



Ashburton College

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News

Deputy Principal Message

Subject Selection/ Career Pathway Planning

It is at this time of year that students and their whānau begin to look ahead to the subjects or pathways they intend to pursue in 2023. It is an exciting time that can also be daunting.

In selecting subjects, students need to consider factors such as possible career pathways and, more importantly, what they enjoy.

With many options available, it is important that, in selecting subjects, students speak with their parents or caregivers and make use of the opportunities for advice that exist within the College.

One of these is the Course Selection Evening at the Hotel Ashburton on Wednesday 10 August.

College Careers Advisor

Our Careers Advisor Jess Bennett is also available to meet with students and provide advice to help in their subject selection or planning for the next step. Appointments with Jess can be booked via the College office.

Additional Assistance

In addition to their Careers Advisor, students are also able to access help and support from their Ako teacher, Dean, Head of School and subject teachers.

When thinking about what subjects to study, it is important for students to bear in mind that, while they may have a clear idea of what they would like to pursue, this may change. There are also many opportunities beyond school that they are unlikely to have ever heard of, or which may not even exist yet! We do not know what the future will bring with regard to the workforce but we do know that change is a certainty.

The best advice I can give to students is whatever subjects you pursue, do your best, as motivation and determination will be valued wherever the future takes you.

Keeping Healthy and Safe

With winter illnesses and ever-present COVID continuing to present challenges around the country, we have a continued focus on limiting the spread of infection to keep our students and staff safe.

Along with mask wearing for staff and students when indoors, we have an ongoing focus on ventilation, hand-washing, cleaning and staying at home if sick.

Please support us with these factors to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Keeping Up With Information

With a lot happening at school, it can be difficult to keep on top of what is occurring and when. Along with this newsletter, following Ashburton College on Facebook @AshburtonCollege will help.

In addition, email and the KAMAR portal <https://kamar.ashcoll.school.nz> contain information specific to your child.

Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke.

Jono Hay
Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua

Information

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 11-13
7:00pm**

ASHBURTON COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

TICKETS \$10
Available from the College Office
Phone 03 308 4193

Meet the students in rehearsal for Midsummer Night's Dream



Course Information Expo
To consider subject choices/selections for 2023
Next Wednesday, 10 August 2022
6:00pm-8:00pm
(Hotel Ashburton, entrance off Racecourse Road)

This evening is for current Ashburton College students in Years 9-12, and for any students enrolling in Years 10-13 in 2023.

Throughout the Expo, staff will be available at their subject displays to talk with. We look forward to meeting with you.

For further information please feel free to contact: the College office – (03) 308 4193

Events

Tama Mai Sauté Dance Academy Sau la Dance Festival

On Saturday 09 July 2022, at the start of the student holiday break, a group of Ashburton College students travelled to the Aurora Centre at Burnside High School, Christchurch to take part in Tama Mai Sauté.

This event provided an opportunity for schools to celebrate the cultures of the Pacific. College students have worked with the Tama Mai Sauté Dance Academy, at College, for the last two terms.

An accompanying teacher, Liz Carrick, said that each school presented their own performance, with the Festival concluding with a large group performance involving all participating schools. Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihi also accompanied the group.

The fifteen performing schools were – the Primary Schools of Te Kura o Opāwaho/Opawa, Rāwhiti, Waitakiri, Cotswold Mātāhau, Linwood Avenue; Christchurch South Karamata Intermediate School; and Secondary Schools – Avonside Girls', Riccarton, Rolleston, Mairehau, Hillmorton and Hornby High Schools, plus Ashburton College.

College students who were part of the performance group were: Tafu Aiono Falealili, Doreen Awaikera, Luvepa Falealili, River Fuluasou, Alex Gabriel, Gelaeya Hadfield, Salatielu Iakapo, Edema Kelsall, Selaima Loloma, Joanne Mafiti, Misty Mafiti, Mia Moana, Siasini Satui, Anjali Savaiinae, Faua Sione, Naomi Taeauga Mafiti, Pevelis Taeauga, Pairu Teokotai, Sivaioa Teomatavui, June Tilialo, Sera Ula Ripena Umaga Vaelia.

Liz said that the students from Ashburton College were absolutely amazing, and displayed the AshColl Values throughout the day.



(Pictured above): A number of the College group of performers, with Alex Gabriel as Manaia centre back.

Manaia – Alex Gabriel

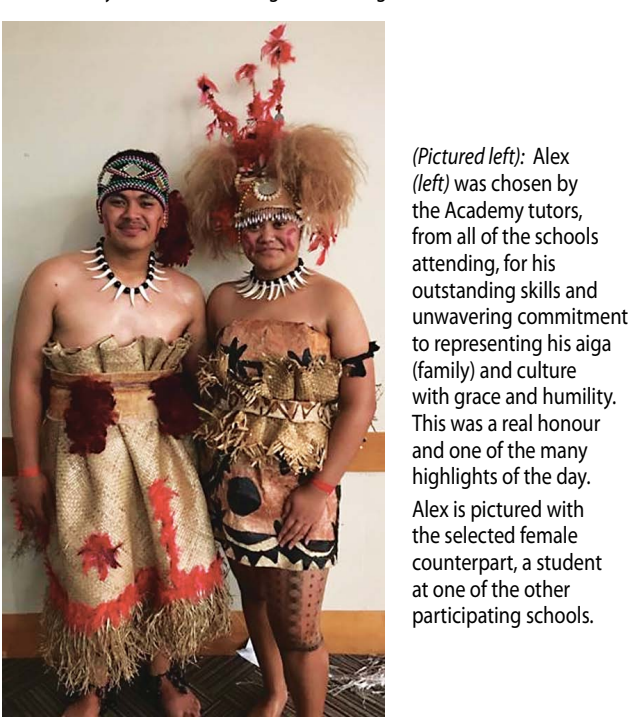
Ashburton College's Year 13 student Alex Gabriel was awarded the honour of Manaia, performing this in the closing group tauluga on behalf of the schools.

Tama Mai Sauté Dance Academy co-founder and tutor Albany Peseta said that Alex played a huge role as the Manaia for Sau-la Festival.

This role signifies the son of a high chief who dances to represent the village, with manaia the title of that Matai Chief.

For this festival, Alex was chosen to represent all of the schools in this role because of his leadership, his presence to teach and nurture, and his pride in showing his identity through culture. Albany said this will inspire many of our young people, emphasising he did everyone proud that day, kitted out in traditional Samoan attire. Malo lava le sa'asa'a matagofie Aleki.

The Tauluga is a traditional Samoan dance, considered the apex of Samoan performance art forms and the centre-piece of the Culture of Samoa. This dance form has been adopted and adapted throughout Western Polynesia; most notably in Samoa, The Kingdom of Tonga, Uvea, Futuna and Tokelau.



(Pictured left): Alex (left) was chosen by the Academy tutors, from all of the schools attending, for his outstanding skills and unwavering commitment to representing his aiga (family) and culture with grace and humility. This was a real honour and one of the many highlights of the day. Alex is pictured with the selected female counterpart, a student at one of the other participating schools.

Tutors will be continuing to work with College students through the balance of this year, building up skills and capability, looking ahead to next year's Polyfest and similar opportunities.



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Congratulations

First Placing for Maddi Lowry at Cycling NZ Schools' South Island Road Championships

Maddi Lowry competed at these championships held on Saturday and Sunday 09 and 10 July at the Ruapuna Raceway, Christchurch, at the start of the student holiday break.

Maddi was representing Ashburton College in the Under 20 Women's Grade; as a Year 13, six weeks short of her eighteenth birthday. The competition ran over two days, with the Time Trial on Saturday and the Road Race on Sunday.

Conditions were cold, wet, and miserable for the Time Trial, with a few crashes in the slippery conditions, and unfortunately Maddi was one of these! She was fortunate though to gain only a few scrapes and bruises, and managed to get back on her bike and finish the race in 10th place.

On Sunday, the conditions for the 31.5km Road Race were much better for racing; cold but a dry track. Maddi started the day sore and stiff after her accident the previous day but, after a good warm-up, she felt better and ready to race.

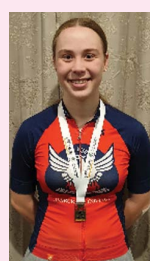
Winning Effort

Maddi rode a fantastic race, coming away with the win, in a time of 50 minutes and 53 seconds, being an average speed of 35.2km/hour.

Maddi and Lola Bryson-Boe from Christchurch Girls' High School broke away from the bunch early in the race and battled it out until the final 100 metres, with Maddi winning from a well-timed sprint.



(Pictured above): Maddi in a good position, just ahead of Lola Bryson-Boe, during the Road Race.



(Pictured right): Maddi with her well-earned Gold Medal.

Aoraki Secondary Schools' Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament

This annual tournament was held at the EA Networks Centre in Ashburton, at the end of June, after the two-year hiatus we have become used to.

College Junior A Boys' Team: Runners-up

Competing Teams

The eight teams were allocated across two pools for the start of the competition with Ashburton College A, in Pool A, drawn against Timaru Boys', Waimate and Geraldine High Schools.

Pool B was made up of Waitaki Boys' High School, Roncalli and Mountain View Colleges, and the Ashburton College Junior B team.

Results – Winners of Pool A Play

Manager Lisa Elliott said that the team dominated their pool after three games. The most challenging game was against Timaru Boys' High School Year 10, who they were able to get a win over in retaliation to a loss to them early in Round 2 of the Friday night Aoraki competition.

Good tactical play by marking out Timaru Boys' main playmaker, stopped him converting goals. It was impressive seeing the Junior A's set-plays with screens used and having success from them, ending with the ball going through the hoop.

Cross-over Semi-final

In the semi-final against Roncalli College, the team was determined and methodical in their play, converting a high percentage of shots and building on their lead, allowing them to pull away in the latter part of the first half. They used the momentum of some three pointers scored by Captain Daniel Dittmer and good rebounding to secure the ball by **Riki Philpott, Liam Elliott, Taniela Palavi** and **Josh King**.

Final

After losing the tip-off in the final against Waitaki Boys, Waitaki had points on the board quickly. Assertive calls from the referee rattled the AshColl Junior A's but the College coaches did a good job of re-focusing the team by utilising time-outs.

The coaches' call was to get offensive rebounds as the Junior A attempts at goal outnumbered the opposition, they just weren't dropping in as cleanly as in previous games.

As fatigue set in, bodies were tripped, landing on the floor-boards, but regular subbing and support play by **Ollie Prince** and **Jack Spicer** energised the team and provided structure. Some nice pull-up jump shots by **Liam Elliott, Riki Philpott** and **Taniela Palavi** underpinned a massive team effort.

However, the team was unable to pull back the 10-point deficit from half-time and lost 30 points to 40.



(Pictured left): The Runner-up College A Team.
(Back row, left to right): Caleb McNulty-Burns (Coach), Josh King, William Woods, Riki Philpott, Taniela Palavi, Coach Ethan Reodique.
(Front Row, left to right): Liam Elliott, Daniel Dittmer, Ollie Prince, Jack Spicer.
Ranz Buenafe was absent for this event.
Managers were Lisa Elliott and Riko Dittmer.

College Junior B Boys' Team

Team members were

Alex Urquhart (Captain), Brandon Burrows, Riley Prendergast, Jacob Robinson, Jack Strawbridge, Dante Tait, Niel Vicente, James Wood; with Darion Gray as Manager.

Darion said that the boys had their toughest game first-up against a very well-drilled Waitaki Boys' High School team, and eventual winners of the Championship.

The College team showed good resilience against Roncalli College with some superb rebounding from **Riley Prendergast, Dante Tait, James Wood** and **Jack Strawbridge**.

In the next round, **Alex Urquhart (Captain), Niel Vicente** and **Jacob Robinson** worked well, bringing the ball up the court and, with a good percentage of buckets dropped, were rewarded with a win over Mountview High School.



(Pictured above): The College B Team scoring points in their win over Mountview High School. In the action are College players Nikau Forsyth-Pakinga (Number 15), Dante Tait (12) and, watching on (left and right) James Wood and Alex Urquhart.

Final Results

The team placed 4th in Pool B, and in the finals cross-over play against Waimate High School, who were third in Pool, Ashburton came away with the win.

Darion said that, during the day they played very nicely as a team, showing great communication on the court, topped-off with being super ambassadors for AshColl.

Appreciation

Darion, also College's Sports Co-ordinator, acknowledged **Riko Dittmer** and **Lisa Elliott** for all their help during the day and gave a 'shout out' to **Jorja Abernathy**, who umpired more than her fair share of games; plus College 'ring-ins' **Tom Patterson** and **Eva Kelly** who both did an admirable job at such short notice.

Rangiora High School – Ashburton College Sports Exchange

As outlined in our previous newsletter we now look at some of the individual team results from this day, held at the start of the last week of last term.

Boys' Junior A Football Team

Coach Duncan McKee said the boys played well when opening the game but that, about twenty minutes into the game, Rico Hurst-Evangelista suffered a knee injury.

With no substitutes available the team was disadvantaged and, although they continued on bravely with just ten men, they couldn't keep up the rock-solid defence they'd held until that point. The team went down 6-0.

Special Mention and Man of the Match

Special mention is made of **Mitchell Lye, Hunter Watson** and **Neil Thakar** for joining the team at late notice, and to **Mitchell Lye** who gained Man of the Match recognition.

Team members for this fixture were -

Guy Ward (Captain), Ben Edkins, Drew Gilbert, Rico Hurst-Evangelista, Sam Kennerley-Drye, Kaizzer Lambincio, Mitchell Lye, Daniel McBain, Pedro Masino, Neil Thakar, Hunter Watson.

Clean Sweep of Netball Results to Rangiora High School

Three College Netball teams travelled to Rangiora, a school recognised as having a strong netball culture, with many hard battles fought over numerous years.

The Year 9A team achieved the closest score, losing by only eight goals (30-22).

College B Netball Team

Coach Karla Newlands said that the team was outplayed by a very classy Rangiora team but, to AshColl's credit they played as hard as they could right to the final whistle.

However, Ashburton College was just not able to get the ball to the goal circle, due to strong defence through court by Rangiora who forced many errors and turnovers.

Team members were: Alexia Wilson (Captain), Charlotte Bota-Wilson, Chloe Braas, Briar Clark, Izzy Harris, Kasey Higson, Molly McKenna, Tara Nevin-Smith, Sienna Skilling.



(Pictured above): College B Team court play as the players attempt to get the ball into the goal circle, past Rangiora's strong defence. (Clockwise from front left): Sienna Skilling, Molly McKenna, Charlotte Bota-Wilson and Chloe Braas.

Year 9A Netball Team

After a fast start by a skillful Rangiora team, the Year 9 players rallied in the second quarter and fought back to draw the game level at half-time.

Coach Ange Mitchell said that the whole team worked hard on defence but the tireless work of **Emma Lowry** and **Ruby Patterson** in the defensive circle kept AshColl within striking distance, going into the last quarter.

Only down by two goals and with a lot of belief, the team fought hard but Rangiora pulled away in the last five minutes to take the win.

This outing was great preparation before heading away to the South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Tournament in the Christchurch the following week.

Team members were: Lucy Pearce and Savana Fagalima (Co-captains), Amelia Mitchell, Lulu Kilworth, Chanelle Ula, Kaletia Ula, Emma Lowry, Ruby Patterson, Ally Thomas, Layla Ward; with Ange Mitchell (Coach) and Jemma Hurst (Manager).



(Pictured above): The team watching for a successful goal from Goal Attack Amelia Mitchell, with Goal Shoot Kaletia Ula ready for a rebound. Centre Lucy Pearce and Wing Attack Ally Thomas are circle edge.

Year 10A Netball Team

Coach Leisel Lambert said that the girls had a tough game in the exchange, with the Rangiora team taking a strong early lead. However, the College players are to be commended for keeping their heads up and not giving up until the end of the game, when Rangiora took out the game with a convincing 37-13 win.

Team members were: Milla Overend (Co-captain), Isla Hart, Abby Henderson, Harriet Hill, Ashleigh Houston, Taylor Lamont, Meg Lill (Co-captain), Makeleta Ula, Marnell Vaelua, Torry Wilson-Brown.

Coach and Manager Leisel Lambert and Nicky Lamont.

Unfortunately Abby Henderson and Marnell Vaelua suffered injuries from this game.



(Back row, left to right): Makeleta Ula, Torry Wilson-Brown, Harriet Hill, Taylor Lamont, Meg Lill, Isla Hart, Milla Overend, Abby Henderson.

(Front row): Marnell Vaelua.

Further sports exchange reports will be included in next week's Newsletter.