



Head of Junior School Message

College Uniform Items and Availability

The falling leaves and cool mornings herald the changing season, and many students are sourcing uniform items to keep them warm and dry over the coming winter months.

Students may wear a plain navy blue or black waterproof jacket with their uniform. There is no specified brand or style, and these are widely available at retailers in Ashburton.

Hoodies are not part of the uniform, even those with AshColl logos, and students will be asked to remove hoodies if worn.

There are multiple options that are acceptable – a navy blue College jersey or polar fleece is a warm outer layer, and navy blue or white thermal top or t-shirts may be worn under the College blue shirt.

We have a number of items available at the College Office to provide to students in cases of financial hardship. Please contact the office or a member of the pastoral team to access this.

Assemblies and Events

With the easing of restrictions on gatherings, we have finally been able to hold assemblies and to plan for some of our iconic AshColl events that have been on hold during the pandemic.

Auditions have been held for our College production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and excitement is building as the production team is gathered together to prepare for performances in August.

On 17 June, we will showcase many of our talented dancers in AshDance and auditions for this will begin in Week 5.

Then, a night of great entertainment is planned in the final week of term with Lip Sync returning to the AshColl stage. No doubt, the staff item will be sensational and the Student Exec will be defeated again!

External Presenters Visit College

As well as our College activities, we have been able to host some outstanding outside presenters recently. Acacia and Brody from 'Waste Free with Kate' were in College on Thursday 19 May to present the Waste Free Period Programme to our Year 10 and 11 girls.

Due to COVID, the last time the programme was here at AshColl was in 2019 when our current Year 12 and 13 students were in the Junior School. Given that most women will spend in excess of \$16,000 on disposable period products in their lifetime, it was wonderful to give our young women a chance to hear about and see some of the great waste-free alternatives. There has been enormous interest in the free products that we have been given to distribute to the girls.

Just a reminder that girls can come to the office at any time to access free period products if needed.

Live Theatre Productions and Interactive Workshops on Topical Matters

Coming up, on Wednesday 01 June, we will host three live theatre productions and interactive workshops from the Life Education Trust.

Our Year 9 students will participate in 'Smashed' to engage students about the dangers of underage drinking. The theatre performance follows the lives of three young people, their involvement with alcohol, and how it affects their lives. The workshop enables students to explore the facts about under-age drinking and to develop strategies to resist peer pressure.

Year 10 students will participate in 'Smart's' (smart money) designed to provoke thinking and conversation around everyday financial decisions and the opportunities affecting young people. Topics to be explored include credit cards, deferred payment schemes, and Kiwisaver.

Year 11 students will participate in 'Behind the Scenes' - a Vaping Education programme which empowers young people to make informed healthy choices around vaping and to be aware of the dangers of social media.

Stay warm, stay well, and we hope to see you at one of our exciting AshColl events soon.

Carolyn Clough
Head of Junior School



Information

New Date – Second Day of Parent/Student/Subject Teacher Interviews and Early Closure

Second day – rescheduled for Tuesday 14 June (from Tuesday 24 May)

2:30pm – 8:00pm, Hotel Ashburton.

The interviews are for all year levels.

For Year 9 students, interviews are with subject teachers only, (not option teachers).

The length of each interview is five minutes.

It is expected that students attend with their parents/caregivers, in order to be part of the three-way conversation.

Bookings will be automatically transferred over from those made for 24 May.

If your previous booking time no longer suits you can alter your appointment time/s in SchoolPoint or, alternatively, please contact the College Office.

As previously, if you do not have an online facility, you are able to book by contacting the College Office on 3084193, Ext. 0.

College will close early, on this day - from 1:20pm.

The closure is Board of Trustees approved.

Rostering Home for Year Levels

As families are aware, due to a renewed spike in COVID cases amongst staff the ECP (Emergency Cover Plan) was put in place, initially from Thursday 19 May to Wednesday 25 May.

Rostering home is now being reviewed every two days.

(Families will now have received relevant emails and this will continue until the ECP is not required).

Students have access to work to complete during their scheduled day/s home.

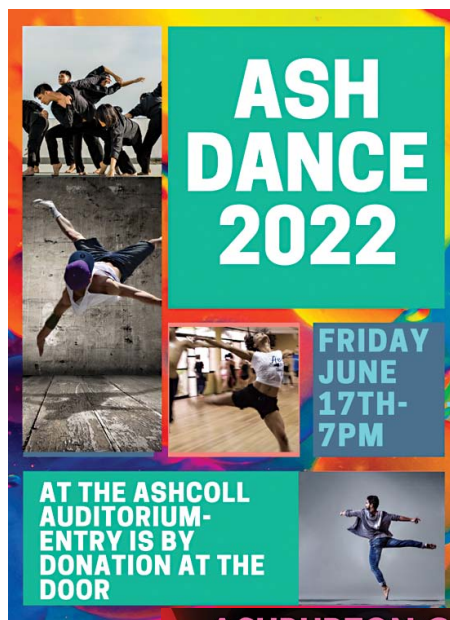
Important: Keeping school work up-to-date is vital so that students can attain their NCEA Credits. NZQA has indicated that Learning Recognition Credits will not be offered, as was the case for 2020 and 2021.

External Courses Continue: Courses such as Gateway, Ara, Work placements will still run as per usual even if it is a rostered day off.

Senior students may be able to come on site and work with available staff if pre-arranged.

Cultural Programme Events Return

Put these in your calendar if you can join us in the audience to enjoy the talents of College students.



Consultation Process –

NCEA Level 1: Hui Confirmed Dates

Reminder – Ashburton College is undertaking a comprehensive consultation process to consider if our College will retain NCEA Level 1 as a primary focus for our Year 11 students.

As part of this process we are seeking the input of current and former students, whānau, employers and our staff. Refer meeting dates below.

We are reviewing the role that this qualification plays in supporting the best outcomes for our students, and asking related questions like:

- What are the benefits and limitations of NCEA Level 1?
- Do all of our students need to complete NCEA Level 1?
- Are we supporting student well-being?
- How does NCEA Level 1 support our Vision?

While our focus is very much on Ashburton College, this is a conversation which is taking place in secondary schools and their communities around New Zealand.

As part of this process we will host several hui, as follows:

• Next Tuesday 31 May	7:00pm	College Auditorium
• Thursday 02 June	10:00am	Hakateri Marae
• Thursday 02 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium
• Thursday 02 June	7:00pm	Hakateri Marae
• Friday 03 June	10:00am	College Auditorium
• Saturday 11 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium

If you are interested in hearing more, we invite and strongly encourage you to attend one of these hui to gain information and to provide feedback to us at College.

It is anticipated the hui will be for approximately one hour.

An opportunity to share your thoughts will also be made available via a survey in the near future.

Events

Stream Study for Year 12 Science Students.

Term Two started well for members of the Year 12 Science class when, on Monday 02 May, they went to Argyle Park to learn about our local waterways.

Science teacher Heena Shah tells us that Errol and Kelvin from WaterWatch/Kaitiaki Wai, Lincoln, came down to join the class.

(Pictured right): The group working, with Kelvin and Errol (standing, left and right) providing relevant information.

The purpose of the day was to take tests and run experiments on the creek in order to complete an internal assessment. The students learned many different things about the aspects of water, how water can be affected, and the living organisms in the water.

For example, these included - oxygen levels; nitrate levels; the conductivity of the water; salts and minerals in the water; and even a close-up look at some insects that were found in the creek. The students got to carry out many different tests, using special equipment.



(Pictured above, left to right): Orpah Sildo, Lyn Militante, Katie Wood, Kate Petersen, Kyle Watkins, Cody Robin preparing to venture forth to gather stream samples.



(Pictured above right, in the creek, left to right): Collecting samples are Jack Donnelly, Ebe Baldeviso, Tutor, and Bilshan Ate while classmates watch from the bank.

The knowledge and information gathered, with the help of Errol and Kelvin, really benefited students by providing new general knowledge and skills. Heena said that it was really great to see everything in reality, which helped with regard to writing up reports.

Part of the learning was realising that human activity has a huge impact on our waterways and how important it is to look after the ecological health of the river, as it gives a place for many animals and insects to live, and it provides water for our community.

Summarised was that sustainability is vital. As communities, if we want our rivers and creeks to be around for years to come we need to act more sustainably and think about what we are doing that is affecting our waterways and do our best to stop practises that cause harm.



Events

2022 Ashburton College Cross Country

As with other College events recently, Phys Ed teacher Ron Carlson said it was so nice to be able to have a major school event again. A small field turned up to contest this event, but with some quality runners in all categories.

All age groups except the senior boys (4km) ran a 3km race.

Junior Events

In the junior events the Girls' Race proved to be a close contest with Lucy Pearce crossing the line first from Kate Rickard then Layla Ward. The winning time was a smart 15.07 minutes.

In the Junior Boys' race Kalyam Chalmers ran a very smart time of 10.54 to run away with the title.

Second across the line was Joshua Cannan followed by Macarena Ramirez Marco.

(Pictured right): Kalyam Chalmers with Joshua Cannan following in for second place.

Senior Events

In the Senior Girls' Race Rose Vannini took out the title in a time of 15.03, with a comfortable distance to the rest of the girls who were clearly there to represent their respective Houses, and gain House points.

(Pictured right): Senior Girls' winner Rose Vannini leading in the Junior Girls' first place-getter Lucy Pearce.



(Pictured above, left to right): House colours to the fore by Molly Milmine, Riley Tindall, Ruby Gray and Anna Gray.

The biggest field was in the Senior Boys' race.

For almost 3.5km of the race Riley Broker and Zac Douglas controlled from the front, pacing each other and keeping an eye out for others.

However, in the final 500m Matt Pearce increased his effort to take the lead for the final 150m to take out the race in 15.01mins.

Zac Douglas tried to take off after him but could not maintain the pace, finishing in second with Riley Broker filling third place. Only 17 seconds separated the three runners.

(Pictured left): Matt Pearce storming home, with Zac Douglas coming in, in second place.

Year 10 Outdoor Education Hike and Camp Continue at Peel Forest

On Thursday and Friday 05-06 May the final Year 10 Outdoor Education class went on their overnight camp at Clarke Flat and hike up Little Mt Peel.

Unfortunately, their teacher Luke Martin had injured his leg (think moon boot!) so Phys Ed teacher Ron Carlson stepped in to take the trip.

The group was the 'lucky last' group to go and they certainly were lucky with the weather, enjoying two beautiful days to be out in nature.

The class started off well on their hike but several students, on the way up, got a few little niggly injuries. With everyone's safety in mind the tough decision was made to head back down, which speaks volumes for understanding the need at times to have a Plan B and be prepared to pull out if necessary.

Once students were back at the campground the tents were set up, and those who were able to went on a smaller hike around the lower parts of Little Mt Peel.

Come night-time, the standard spotlight game was played and then it was to bed for some tired students.

The following day saw the class do both walks, on the Big Tree Walk and the Falls Track. Both walks total to about one and a half hours in the low-lying bush. The class had a great time and is looking forward to their next adventure outside the classroom.

(Pictured right): Entering the Big Tree Walk area.

This outdoor Year 10 Outdoor Education classes will be honing their skills in Navigation and also Rock Climbing.



Congratulations

Strong Placing for Kalyam Chalmers in Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race

On the week prior to the College's Cross-Country event, Kalyam Chalmers competed in the above event, running against forty-two other Year 9 male runners.

This event was held on Tuesday 10 May, at North Hagley Park in Christchurch with runners in the Year 9 boys' category coming from Christ's College, Rolleston College, Papanui High School, Christchurch Boys' High School, St Andrew's College, Darfield High School, Middleton Grange, Cashmere High School, Shirley Boys' High School, Burnside High School, St Bede's College.

Kalyam finished in a very creditable 8th place, in a strong time of 10:55 for the

(Pictured right): Kalyam in Hagley Park.



Winter Sports Tournaments Underway

As can be seen from a look at our Forthcoming Events it is a real positive to have winter sports competitions underway, and numerous College teams involved in them.

Many of the codes have had pre-season 'warm-up' events, some of which we have already reported on, and this week we look at Basketball and Rugby.

Senior Girls' A Basketball

Teacher-in-Charge of Basketball Andrew Shepherd said that this team travelled to Timaru, on Sunday 10 April, to play in a pre-season mini-tournament against South Canterbury Age Group and Women's representative teams.

Team Members are: Jorja Abernethy, Gelaeya Hadfield, Hannah Joyce, Eva Kelly, Holly Ngutu, Lucy Pearce, Amelie Robertson, Angel Spooner, Claudia Thomas, Charlotte Watson, Lily Williams, Laura Winchester.

Results

Although the team recorded a varied range of losses, this was a valuable pre-season run in preparation for their season's involvement in the Whelan Trophy Competition, played in Christchurch weekly on Tuesday nights. The competition started on 10 May and runs through until Division Finals on 22 and 23 August.

The team's first game was a 25-37 loss to the South Canterbury Under 17 team; while Game Two saw the girls take on South Canterbury White for a 39-47 loss. The final game was the greatest challenge resulting in 39-78 loss to South Canterbury Black.



(Pictured left): College player Jorja Abernethy looking to by-pass her opposition in the game against South Canterbury Black.



(Pictured above, left to right): College players, Charlotte Wilson, Holly Ngutu, Eva Kelly and Jorja Abernethy tipping off against South Canterbury White.

Mid Canterbury Combined Boys' 1st XV Rugby Successful Pre-Season Rugby, plus Rugby Cap presentations

The Combined Team (MCC) travelled to Oamaru to take part in a mini pre-season tournament, from 18-20 April, at St Kevin's College. (Pictured below), the team prior to their first match).



First Game:

This was against the venue hosts St Kevin's College, on Monday 18 April, with Mid Canterbury Combined scoring an impressive 50-14 win.

Try-scorers were Oliver Hobbs (two), Fononga Lisala (three), Tala Toulis (two) and Izayih Harris (one); with Sonny McMillan converting five of these.

St Kevin's two tries were both converted.

Spokesperson Brett Hobbs said that this was a great day for rugby, with MCC leading from the start and controlling the game well from half-back and first five. **Captain Reuben Brown** was excellent in the line-out.

Defensively the team played well, putting pressure on St Kevin's mid-field. As the game progressed the ball was spread wider which resulted in the two tries to winger Tala Toulis who was also the backs player of the day.

Fononga Lisala was player of the day for the forwards with some strong runs and maintaining his impressive scoring record with a hat-trick of tries. An impressive moment during the game was a full team push over try.

Presentation of Caps – to Colt Hill and Millar Newlands

The team also celebrated the presentation of Caps to Lock Colt Hill and Loose Forward Millar Newlands. The caps were presented by their parents with some wise words attached, making this a memorable occasion.



(Pictured above and right): College students Millar Newlands and Izayih Harris receiving their caps from Principal Ross Preece.

Final Game

This was played against the Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XV team on Wednesday 20 April.

The team had grown in confidence after playing well in gaining their earlier win against St Kevin's College and, after a team-building day were looking to put on another performance their supporters would be proud of; and they didn't disappoint.

Waitaki Boys brought some physical play to the game, but the Mid Canterbury forward pack was up for the challenge. In a tight first half, MCC showed some strong defence from Inside Backs **Devon Flannery** and **David Tugaga** that resulted in the half-time score being 10-nil to MCC.

In the second half, MCC turned to have a slight tail wind and, on the back of an improved forward performance, this enabled the team to take great advantage with some excellent tactical kicks from **Devon Flannery** at First Five and **Fletcher Hobbs** at Full-back that kept Waitaki Boys deep into their own half. Solid cover defence from Mid-Fielders **Jack Middleton** and **Sonny McMillan** neutralised any counter-attack from Waitaki.

Other standout players were **Reuben Brown** who backed up his earlier game with another solid performance in the lineout and time around the field, resulting in him earning **Forwards Player of the Day**.

Fononga Lisala maintained his impressive try scoring record with another try and all-round activity. **Backs Player of the Day Fletcher Hobbs** had another solid game at Full-back and got across the try line as well.

Try-scorers were Sonny McMillan, Oliver Hobbs, Fononga Lisala, Fletcher Hobbs and Paulo Kamoe; with a Conversion by Devon Flannery.

Additional Cap Presentation – to Izayih Harris

After the game the team was able to celebrate the earning of Hooker Izayih Harris' Cap, having represented the team for his 12th game.

Principal Ross Preece was on hand to make the presentation.

The team had a great tournament, and it was great to send off this year's Year 13 players with hard but well-earned wins.

Mid Canterbury Combined Team Members for these fixtures: Reuben Brown (Captain), Colt Hill (both Mount Hutt College); Ashburton College players: Byron Breen, Devon Flannery, Ricky Fulasou, Eddie Galbraith, Izayih Harris, Fletcher Hobbs, Oliver Hobbs, Paulo Kamoe, Iraia Langi, Fononga Lisala, Sonny McMillan, Jack Middleton, Ivana Milo, Millar Newlands, Stephen Palavi, Nuku Penisoni, Henry Thomas, Talatau Toulis, David Tugaga, Logan Williams.

Team Coaches/Manager: Geoff Chapman and Johnny Galbraith; and Dale Thomas.

Appreciation

Our appreciation is given to the Coaching and Management team in achieving a five pre-season unbeaten record. This is an impressive outcome.

At this stage players are playing Under 16 and Under 18 club rugby, having withdrawn from the Miles Toyota 1st XV competition due to numbers.

However, they will also play in school exchanges where there is an opposition team.

Ashburton College Mid Canterbury Sports Awards Recipients

In next week's newsletter we will recognise our College awardees, and highlight their impressive achievements.