Jonathon Kilgour

R O McDowell Award for pride in

their school and community

· Whitelaw Memorial Rook for

Jonathon also received the

College Chess Champion

following Awards -

Foundation Studies

· AshColl Way Award

Ashburton College Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

News

Deputy Principal Message

End of School Year Looming Another school year is nearing the end. The

senior students have finished classes and NCEA exams are currently taking place. As the school community works hard to finish the year strongly, we are also busy planning for 2023.

Part of this planning involves Teacher Only 'ACCORD' Days on 21 and 22 November. The ACCORD days are for schools around New Zealand to plan ahead on how to implement the changes that have come from the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)



qualifications framework for our rangatahi going forward. **Exam Time Can Be Stressful** As mentioned, NCEA exams have recently started. Exams can be a stressful time of year for students and for their wider households! It is at times like these that students can develop and demonstrate their grit.

Review of Achievement Standards. This is a large and complex piece of work that we hope will strengthen New Zealand's education system and

- A 2014 study in the US found that grit is a better predictor of success than intellectual talent. Grit is made up of five components: the ability to triumph over fear Courage Conscientiousness the desire to do a task well
- Perseverance - keeping going through struggle Resilience ability to bounce back from adversity Passion feeling enthusiastic or excited for something, or about doing something

In the words of one of the authors, Angela Duckworth, 'Grit is sticking

with your future, day in, day out; not just for the week, not just for the

month, but for years; and working really hard to make that future a reality'. Exams are an excellent opportunity to grow and develop that grit. **NetSafe Presentation**

Last week we were fortunate to have Paula Wistrand from NetSafe present to our staff and offer a webinar to our parent community. NetSafe

is the organisation in New Zealand that provides online safety advice and reporting. Their work is aligned to the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015. Paula's presentations were highly informative and provided food for thought. Some of the statistics provided sobering reading. These include

insights into our current reality such as 73% of teenagers across the

country learning about sex from pornography, and 26% of young people

under 21 years of age having experienced bullying or harassment online. Two of the key takeaways for me were: Separate the behaviour from the technology, and focus on education many of the behaviours displayed are not new or specific to online or the 21st Century. Technology does, however, pose unique challenges. Education is critical to get young people thinking about what is appropriate and why, when interacting online, so that the values we

expect of people in the real world are also demonstrated in online Positive role modelling by adults is important - it is no secret that public groups and comment functions on social media platforms are often hotbeds of toxicity, negativity and misinformation. This content is often generated by the adults that our teenagers look up to. Young people notice and take their cues from what they see.

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuoho koe, he maunga teitei Pursue what inspires you; show perseverance and endurance Jono Hay Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua

College Closed for Instruction for

ACCORD Teacher Only Days

Information

Next Monday and Tuesday 21 and 22 November The ACCORD Teacher Only Days are Ministry of Education nation-wide granted days allocated to support the implementation

of forthcoming changes to NCEA.

Four days have been allocated for 2022. The above dates are the final two days for 2022. Teaching staff will be working in different ways on these days, on-site and/or some may be with staff from other schools. Therefore, there is no school for students on these days. We thank you for your co-operation and support.

Ashburton College Netball Club

Submissions of Interest Applications are now open for Submissions of Interest for Coaches and Managers for all of our College Netball teams for the 2023 netball season.

There is a very supportive and well-resourced

Club and Committee behind our Coaches and Managers. For further details please contact our President Karen Burrowes on 027 031 67194 or email your submission to Club Secretary angescammell@hotmail.com. Submissions of interest close Friday 02 December 2022.

Congratulations Year 13 Graduation Ceremony

As advised in last week's newsletter we now acknowledge the valued

community contributed awards, with additional photos. Community-Contributed Awards

On behalf of our student recipients Ashburton College acknowledges, with gratitude, the community-minded support which enables the annual provision of the following generous scholarships.

John Grigg Scholarship - Claudia Thomas John Bell Memorial Scholarship - Claudia Thomas

- Jayde Cook

John Lane Scholarship - Alex Bateman Rosalie Begg Memorial Scholarship - Ciara Ross

Robert Bell Memorial Scholarship Turner Memorial Prize for Citizenship - Charles Savage, Claudia Thomas

on her Learning - Libby Alford C H Andrews Prize for Initiative and Enterprise - Alex Bateman - Jack Brown

T T Ryder Prize for Application, Cheerful Effort and Building Significantly

Charles Savage

Butterick Memorial Trophy for Scholarship in English and Sporting Endeavour - Mya Johnston

Ashburton Masonic Lodge Centennial Scholarship - Claudia Thomas Robin Grigg Agriculture and Horticulture Memorial Scholarship

Braided Rivers Community Trust Tertiary Study Scholarships - Libby Alford, Alex Bateman, Jayde Cook, Imogene Felton, Mya Johnston, Amelie Robertson, Claudia Thomas.

NBS Ashburton College Alumni Scholarship - Amy McLachlan Lions of Ashburton County Award for Citizenship and **Community Involvement** - TC Trusler-Clark

- Jonathon Kilgour Lions Club of Ashburton Senior Service and Leadership Award - Imogene Felton

R O McDowell Award for Pride in their School and Community

R O McDowell Crystal Trophy for Character and Leadership (presented by the Ashburton High School Centennial Trust) Jorja Roulston

Scholarship, Leadership and Extra-Curricular Activities - Henry Wallis

Rotary Club of Ashburton and Fooks Memorial Award for Prominence in



Jorja also received the following Awards -

- AshColl Way Award
- **Henry Wallis** Rotary Club of Ashburton and Fooks Memorial Award for Prominence in Scholarship, Leadership and
 - Ashburton Hockey Association Trophy for the player displaying the most Dedication, Loyalty and Contribution to the Boys'
- AshColl Way Award **Forthcoming Events**

Hockey Team

Level 3 Award

16-18 Year 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking, Hanmer Springs **17-18** Year 10 Bush Survival Trip 3, Peel Forest Outdoor Centre 2023 Year 9 Scholarship Exams, 9:00am-11:15am

21-25 Aoraki Junior Sports Week

- Years 9 and 10 Amazing Race, Caroline Bay Park, Timaru Hakatere Festival, Ashburton Event Centre New Entrants' Morning



Lions Club of Ashburton Senior

Service and Leadership Award. Imogene also received the

following Awards -· Addis Trophy for Vocal Contribution to College Music

- **Braided Rivers Community Trust** Tertiary Study Scholarship Music Performance
- National Heart Foundation Award for a student moving into Health

Level 3 Excellence Award

· AshColl Way Award

- Sciences in a Tertiary Institution (Mike O'Reilly Memorial Cup) Excellence in Level 3 Biology Online



· Maui Award for Spirit of Tikanga Māori • Receiving the most Mihi Pai Awards in Year 13 (Mihi Pai Prize

- and Trophy) Level 3 Award
- · AshColl Way Award



Level 3 Merit Award Leadership and Service to Red

Claudia Thomas Turner Memorial Prize for Citizenship

Claudia also received the following awards -Faith Trophy for Contribution

Ashburton College Trophy for the female showing the Most Grit and Determination in Sport Agricultural Science (Five Star

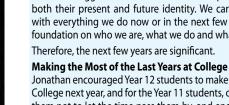
- Level 3 Award John Grigg Scholarship John Bell Memorial Scholarship
- Ashburton Masonic Lodge Centennial Scholarship
- Tertiary Study Scholarship

- Te Whare Manaaki prize-giving, Te Whare Manaaki, 12:15pm-1:15pm Year 10 final day. Prize-giving, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Auditorium
- Year 9 final day. Prize-giving, 7:30pm 9:00pm, Auditorium



(Pictured right): Prior to the

presentation of the Year 11



Ashburton College thanks all at the Event Centre for their assistance over our two Awards nights. To Roger Farr, Gudrun Weber, Simon Pritchard and Casey Rose - it was appreciated.

Achievement Awards. Year 12 student Laura **Appreciation to our Community** Bogdan entertained the In relation to a number of our Academic and Special Awards, many of these

community for this. Some of these awards and awardees are highlighted further through this article. **Phoenix Chorus and National Anthem**

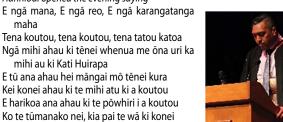
Processional, a performance, and the Recessional as they did for the Year 13 Graduation Ceremony. The National Anthem for this evening was very

The Phoenix Chorus, with Angie Cresswell as

Musical Director and Conductor, and Stephen

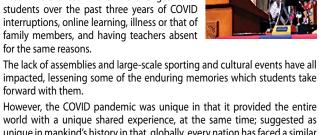
Diedricks accompanying, again provided the

ably led by Tamsin Cartney and Maria Lawn (pictured right, left and right). Hannibal opened the evening saying -



Following the singing of the National Anthem, Hannibal spoke saying Malo e lelei, Kia orana koutou katoatoa, and giving a very warm welcome to

Principal Ross Preece addressed the students, similarly to those at the Year 13 Graduation Ceremony a week prior, welcoming all to the celebration of achievements of the Year 11 and



The work of teachers was acknowledged, including the flexibility they wisdom and governance.

sense of fulfilment. He said a fifty year working life is too long to be doing something they don't enjoy or which doesn't bring satisfaction. However, he reminded students that they are 'in charge of their own destiny, so look to have a future that feeds their soul'. Ross concluded by congratulating students about to be on stage to be acknowledged and receive awards, saying that the most pleasing developments are personal growth and maturity.

Williams, Christchurch, initially as a Solicitor and then appointed to the position of Associate in June 2014. In May 2018 he and his family made the decision to return to live and work in

initially as a Senior Associate and, in April of this year, as a Partner of the firm. Jonathan focused on the night being all about the students and their achievements. He encouraged them to absorb the evening because being celebrated for their accomplishments is a wonderful, but all too infrequent, Jonathan backgrounded his schooling in Ashburton, noting he had a 'really good time' at College, was Green House Executive Vice-Captain, and then left for university studying law and sociology. Overseas travel followed before returning to work as a commercial lawyer in Christchurch.

was in Year 11 and 12.

Some key points were -

understand why you're here.

he suggested was important was to make sure 'your path is yours, not just what you think might be expected of you, or what everyone else might be doing, and it doesn't have to be immediately career-driven'. He noted that it's a big call at 17 or 18 years old to be determining the rest of your life. Another point of consideration was his relocation back to Ashburton, with his family, saying he was 'really enjoying' being back in Ashburton but probably had never thought he would be saying that, or living back here,

Jonathan asked 'What is Learning, what did he wish he'd heard when he

· Going into the last year or two years of schooling, is to know and

The point of school being to effectively transfer how and what you learn

understanding it, isn't the goal. Just completing typical school tasks quickly, but without meaningful understanding, is not fun or rewarding at all and not why you're at school.

Have an inquiring mind, and you'll be able to apply those skills in whatever you end up doing next, and you'll find that wherever you go or whatever you do from here will be so much more stimulating and rewarding for it. The beauty of this is that you don't have to be 'academic' to adopt this mindset, you just have to be motivated and willing to try to solve Don't think of it as 'going to school'; think of school as the place where you

have the opportunity to 'constantly learn and create'.

Resonating was his mantra, based on a Māori proverb, which he believes gives him a clear pathway and which translates as 'the footsteps we lay down in our past, create the paving stones on which we stand today'. Plus, there is Ka mua, ka muri – 'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'.

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and creating, seizing opportunities, enjoying the opportunities available, saying 'get engaged and involved in anything and everything you can'. Students were reminded they will all be leaders of the school from next year on, and that their next year will lay the paving stones for standing on beyond that. Jonathan said that 2023 Year 12 and 13 students can set the tone and culture of Ashburton College, and younger students look up and aspire to be like senior students. Students mostly remember the names and faces of the students older than themselves, remembering how seniors behave, lead and interact with students, peers and staff. Noted was that this

Acknowledged was the fact that many students can't wait to get out of

said it makes him question why, when finishing study, he didn't consider The opportunities in Ashburton are many, whether IT, banking and finance, planning, project management, marketing and design, architecture, engineering, accounting, machinery and systems design and manufacture, hydrology, hairdressing, dairy farm management, livestock trading, sales

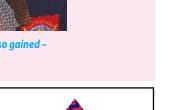
careers in and around Ashburton. Sage advice was, by all means; go further afield, 'get out of dodge for a bit', see the world, always continuing to think explore and learn, but don't discount Ashburton. Keep it in mind as a potential destination for all your good ideas, inspirations, aspirations and ambitions. Come back. But first, he urged, 'make your final years at Ashburton College count, give it





Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

In attaining the Year 11 Top Scholar Award Olivia gained the following Level 1 Excellence Award AshColl Way Award Rakiroa Trophy for the Top Performing Year 11 Māori Student **E-J Elliott**



Izzy has a positive attitude and is a valuable role model for other students. Winner of the Award was: **Izzy Harris**

Izzy also gained the following awards -History (Judith Prosser Cup) (Joint Award) Top Scholar in English (Ashburton District Council Prize and Stapleton Level 1 Excellence Award AshColl Way Award Digital Information Technology **Heartland Technology Prize** and Rosalie Begg Memorial Award **Luke Hay**



and machine the various components for the front forks from aluminium; as well as make the engine mount, brackets and set up the drivetrain. These scooters use wheels and engines imported from China, while all other

modifications to improve reliability.



TC Trusler-Clark Lions of Ashburton County Award for Citizenship and TC also received the following



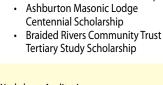


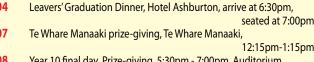
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Jonathan suggested to students that the past is central to and shapes both their present and future identity. We carry our past into our future,

College next year, and for the Year 11 students, of their last two years; urging them not to let the time pass them by, and encouraging 'constant learning

is a real privilege, but also a real responsibility and with work to be done. A valid point was the many adults who would love to go back to their last few years of school, because it's a time of hope, opportunity, creation, fun and freedom - a time never able to be repeated, which is sobering and thought-provoking. Put to students was the fact that they will never have another Year 12 or another Year 13, and the importance of setting their paving stones, and making the time memorable. A Plug for Ashburton!

Jonathan never anticipated being back in Ashburton but now that he is, he is passionate about Ashburton and advised students they could be too. He

and insurance, financial advice, large animal veterinary, farming advisory, agronomy and international commodity trading, and more - Ashburton does it all now, and in many sectors has leaders in their field nationally and internationally and some truly world-class operations. There are so many opportunities to carve out really successful and lucrative

DPI Academic Achievement Award for the Top Student in Year 12 **Isabel Wall**





Congratulations

(Pictured above): 2022 outgoing Head Students (back row) handing over to our 2023 incoming Head Students (front row). (Back row, left to right): Millar Newlands (Deputy Head Student), Jack Brown (Head Student), Jorja Roulston (Head Student), TC Trusler-Clark (Deputy

Student).

Drama

Health



In attaining the Rakiroa Trophy E-J also gained -

Level 1 Merit Award AshColl Way Award **AshColl** Way

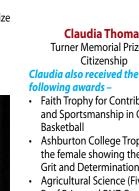




above scooters. Patrick Neal, Teacher of Technology, said that each student was required to fabricate a frame, bore out pockets for steering head bearings from steel,

(Pictured right, left to right): With their handywork.

Fletcher Hobbs, Hamish O'Reilly, Oliver Hobbs, and Patrick noted all are very proud of their work, as (Pictured left): A side-on view is College. of the scooter and motor.









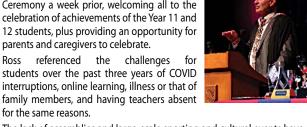
audience with 'Bohemian are donated by individuals and groups, and we are very grateful to our local Rhapsody' by Freddie Mercury.

Welcome by MC, Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihifo

whārarua No reira, naia taku mihi atu ki a koutou students, staff, parents, caregivers, whanau and invited guests.

He puawaitanga harakeke, he rito whakakī

11 and 12 students this year.



noted that the experiences of the last three years will stand them in good stead, as teachers and students have had to become creative problem-

have shown in supporting students, and managing classroom and online teaching; as was the support of Board Members with their oversight,

Jonathan is a former Ashburton College student who, post-College, studied at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, from graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts. Jonathan was employed with Wynn

this evening.

fortunate to be in the position to be a part of this celebration of rangatahi **Principal's Address**

ourselves as history makers. Ross referred to the skills and dispositions needed to be successful in the future and in employment, including flexibility and adaptability, creativity

Students returning in 2023 were challenged to make the most of the opportunities at College and, for those leaving for employment, Ross recommended they look for an option which extends them and brings a

in school to other situations and to life. Rote learning, or memorising information, without meaningfully and co-operation, and the ability to access and work with digital tools. He

said, there is also no need to rush into a vocation, work or university. What until an opportunity arose.

Students were reminded that applying the AshColl Way Values, and striving

He emphasised that, on this evening, we come together to celebrate the commitment, perseverance, achievements and successes made by our Year Additionally, he noted that, being new to the school and community, he felt

unique in mankind's history in that, globally, every nation has faced a similar set of challenges. Ross suggested, in that regard, we can perhaps view

to Achieve Quality, Show Pride in what they do, how they appear, and being Respectful to others, will always stand them in good stead for their futures.

(Pictured right): Will Rollinson,

Academy (Primary Industry

Training Organisation Cup).

who was presented with -**New Zealand Cadets Ladies** Challenge Cup – Senior Shooting Champion L Clayton Trophy - Best Female Shooter Most Elite Female Sportsperson in the College - Senior Girls Sports Presbyterian Support Cup and Prize for effort and academic improvement in NCEA Level 2 Charlotte also collected, on behalf of the Smallbore Rifle Shooting

(Pictured left):

Jacob Wilson having

received the Mihi Pai

Trophy for receiving the

most Mihi Pai Awards in

Jacob also received an

AshColl Way Award.

(Pictured below, left to right): Charlotte McKenzie, Madi Tourle and Jack Jones, members of the Smallbore Rifle Shooting Team being the Team that brings the most credit to Ashburton College (Bevan Bain Trophy).

The appointment process is rigorous: involving self-nomination, voting by staff and students for the initial short-listing; candidate speeches, further voting by staff and students, and interviews by the College's Principal Ross Preece, Deputy Principals Helen Shore-Taylor and Hannibal Ikahihifo, and Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce.

(Pictured left): Kaiwhaiki Peetitumango, who was presented with the Te Reo Māori (Joint Award); Corbett Trophy for Dedication and Commitment to Tikanga Māori; and a Citizenship Award for mentoring students in (Pictured left): Charlotte McKenzie

> Trophy as the team that brings the most credit to Ashburton College (see below) Level 2 Merit Award AshColl Way Award

Team, the Bevan Bain

Student leadership aspirations continue amongst the current Year 12 group,

with twenty one students putting their names forward for consideration as

The announcement at this evening is exciting and moving, as this year's

Meet our Head Students Elect for 2023

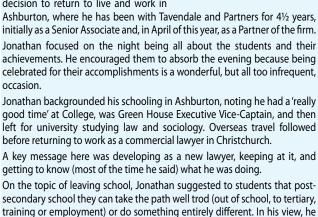
Head Students handed over to those elected for 2023.

Head Students.

R O McDowell Award for Pride in their School and Community **Extra-curricular Activities** Geography (Arnott Award and Henry also received the Jane Taylor Cup) following Awards -Health (Joint Award) Physical Education (Ashburton District Council Prize) Level 3 Excellence Award

> 21-22 ACCORD Teacher Only Days – College closed for instruction on both Junior Rip Rugby tournament, Timaru





Understand that you're there to train your brain, to develop focus, to acquire a problem-solving mindset, to improve how you formulate, communicate and express ideas, and to surprise your teachers.

creating can be fun, and so rewarding. **Being Young and Taking Opportunities was Another Topic** Jonathan reminded students they have everything ahead of them, and have so much opportunity. He referenced Sir Ian Taylor, founder of Animation Research, a big advocate for youth development.

· It involves hard work and attention sure, but constantly learning and

Announced at the Year 12 Prize-giving were -Seb McMillan (Deputy Head Student), Henry Thomas (Head Student), Sarah Wilson (Head Student) and Olivia Pearce (Deputy Head Student).

(Front row, left to right): Seb McMillan (Deputy Head Student), Henry Thomas (Head Student), Sarah Wilson (Head Student), Olivia Pearce (Deputy Head

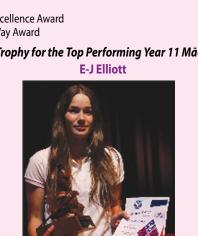
At the Evening Some Key Year 11

Key Awards were –

Ashburton High School Centennial Trust

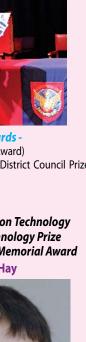
Top Scholar Award – Year 11

Olivia Fox





parts are made by the students. Three students have been testing the end product, tuning them and making a variety of



AshColl Way Award **Event Students Build 49cc 2 Stroke Scooters** Year 12 Material Technology Metalwork students have been building the

Year 13 Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton 'Get Out There' (GOT) Day 09-11 NZSS Track, Field and Road Champs, Inglewood 2022 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the Prize-givings.

Ashburton or don't see themselves staying after leaving school, the same – Jonathan said – as he was at that age. However, he said, maybe this has changed now - because it should have, as Ashburton and its business environment has changed, bringing so many more opportunities to do so much in Ashburton.

all you can, work hard, enjoy learning, embrace the leadership opportunities you'll get and enjoy the year'. Jonathan concluded with congratulations to all on their achievements, and with good wishes to all for the years ahead.



Thistle Masonic Lodge Citizenship Prize

This is awarded to a student who is an excellent member of the

community, who displays the values of being a good citizen,

and who exemplifies the AshColl Way

through their actions in a variety of areas.

This year's recipient is an outstanding student who has continually

demonstrated the AshColl Values throughout the year.

Izzy participates in House events and consistently, encourages other Ako students to do so also.

She contributes to the community by working at the

EA Networks Centre Pool in her 'spare' time. She succeeds highly in all of her school subjects and always puts in the extra mahi to complete her work during her lunch breaks, after school and at weekends.



