



# Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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## 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 for how to implement the changes that have come from the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Review of Achievement Standards. This is a large and complex piece of work that we hope will strengthen New Zealand's education system and 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.

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:

- Courage – the ability to triumph over fear
- 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 environments.
- 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 tuohu koe, he maunga teitei  
Pursue what inspires you; show perseverance and endurance

**Jono Hay**  
Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuurua

### Information

#### College Closed for Instruction for ACCORD Teacher Only Days 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 Burrows 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
- John Lane Scholarship** – Jayde Cook
- Rosalie Begg Memorial Scholarship** – Alex Bateman
- Robert Bell Memorial Scholarship** – Ciara Ross
- Turner Memorial Prize for Citizenship** – Charles Savage, Claudia Thomas
- TT Ryder Prize for Application, Cheerful Effort and Building Significantly on her Learning** – Libby Alford
- C H Andrews Prize for Initiative and Enterprise** – Alex Bateman, Jack Brown

**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** – Charles Savage

**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

**R O McDowell Award for Pride in their School and Community** – Jonathon Kilgour

**Lions Club of Ashburton Senior Service and Leadership Award** – Imogene Felton

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

**Rotary Club of Ashburton and Fooks Memorial Award for Prominence in Scholarship, Leadership and Extra-Curricular Activities** – Henry Wallis

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