



Message From The Principal

Easter and Student Holiday Break

As you read this, Easter has come and gone and, hopefully, we have all enjoyed some settled weather. I am no meteorologist, but I'm always struck by the contrast between the settled weather in autumn compared with the unpredictable offerings in spring.

The arrival of the holidays provides a welcome break and I would like to thank all our staff for their mahi last term, as nearly all have had to pick up extra duties to cover for a colleague with COVID or undertaking home isolation.

This has applied to our cleaning staff, our office staff, our Learning Support Assistants and our teachers; many of whom have had to pick up someone else's duties to keep AshColl functioning.

The old saying of 'we couldn't have managed without you' certainly applies here.

Acknowledging Our Students

In terms of acknowledgements, I would also like to thank our students as a collective, particularly around their willingness to wear masks. At the start of this red setting there was going to be the challenge around the wearing of masks which, let's face it, none of us enjoy.

However, our students, as a collective, have taken on the notion that they are protecting themselves, their friends and their whānau by wearing their masks inside. My thanks go to them for being very responsible.

It is worth noting that, in spite of reasonably widespread COVID within our region, only 30% of our students have actually tested as positive.

Term Two

We are all hopeful that we can begin next term in an Orange Light setting and without any need to roster home year levels.

The latter will allow us to provide normal face-to-face teaching for all year levels, although we will still need online learning available for those who need to catch up or for those isolating at home.

An Orange Light setting will allow us to run many school events such as interviews, school productions, assemblies, House Sports and also our school sports exchanges. Many of these events are the highlights of a school week and they have been badly missed.

The major restriction for schools in Orange, is the requirement to wear masks whilst on school transport. However, such decisions are of course made at a national level.

Advice from NZQA re NCEA Credits 2022

NZQA has announced that, at this stage, there will be no Learning Recognition Credits, or compensatory mechanisms for COVID-related disruption.

In advising this, NZQA has said that while Term One has been disrupted, they believe there is sufficient time in the year to manage the effects within the parameters of NCEA's structures. They are continuing to work with the sector's peak bodies to test this.

In the event that mitigation measures are required later in the year, NZQA and the Ministry will provide advice to the Minister.

Winter Sports Season

When we return on 02 May we also see the start of our winter sports season. As many of you are aware, sport can have a major positive impact on the lives of many of our young people

We are very blessed at Ashburton College to have a huge range of sporting codes on offer, and at all levels. I am going to attempt to get to watch all our winter teams at least once during the season, which is a significant challenge for this 'armchair athlete'.

My thanks go to the huge number of parents, caregivers and community members who will support our teams over the coming months. Again - 'we couldn't manage without you!'

Ross Preece, Principal • Tumuaki



Information

Please note the following variations to three forthcoming school days, in Term Two.

In the event of any COVID-impacted changes to any dates, these will be advised as soon as possible, if required.

College Closed Thursday 12 May for the purpose of an ACCORD Teacher Only Day

Please note that the College will also be closed for normal instruction on this day, in order to undertake an ACCORD Teacher Only Day.

These Teacher Only Days were allocated in the Accord between the Ministry of Education, NZEI Te Riū Roa, and PPTA Te Wehengarua, and are being held throughout New Zealand on set days for the regions.

The days are set aside to support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practice.

We do ask that you make alternative arrangements for your sons/daughters on this day, and thank you for your support.

Parent/Student/Subject Teacher Interviews and Early Closures

Thursday 19 May and 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 for interviews will go live on Tuesday 03 May and will be able to be booked through:

<https://ashburton.schoolpoint.co.nz>

Your SchoolPoint login is the same as your Kamar login.

If you do not have an online facility, you will be able to book by contacting the College Office on 3084193, Ext 0.

Further information will be advised to families.

School Early Closure - Both Days, from 1:20pm

Please Note: school early closure for all students, at 1:20pm, on both of these two days.

The closures are Board of Trustees approved.

Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1

As has been advised previously, Ashburton College is undertaking a comprehensive consultation process to consider if our College will retain NCEA Level 1 as the primary driver for our Year 11 students.

This is a discussion which is taking place in secondary schools and their communities around New Zealand.

Consultation is with our staff, current and former students, parents/caregivers and employers.

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

At College (specific meeting venue to be advised):

- Tuesday 31 May 7:00pm
- Thursday 02 June 10:00am
- Thursday 02 June 2:30pm
- Saturday 11 June 2:30pm

Hakateru Marae

Thursday 02 June 7:00pm

We invite and strongly encourage you to attend one of these hui to gain information and provide feedback to us at College.

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

Forthcoming Events

Please note: dates are as at the time of publishing. Alterations, due to COVID Omicron level restrictions will be advised to relevant groups as soon as details are known.

April

25 ANZAC Day

26-28 Hockey Boys' 1st XI pre-season tournament,

Trust Aoraki Hockey Turf, Timaru

02 May Start of Term 2

May

05-06 Year 10 Outdoor Education Hike 2, Peel Forest

06 South Island and New Zealand Secondary Schools' Gymnastics

07-08 Tumbling, QEII, Christchurch

07-08 Gymnastics Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline, Olympia

11 Gymnastics Sports Club, Wigram, Christchurch

12 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race, Christchurch

13 ACCORD Teacher Only Day

13 Mid Canterbury Sports Awards

Events

Year 13 Agricultural Science Field Trip – 'Wai Water?'

Currently in class, Year 13 Agricultural Science students have been working towards an Achievement Standard, being to carry out an investigation into an aspect of a New Zealand primary product or its production.

The Topic This Year Is 'Wai Water?'

More specifically this has meant the study of the effect of milk production management practices on water quality and biodiversity in the Hinds River Catchment.

Teacher Abbey Bruce said that, as part of this, the class spent one day, on Monday 04 April, collecting water samples to look at Nitrate levels, Phosphate levels, water clarity, conductivity, sedimentation and invertebrate samples from various locations along the Hinds River.

(Pictured below, left to right): Millar Newlands, Devon Flannery and Anna Gray evaluating samples.



(Pictured above, left to right): Debbie Eddington (ECAN), Charles Savage (observed), Emma Graham and Ashleigh Blakemore collecting samples.



(Pictured left, front, left and right): Xavier Dalton and Debbie Eddington (ECAN) evaluating water clarity in the Hinds River.

Along the way the group also had a look at the Hekeao/Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge Project (MAR), and had a farm visit at Align Clareview to discuss various management practices they are using to mitigate their effects on water quality.

The focus at each of the six Align Farms, is the social, environmental and commercial responsibilities of farming. Their approach is to advance human health by producing high-quality, nutrient-rich food and aligning farming with nature. Align Farms believe it's possible to minimise farming's environmental impact, while maximising profitability, and they are learning everything they can about regenerative farming, to help develop a more sustainable approach.

Following the day 'in the field' the class - on Thursday 07 April - had a panel of guest speakers come in and discuss the results.



(Pictured above): Students in the Auditorium meeting with the panel of guest speakers.

Many thanks are given to this panel of Debbie Eddington, Kim Dynes and Maria Captein from Environment Canterbury (ECAN); Peter Lowe from the Hekeao/Hinds Water Enhancement Trust, and Align Clareview.

Term Dates 2022 –

Term Two Monday 02 May - Friday 08 July

Term Three Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

Term Four Monday 17 October - Year level final dates to be advised, but final days for Years 13, 11 and 12 likely to be in the week beginning 31 October; while Year 9 and 10 students' final day is Thursday 08 December.



Congratulations

Hanmer Springs Pre-season Combined Schools' Boys' 1st XV Tournament

Manager Dale Thomas said this tournament was played at the Amuri Rugby Grounds in Hanmer Springs, on Saturday 09 April, in near-perfect rugby conditions.

Alongside Mid Canterbury Combined, the other three teams contesting this tournament were Waimea Combined, Selwyn Combined and Roncalli Combined. The teams are all Crusaders' Region Miles Toyota 1st XV teams.

Mid Canterbury Team Members for this fixture were: Colt Hill (Captain), Reuben Brown (both Mount Hutt College); Ashburton College players: Byron Breen, Devon Flannery, Ricky Fuluasou, Eddie Galbraith, Izayah 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, Talataou Touli, David Tugaga, Logan Williams.

Coach of the team is Geoff Chapman.

The Mid Canterbury Combined team is comprised of players from both Ashburton and Mount Hutt Colleges.

Results

Game 1 - Win:

This was against Selwyn Combined, reaping a 19-7 win to Mid Canterbury Combined.

Tries were scored by: Fononga Lisala (2) and Ivana Milo; with **two conversions** made by Sonny McMillan.

MVP (Most Valuable Player) Devon Flannery controlled and directed the game skilfully from 1st five.

Game 2 - Win:

This was against Roncalli Combined and also resulted in a win to Mid Canterbury Combined 10-5. This was a tough, close game, with a try-saving tackle by Soni Ahotaelloa being the major difference between the two teams.

Tries were scored by: Fononga Lisala and Oliver Hobbs.

MVP (Most Valuable Player) Henry Thomas was excellent in the lineup and made several runs off the back of the scrum.

Game 3 - Draw:

Against Waimea Combined, this was a back-to-back game after playing Roncalli Combined, which tested the teams and fitness.

Mid Canterbury Combined drew 12-12 in a tightly fought game.

Tries were scored by: Fononga Lisala and Ivana Milo, and a **conversion** made by Jack Middleton.

MVP (Most Valuable Player) Fononga Lisala had another solid game and was strong in the tackle, and mobile around the paddock.



(Pictured above): Mid Canterbury Combined hard on attack against Selwyn Combined.



(Pictured above): Sonny McMillan lining up to kick a successful conversion.

Caps to Colt Hill and Millar Newlands

Team Captain Colt Hill and loose forward Millar Newlands both achieved their Caps, having both achieved playing twelve games for the Mid Canterbury Combined 1st XV. Achieving a cap is always a milestone for College players.

2022 Change to Season

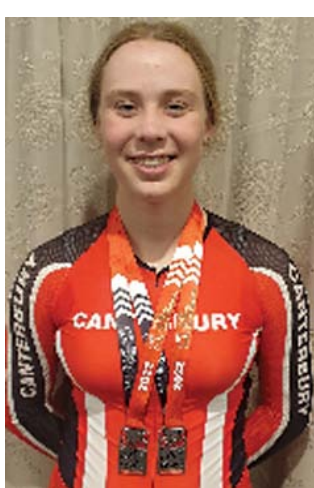
The Mid Canterbury Combined team has, this year due to numbers, withdrawn from the Miles Toyota Competition, but will still play in pre-season fixtures, and school exchanges where there is an opposition team. During the season, members will play Under 16 and Under 18 club rugby.

Track Cycling Nationals Silver Medal Successes for Maddi Lowry

Held in Cambridge at the Grass-Roots Trust Velodrome from 15-19 March, Year 13 student Maddi Lowry described this as a 'really good week's racing' which is a modest descriptor for a week in which she gained two Silver Medals.

Maddi also described the Nationals as providing 'lots of learning'.

Representing Canterbury and riding in the Under 19 Women's team, Maddi said there were approximately sixteen to twenty riders in each race, representing Canterbury, Southland, Auckland, Tasman, West Coast North Island (one rider) and Waikato. Missing from the event were riders from Otago, Wellington, East Coast North Island and Northland.



(Pictured right): Maddi with her two silver medals.

The Medals were gained in:

The Team Sprint – teams of three riders contest this event, starting as a team of three but with one rider pulling off at the end of 250 metres, followed by the second rider at 500 metres, while the third rider brings the team home at 750 metres. The team is timed from start to finish and, in winning the Silver Medal, the team finished in 54.739 seconds with an average speed of 49.324 km/h.

The Team Pursuit – this is a 4km event, with a four-member team which fans out at the end of the race and normally three cross the line at the same time, with the time taken off the third rider. The time for this event was 4:43.712 with an average speed of 50.755 km/h.



(Pictured above): Maddi, with her Canterbury team mates, in the starting gates at the start of the Team Pursuit.

Top 5 Finishes for Maddi

Good results were also a part of Maddi's week with top 5 finishes. Three were in 'bunch' riding being the Scratch Race of 7.5km; the Points Race of 15km, being 60 laps of the track, with four laps equalling a kilometre; and the Elimination Race where the last rider is eliminated at the end of each lap and the race continues until there are two riders remaining. These two fight it out for 1st and 2nd placings, while the last rider eliminated gains the Bronze Medal.

Maddi also gained a top 5 finish in the 500m Time Trial. All in all, this could be described as a quality week's racing.



(Pictured above): Maddi at the front of the bunch in the Points Race.

Next Event

Coming up from 22-24 April, Maddi is competing in the Road Nationals, in Hokitika, and will be the only College rider at that event. Maddi said she is attending this event due to it being close to home.

College 1st XI Boys' Hockey Prepare for the Season

The College 1st XI Boys' Hockey team played Timaru Boys' High School in Ashburton on Wednesday 06 April.

Manager Jason Vannini said the team has been promoted to the top division in Christchurch and had a solid warm-up to this game with six practices already behind them.

Timaru Boys' is a very good team and started the game off swiftly to be 3-0 up after the first quarter. However, in the second quarter AshColl only conceded one goal with improved **defence by Sam Orr** and **Lachie Jewmett**.

At half-time, **Coach Back Henry Wallis** arrived from another commitment and the team was able to push further up the field. A good run forward from **Hamish O'Reilly**, all the way into the circle, saw him score off a backhand shot to make it 4-1 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, College had a penalty corner but could not convert, and Timaru scored one more goal for a final score-line of 5-1.

College Coach Ryan Hampton was, however, pleased with the second half (1-1), once the boys got used to the pace of the game.

The next competition for the team is four games at the Timaru Boys' High School-hosted 'Anzac Tournament' in the second week of the school holidays, and we look forward to reporting on that event early Term Two.

The Eighteen-Member Squad/Team is – Joshua Cannan, Harrison Oak, Jack Ellis, Archie Glanville, Riley Harris, Lachie Jewmett, Nick Kershaw, Braden Luxton, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Will Rollinson, Tom Rosevear, Nicholas Stringer, Henry Thomas, Henry Wallis.

Not available to play in this fixture were Zane Cameron, Devon Flannery (injured) and Toby Grant.

Successes for Anna McFall at the Canterbury Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships

The 2022 Canterbury Championships were held on Saturday and Sunday 9-10 April, hosted by the Olympia Gymnastic Sports Club at the Lincoln Events Centre.

Incorporated in the competition were the Secondary School Championships. Competitors compete once in each of their disciplines, but their score counts towards both competitions.

This was a Tier 1 event sanctioned by School Sport Canterbury, and also a Gymnastics New Zealand-endorsed event.

Tier 1 is a New Zealand Secondary Schools' Gymnastic Championship Event where competitive gymnastics pathway athletes compete for New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships alongside selected Gymnastics NZ Endorsed Qualifying events.

Anna McFall is an Under 15, Year 10 student, competing at Level 7 this year, which is the highest Junior level (Levels 5, 6 and 7 are Junior levels). Coach/Manager with Anna is Ashleigh Pont, of Olympia Gymnastics Christchurch, where Anna trains nine hours per week at the Hornby venue.

Secondary School Results – 3rd Placed Overall

Anna's results were very good, as shown below:

1st placed Rope
3rd placed Ball
3rd placed Clubs

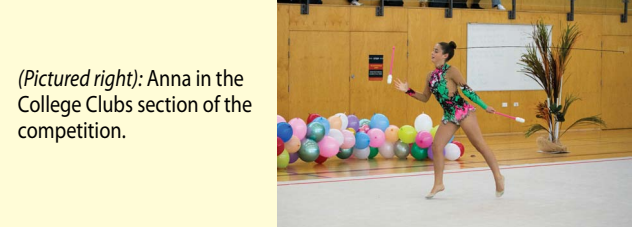
Canterbury Championships Results – 6th Placed Overall

From a field of ten Level 7 competitors, Anna's Individual Placings were:

4th placed Rope
6th placed Ball
6th placed Clubs



(Pictured above): Anna competing in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Rope Event.



(Pictured right): Anna in the College Clubs section of the competition.

Next Event – New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

The next event for Anna is the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships being held in Auckland over 28-29 May, for which Anna has been nominated by her club, Olympia. As with the Canterbury Championships, the Secondary Schools' competition runs alongside the Margaret Woolf Rhythmic Competition, with competitors' scores counting towards both competitions.