



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### Sports Exchange

As I write this article we are looking ahead to our annual Burnside High School-Ashburton College sports exchange, with College travelling to Christchurch. This will have been held, weather permitting, by the time you read this newsletter edition, and details of the exchange will be included in next week's newsletter.

Inter-school exchanges are always strongly contested, and are valuable as a measure in the ongoing build-up towards the annual Winter Sports Tournament week which takes place in Term Three nationally.

#### Whare Carvings

As outlined in our previous newsletter article, the carvings on our Whare Wananga have been taken down and are now in the process of being refurbished, sealed and weather-proofed.

We value having Damian Peeti and Tiyesa de Limbe working on this project, as they were both guided by the original Master Carver Vince Leonard. Some of our senior students will be involved in this restoration process.

#### Teacher Pay Negotiation Rounds

There are some promising signs that the teacher pay negotiation rounds are moving closer to settlement. At the time of writing this column there is no certainty, but at least the Government and Minister seem willing to meet and address the concerns. It is not all about money but, more importantly, about workload and support for students who are struggling to function in mainstream classrooms, and particularly their impact on the learning of others.

However, a rise in salary will be necessary to make teaching more attractive. A very concerning figure is that, over the last five years, there has only been an average of six Physics teachers trained throughout the country.

Given that there are 375 secondary schools within New Zealand and that nearly all of them need Physics teachers, this is a genuine concern, and there are staff shortages in many other teaching areas.

We are most fortunate at Ashburton College to have a pool of recent retirees who are willing to help us fill short-term vacancies. Many schools are not in this position and, of course, this is not a long-term solution to make teaching more attractive.

#### Teacher Only Day

At our recent Teacher Only Day we were exposed to predictions as to the future of employment, in particular around the range of occupations likely to be needed by 2030. Whilst this sounds a long way into the future, five year olds who have started school will be finishing school and faced with these future realities for employment.

Amongst the careers on the decline were travel agents, bank tellers, textile workers, print industry workers, taxi and truck drivers, and telemarketers. New jobs emerging included solar/wind technicians, digital rehab counsellors, augmented reality developers, urban agricultural specialists and end-of-life managers.

To ensure that the students from Mid Canterbury are well prepared for a different future we need to start a process that will inform and change our practice for their future. We know that the retention of facts and knowledge will become less important. We also know that the soft skills and dispositions such as creative problem-solving, collaboration, communication and resilience will become vital.

At Ashburton College we have adopted the concept of 'reconceptualising our school' as the name for this process.

Many thanks.

Ross Preece  
Principal



### Board of Trustees News . . .

#### Appreciation to 'Retired' Board Members

At the recent triennial Board Elections a number of our Board members have retired after a significant length of time governing our district's secondary school.

**Annie Lees** has committed six years to the Board as the elected Staff Representative. After a long day at College, Annie has also committed to some long evenings at the Board table. Annie has been a very professional Board member. It is not any easy role being involved both in governance, and working within that same organisation.

**Ronnie Campbell** has both his professional finance skills to working with the College's Senior Leadership Team to help ensure both compliance and a cash positive position. Ronnie has also been readily available for a range of other Board meetings and commitments.

**Gretchen Hart** has had one term with the College Board, plus experience also on a primary school Board. Gretchen's legal understanding, passion for Board process, and effective student achievement and reporting, has been valuable for our Board.

**Craig Hickman** has committed nine years to Board roles as his own children have moved through schools. This is a very significant contribution to our community. Craig's institutional knowledge from such a depth of experience will be missed, as will his ability to 'cut to the chase' in discussion.

The calibre of members and their commitment to our Board is essential for it to function well. Our Board members are all busy people, with demanding jobs. They give up their personal and family time to serve your community. For our departing Board members, thank you for a significant amount of service, your experience will be missed, as will you be for the people you are.

#### Welcome to New Board Members

Following the recent elections our Board is very pleased to welcome Michael Clark, as the elected Staff Representative, and Jen Muir as Parent Elected Member. We look forward to working with them in the future.

#### College New Build

Ashburton College has collated a group of key staff and Board representatives to form a 'Building Committee' to work with Ministry on our school build. The current workload is based on the initial stages of planning and employing the various designers, consultants and planners who are required for a build of this significance.



Jeremy Savage  
Chairperson

### Information

#### High School Musical – College Production

The College students' cast is currently busy with rehearsals in preparation for what will be a great production. Look at your diaries and purchase your tickets!

**The Ashburton College Production of**

Disney  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR**

Book by  
**David Simpatico**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by  
**Peter Barrocchini**

Original Songs by  
**Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevill;  
Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley;  
Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd & Adam Watts;  
Bryan Louiselle; David N. Laurence & Fay Greenberg;  
Jamie Houston**

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by  
**Bryan Louiselle**

By arrangement with **Hai Leonard Australia Pty Ltd.**

**THURSDAY 4TH JULY, FRIDAY 5TH JULY  
SATURDAY 6TH JULY,  
7:00pm  
ASHBURTON COLLEGE AUDITORIUM  
TICKETS \$15 EACH - AVAILABLE FROM  
THE COLLEGE OFFICE, Phone 03 308 4193**

### Information

#### Internationally Renowned Former Student Performing in Ashburton

Known and applauded the world over, former College student and Phoenix Chorus member **Simon O'Neill** is performing in Ashburton, on Thursday 04 July, at the Ashburton Trust Event Centre.

**"The Wagnerian Tenor of his generation"**

**Simon O'Neill**

in concert with  
**Iain Paterson**  
bass baritone  
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piano

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**Ashburton College 'Old Boy' back in town.  
Support our world famous tenor.  
Ashburton Trust Event Centre: 4th July 2019, 7:30pm**

**MAKE YOUR MARK**

Calling all Pasifika students and parents.  
Homework-based support and English learning opportunities for Pasifika parents.

**TUESDAYS 6:00pm - 8:00pm (term time)  
at the Senior Centre, 206 Cameron Street,  
Ashburton**

### Coming Events

Exclusive of sports weekly competition dates.

<b>June 21</b>	Road Safety Day, Year 12 Students at the Hotel Ashburton
<b>25</b>	Aoraki Secondary Schools' Girls' Football, Timaru
<b>26</b>	A2 German exams
<b>27</b>	<b>Early closure</b> , from 1:20pm, due to Secondary Teachers' Paid Union Meeting
<b>28</b>	University of Canterbury speaking about Open Day/Scholarships
<b>July 01</b>	Aoraki Secondary Schools' Junior Boys' Basketball, Timaru
<b>03</b>	Year 12 Academy, Tractors 3, Day 1
<b>05</b>	Aoraki Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' Basketball, Timaru
<b>07</b>	College Senior Students' Ball
<b>08</b>	High School Musical production dress rehearsal
<b>09</b>	Year 12 Physics Radioactive Laboratory visit, University of Canterbury, and the Arts Centre
<b>03-05</b>	Top Art Exhibition
<b>04-06</b>	College Production – High School Musical
<b>05</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>

### Staff - Welcome

Please note that, in last week's newsletter, we inadvertently had James List's heading as a 'Staff Farewell'. This is indeed not the case. James is a welcomed, new staff member to College.



James List  
Teacher of Agriculture

### Information

#### Uniform Survey Voucher Winners

College recently advertised a uniform survey to students and parents/caregivers.

We can advise a very pleasing response, and thank all who took the time to reply.

The two winners of a \$50 supermarket voucher were:

- Toni McKee (parent)
- Callum Whyte (student)



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### Congratulations

#### Summer Colours and Blues Awards Assembly 2019

Normally held at a whole-College Assembly, this year's awards were presented in front of Year 12 and 13 students and parents and caregivers in the College Auditorium, the wet weather alternative to the Chessboard, on Thursday 13 June.

Acting Principal Ron Cresswell welcomed parents/caregivers, students and staff to the Assembly, acknowledging the successes of many of our students representing the College at Canterbury and New Zealand levels, and continuing on at high levels after leaving secondary school.

Ron noted that many College students are continually high-performing young people, which makes Ashburton College a great school.

All credit was given to students on the outcomes across many fields of endeavour, and Ron commended the support given from the student body as whole to students when they succeed, regardless of their area of success. Highlighted was the fact that success doesn't happen without hard work and the support of many – coaches, parents, caregivers, teachers and many others. Appreciation was also given to Head of Sport Ron Carlson and Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray for their work in collating recipients' information and preparing for this Assembly.

Prior to presenting the awards, Ron Carlson spoke to another busy and successful season of, College sporting events, both in the major sports codes at inter-school, regional, South Island and National events, but also in the increasing number of students competing in other activities which are gaining in popularity.

#### Colours Awards

Colours Awards are presented to students who are national champions or who have been selected for a national sports team or are a member of a national cultural group.

A Colours Award is recognised as the most prestigious of the Awards process. Students who receive a Colours Award do not receive a Blues Award. Unlike the Blues Award the Colours Awards are not confined only to Ashburton College-based activities.

#### Colours Award Recipient

##### Basketball Sophie Adams

Sophie is currently a member of the Canterbury Wildcats Squad, the Canterbury Under 19 Women's team and the Ashburton College Senior Girls' A team, of which she is a co-captain.

Last month Sophie was selected into the Under 17 FIBA (Federation International Basketball Association) Oceania Women's Championship Team. This team will play in Noumea, New Caledonia from 19-24 August, where a top-two finish secures a place in the FIBA-Asia Under 18 Championships in 2020.



#### Rowing New Zealand Awards

Also presented were awards from Rowing New Zealand, for crews attaining a Top Ten finish at the Aon Maadi Cup, the pinnacle national event for secondary school students.

These awards were presented to the Under 18 College Coxed Quad Sculls crew. With the Under 18 field being extremely competitive their outcome of a fourth placing was one to be truly proud of.



(Pictured above, left to right): Team members Grace Adams, Aidan Elvines, Mollie Gibson, Emma Stagg, Harriet Leverton (Cox).

#### Blues Awards

In establishing Award recipients, each sport has specific criteria that is used as a guide for nominators. A select committee then discusses the nominations and makes final decisions.

At this assembly fifteen students were acknowledged.

As a general rule, Blues Awards are awarded to senior students, with the exception being when a junior student competes with distinction in senior or open events, or a performance by a junior student in a junior event that would place them in a top finish had they been competing in a senior event.

#### Blues Award Recipients were -

- Athletics** Sophie Adams, Tara Mellish, Brynmor Workman.
- Cricket** Angus Jemmett, Thomas Middleton.
- Rowing** Grace Adams, Aidan Elvines, Mollie Gibson, Harriet Leverton, Emma-Louise Stagg.
- Softball** Kate Flanagan, Gemma Taylor.
- Swimming** Blake Farr.

#### Cultural Blue brought forward from 2018, due to event timing in relation to College Awards

##### TeenAg Grand Finalists 2018

Alex Jones, Harriet Stock (pictured right) receiving her award from Acting Principal Ron Cresswell, with Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray looking on.



#### Performance Awards

A Performance Award recognises student performance just below the level of a Blues Award, with twenty five students acknowledged.

##### Performance Award Recipients

- Athletics** Emily Armstrong, Briana Gaze-Inia, Mia Pearson, Emma-Louise Stagg, Ted Yee, Toby Woolf.
- Cricket** Isaac Bazley, Devon Flannery, Ben Middleton.
- Rowing** Gerard Wall.
- Softball** Billie Surridge.
- Swimming** Hannah King, Matthew Scammell.
- Tennis** Jade Brosnahan, Tyler Leonard.
- Triathlon** Oliver Davidson, Joshua Giles, Toby Woolf.
- Volleyball** Shayne Abay, Taulangi Daniel, Fotu Hala, Samantha Jerao, Maya Kikui, Phinenah Teves, Kirari Suga.



(Pictured left),  
Briana Gaze-Inia  
receives her Athletics  
Performance Award.

#### First Placings for Both Teams at

##### Squash Championships

The 2019 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Squash Championships were held at the Timaru Rackets' Club on Thursday 06 June.

Teams were comprised of three players each, with Ashburton College represented by four boys' and two girls' teams. Teacher-in-Charge Clair Bedward said it is pleasing to see an increase in squash players representing the College this year. As a number are junior school students, we look forward to their continued participation over the next few years.

The event was contested between Waitaki Boys' and Girls' High Schools, Timaru Boys' and Girls' High Schools, Mt Hutt College, St Kevin's College, Geraldine High School and Roncalli College.

#### Results

Yet again the Ashburton College team of **Isaac Bazley, Devon Flannery** and **Angus Jemmett** was successful in retaining the boys' title.

The girls' team was not to be outdone and won their competition with the strong team of **Brooke Cornish-Madden, Darnell Lima** and **Harriet Stock**.

Clair said that all players enjoyed the day, with many having individual success in at least one of their games.



(Pictured right,  
left to right):  
Angus Jemmett,  
Devon Flannery,  
Isaac Bazley.



(Pictured left, left to right):  
Brooke Cornish-Madden,  
Darnell Lima, Harriet Stock.

#### Lip Sync 2019

This year's Lip Sync, held on Tuesday 11 June, was a huge success with almost one hundred students participating and performing to a sold-out auditorium.

The evening was outlined as thoroughly enjoyable, containing a variety of entertaining performances, with each act putting their own unique spin on the lyrics of their chosen song. The standard of performance throughout the evening was reflected in the effort and enthusiasm of the students.

#### Results were -

##### Junior Section

###### Winners T-Birds:

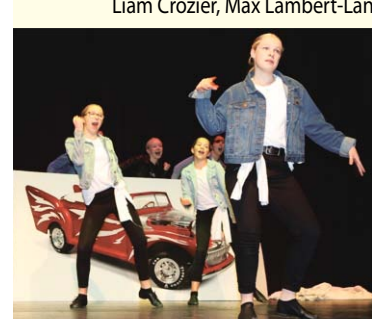
Anna Gray, Molly Milmine, Riley Tindall, Ruby Gray, Kasey Higson, Ella Shanks.

###### 2nd place Solo Throw Down:

Danielle Faichnie.

###### 3rd place Liam, Max and Jack:

Liam Crozier, Max Lambert-Lane, Jack Templeton.



(Pictured left):  
Winners of the  
Junior Section: T-Birds Group.

(Pictured below): Second-  
placed Danielle Faichnie  
performing Solo Throw Down.



##### Senior Group

###### Winners Weather Girls:

Poppy Kilworth, Sophie Adams, Mia Pearson, Katie Danielson.

###### 2nd place No Scrubs:

Grace Adams, Tegan McIntyre, Julie Mushonga, Alena Patterson, Danielle McArthur.

###### 3rd place Mahina Edwards:

aka Mahina Edwards!



(Pictured left):  
Senior Section  
winners 'Weather  
Girls'.

###### (Pictured right):

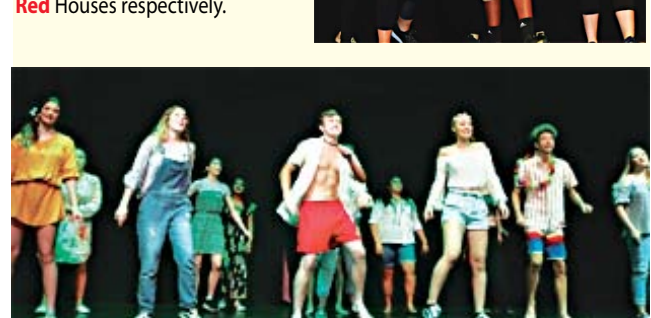
2nd placed No Scrubs.



##### House Fest

###### Green House (pictured below)

won the House Fest competition, followed by Orange, Blue and Red Houses respectively.



#### Staff v Student Competition

The final section of the evening was the highly anticipated Student Executive versus Staff competition, with the students winning this year.

#### Appreciation

Special thanks goes to a number of people whose time and effort contributed significantly to the success of this evening, including-

- MCs for the night – Head Boy William Wallis, and Deputy Head Girl Harriet Stock.
- Event Co-ordinators Helen Wakelin and Hayley Wards.
- The Lip Sync judging panel of Jack Hanrahan and Justine Hanrahan, and the House Fest judges Emily-Jane Farr and Jack Hanrahan.
- Also a big thank you goes to Hayley Wards for helping to co-ordinate the event. Thanks also to all of the staff involved in the running of this event.
- The lighting and sound technical crew, headed by Deputy Principal Ron Cresswell.
- The staff Heads of House for their co-ordination and encouragement of the students and the House Competition – Clair Bedward, Sarah Lassen, Stacey Monk and Hayley Wards.