row, left to right): Riley Breen, Ashton Cromie, Josh Gilbert, Libby Feutz, Ashleigh Houston, Holly-Jayne Feutz, Hazel Montgomery.

##### Gillette Cricket Cup

As reported in our previous newsletter, the Ashburton College Boys' 1st XI Cricket team has performed very well in this competition.

The event is a national secondary schools' one day competition, which began in 1990, and which begins as a knock-out competition.

Teams begin by playing in Term One of the school year within their region, against nearby school teams. Teams which are successful through the initial regional rounds then advance to their regional finals, with the six regional winners from around New Zealand invited to the national finals held in Term Four of the school year. The national finals consist of one-day cricket played in a round robin format.

The Gillette Cup has become synonymous with secondary school boys' cricket and the development of players for the future.

##### Ashburton College v Timaru Boys' High School

Continuing through the knock-out round AshColl was drawn to play Timaru Boys' High School's 1st XI in Timaru, on Monday 27 February.

Manager Darian Gray, in the absence on this day of Coach and Manager Dayle Jemmett and Simon Lye, said that it was a tough day for AshColl. This was a game always recognised as AshColl needing to play at their absolute best to have a chance of toppling Timaru Boys.

Unfortunately, on the day, this didn't go to plan and College's efforts coincided with Timaru Boy's Lachie Munro having a 'ripper' day scoring 85 runs and then taking 6 wickets for 14 runs off AshColl.

Ashburton College fielded first and were under the pump from the start, with Timaru Boys' reaching 127 before losing a wicket.

Sam Orr bowled well taking 4 wickets for 37. Other wickets taken were spread across the team.

Batting was always going to be a challenge, having to chase 282, and this proved to be so while facing some tight bowling.

Jack Middleton continued his form with the bat, scoring 32 runs; along with Hamish O'Reilly on 26.

The final result sat at 122/10 (AshColl) against 282/9 (Timaru Boys' High School).

##### Team members

Zac Douglas, Thomas Easton, Eddie Galbraith, Fletcher Hobbs, Oliver Hobbs, Lachie Jemmett (Captain), Mitchell Leath, Mitchell Lye, Jack Middleton, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, James Reid (Scorer), Tom Rosevear.



(Pictured above): Ashburton College clapping-off deserving winners, Timaru Boys' High School.

#### College Athletics Finals

It was with real pleasure that the College Athletics Finals Day was able to be held, on Wednesday 01 March, for the first time since 2020.

Head of Sports Ron Carlson said that it was great to see the just-over 200 students competing in the events in such a serious manner.

##### Two Records

Two Discus records were gained on the day:

- Toby Britt** - in the Under 15 Boys' Discus Toby bettered the old mark impressively, by over 2 metres, throwing a distance of 43.75 metres, with a 1.25kg discus.
- Josh Eketone** - in the Under 16 Boys' Discus narrowly bettered the old record, throwing 40.97 metres, also with a 1.25kg discus.

##### Grade Champions from the day were -

<b>Under 14 Girls</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Ashlee Estreich
<b>Under 14 Boys</b>	<b>Runners-up:</b>	Isla Gilbert and Zoe Bland
	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Curtis Bayston
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Kris Jamieson
<b>Under 15 Girls</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Lucy Pearce
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Kate Rickard
<b>Under 15 Boys</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Toby Grant
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Kalym Chalmers
<b>Under 16 Girls</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Tayla Estreich
	<b>Runners-up:</b>	Sophie Gibson and Makaleta Ula
<b>Under 16 Boys</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Kingsley Olawale
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Riley Broker
<b>Under 19 Girls</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Rose Vannini
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Zari Jimenez
<b>Under 19 Boys</b>	<b>Grade winner:</b>	Jack Middleton
	<b>Runner-up:</b>	Newel Buenafe

Winner of the 1500m Cliff Bradley Trophy was Tim Connelly-Whyte.

##### House Relay -

The concluding event of the day was the highly competitive 8 x 100m House Relay event, comprised of one girl and one boy from each grade, and completed with, Ron said, some very vocal support from the crowd.

**Final placings were:** 1st: Blue House, 2nd: Red House, 3rd: Orange House, 4th: Green House.

**House Points Gained From Finals Day were -** Blue 12.94; Green 8.25; Orange 7.66; Red 11.15.

##### Appreciation

Many thanks go to the Staff, Ashburton Athletic Club Officials and the many student helpers who helped to make the day run smoothly.

A College representative team will be selected from these competitors to attend the Aoraki Athletics Championships to be held on Wednesday 15 March.



(Pictured right, far right): Head of Sports Ron Carlson outlining details for the relay event.

Further photos from the Finals will be included in next week's newsletter.

### Coming Events

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

<b>March</b>	<b>10-12</b>	South Island Secondary Schools' Meridian Rowing Championships, Lake Ruataniwha
<b>12</b>	*	Aoraki Secondary Schools' Touch Tournament, Timaru
<b>14</b>		AshDance, College Auditorium, 7:00pm
<b>15</b>	*	Aoraki Athletics, Ashburton Singletracks Mountain Biking Round 3, Halswell Quarry Park
		Year 10 Outdoor Education Kayaking, Lake Hood
		<b>Ako Interviews, 10:00am - 8:00pm, at College</b>
<b>16</b>		<b>College closed for instruction - PPTA teachers' strike day</b>
<b>16 or 17</b>	*	Postponement days: Aoraki Athletics
<b>16-17</b>		Year 12 Geography trip, Mt Cook
<b>20</b>		Year 9 Attitude presentation, Period 3, at College
		Year 10 Attitude presentation, Period 1, at College
		Year 11 Attitude presentation, Period 4, at College
		Year 12 Attitude presentation, Period 5, at College
		Year 13 Attitude presentation, Period 2, at College
<b>21</b>		Aoraki Secondary Schools' Girls' Volleyball, Timaru
<b>21-22</b>		Goethe Institute German guest, German classes
<b>22</b>		Singletracks MTB Round 4 (Canterbury SS XC MTB Championship), Halswell Quarry Park
		Year 12 Outdoor Education Kayaking, Lake Hood
		Year 12 and Year 13 Tertiary Day, Ashburton Hotel
<b>23</b>		Aoraki Secondary Schools' Boys' Volleyball, Timaru Pasifika Fono Evening, Staffroom, 5:30pm-7:30pm
		Year 13AGH Water Sampling field, various venues
<b>24</b>		Year 13 AGH Results Analysis