



### Deputy Principal Message

#### SPACAPAC 2023

On 04 November, the University of Canterbury held the SPACAPAC Emerging Leaders' Breakfast for Pasifika students from schools from across Canterbury. Due to Covid, last year's SPACAPAC breakfast did not go ahead.

The purpose of the event was to acknowledge the work of our Pacific students who have shown leadership qualities through their actions in and out of the classroom. This celebration aims to strengthen the partnership that students, families, and communities have with teachers, principals, tertiary providers, local and central government.

From College, both **Edelma Kelsall** and **Rere Strickland**, Year 12 students (pictured below, left and right), were acknowledged for showing leadership potential within our school.

It was great to have Edelma's parents come along on the journey to the Christchurch campus.

We welcome Rere and Edelma have the attributes and qualities to be effective student leaders at Ashburton College, and they have been accepted to attend the College Student Leadership Camp that will be held with other selected students at the beginning of 2023.

#### Guest Speaker

We also had a guest speaker, Dr Helena Cook, a lecturer at the University of Canterbury who is of Samoan descent. She talked about her journey within education and her rise towards her current position. One of the key messages she gave was around students applying for scholarships.

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I encourage all students to get involved in what Ashburton College offers in the space of service and leadership. Not only does the school benefit from a student's contribution, but it will also support their application when applying for scholarships.

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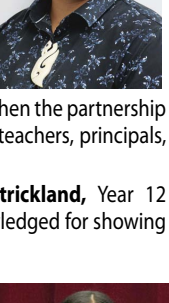
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### Information

#### Ashburton College Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the College Office will be open until Thursday 15 December 2022

(8:00am – 3:30pm, from Monday 12 December – Thursday 15 December), and is re-opening on Friday 20 January 2023.

Hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays; from 9:00am on Wednesdays (08 February on); 8:00am-4:00pm on Fridays.

### Events

#### Hakaterere Festival 2022

This annual festival was held at the Ashburton Event Centre on Thursday 24 November, with many early childhood centres and primary schools from Hakaterere, and with Ashburton Intermediate School and the College participating.

The event is funded by Advance Ashburton Community Foundation and run by Te Huka Tai Trust, who run community and educational events in Mid Canterbury.

Teacher of Te Reo Tiipene Philip said that there was a great turnout at the event, with most schools in the Hakaterere area that could participate, being there. The atmosphere was really nice and pupils, whānau/family, staff and organisers had a great time.

The Event Centre staff were excellent in supporting the day, and their help is acknowledged with thanks.

The emphasis for the event was on participating, enjoying oneself, and being able to see others perform as well.

Our College group took on the role as tuākana (the older students guiding the younger students) and did a marvellous job of keeping things moving, and creating a pleasant atmosphere.

Their performance, Tiipene was a good stirring performance, generating some real energy. Tiipene said thank you to Sonia-Leigh Stephens-Tahuri and Ocean Waitokia for their work in getting us there!



College students in performance (pictured above, front row, left to right): Rongomai Heke, Billie O'Brien, Freedom-Lee Gleave, Ngahua Maeva, Ebony Manuel-Hayes. (Back row, left to right): Joshua Winter, Summer Foster, Donny Thompson, (observed), Caleb Ede, Janaya Smith-Allan, Kaiwhaiki Petteitumango, J-R Gleave, Keanu Smith.

(Pictured above, clockwise from the front): Rhiannan Chao, Skylah Wilson-Brown, Freedom-Lee Gleave, Kaiwhaiki Petteitumango performing.

(Pictured above, front and back): Keanu Smith and Ngahua Maeva performing.

### Forthcoming Events

**December** NZSS Track, Field and Road Championships, Inglewood

**09-11** Key 2023 Early-Year Dates

**25-27** Year 13 Leadership Camp (for confirmed students), Mt Hutt Retreat

**26-27** Peer Support Training, selected Year 12 students.

**26, 27** Course Confirmation. For selected Year 12 and 13 students only by appointment.

**31 Jan-01 Feb** Teacher Only Days

**February** 02 Year 9 and 13 students first day.

02 Kohanga students first day.

02 Te Whare Manaaki – all students start.

02 Pōwhiri, 11:25am

06 Year 10 and 12 students first day

06 Waitangi Day public holiday

07 Year 11 students first day

**Term Dates 2023 –**

**Term One** Thursday 02 February (Years 9 and 13 start.

Friday 03 February Kohanga and Te Whare Manaaki) - Pōwhiri

Thursday 07 February (Years 10 and 12 start)

Friday 10 February (Year 11 start) – Thursday 06 April

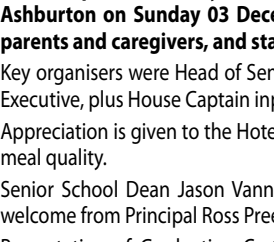
**Term Two** Wednesday 26 April – Friday 22 September

**Term Three** Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

**Term Four** Monday 09 October – Thursday 26 October (Year 13)

Monday 09 October – Thursday 31 October (Years 11/12)

Monday 11 December (Years 9 and 10)



### Events

#### Graduation Dinner

This final College event for the Year 13 students, before they move to their post-secondary school endeavours, was held at the Hotel Ashburton on Sunday 03 December, attended by 160 students, their parents and caregivers, and staff.

Key organisers were Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce, with the Student Executive, plus House Captain input on the night.

Appreciation is given to the Hotel Ashburton for their organisation and the meal quality.

Senior School Dean Jason Vannini opened proceedings, followed by the welcome from Principal Ross Preece.

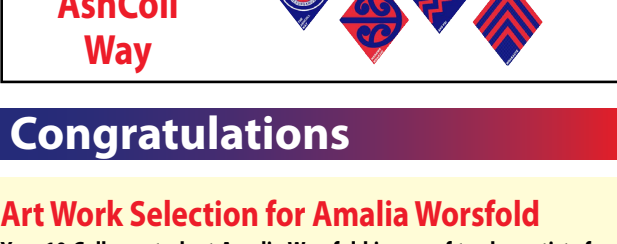
Presentation of Graduation Certificates to leavers was a key part of the evening, with House Captains reading the names along with a little quote for each student in attendance, while students' Ako teachers shook hands and presented the certificates.

The Deputy Head Student Reports were a 2022 Video, following the main course; while the Head Student Reports, and Game, included the Class of 2022 Sunglasses Video.

(Pictured left, left to right): Head Students TC Trusler-Clark, Millar Newlands, Jack Brown, Jorja Roulston.

(Pictured right, left to right): Year 13 Geography students Charles Savage, Claudia Thomas, William Willis, Jack Brown, Holly Trotter, Jorja Roulston.

Head Student Jorja Roulston said that 'Graduation Evening was a lovely night filled with lots of laughs and tears. It was awesome to see everyone dressed up and to say a final farewell to some of our teachers and friends who have been with us the whole way through school. It was a very bitter-sweet feeling but I think that many of us are feeling excited for the next chapter of our lives.'



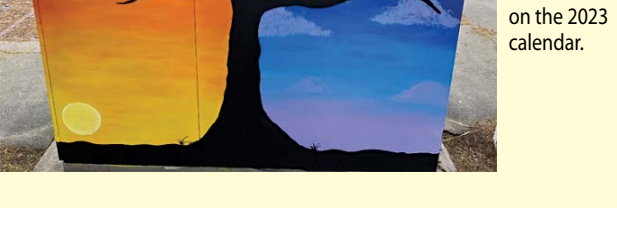
**The AshColl Way**

### Congratulations

#### Art Work Selection for Amalia Worsfold

Year 10 College student Amalia Worsfold is one of twelve artists from throughout New Zealand to have her art work chosen to be featured in the 2023 Chorus Calendar.

Amalia applied for consideration via the Chorus website, submitting her designs for review by the judging panel, after learning of this opportunity via a Chorus Facebook post.



(Pictured left and above right): The designs which will be on the 2023 calendar.

### Congratulations

As you travel around Ashburton you can view some of Amalia's work on Chorus boxes. Her first art work was one Amalia did as a 12 year old, on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Oak Grove. Her second work is by the old part of the Ashburton cemetery, and then a smaller one on the corner of William and Aitken Streets.

Amalia said she has plans for a couple more designs, with a few thoughts coming to mind at this stage.



(Pictured left): Amalia's most recent Chorus art and (below): the painting completed approximately two years ago.

**Chloe Graham Accepted Into New Zealand School of Dance**

Year 9 student Chloe Graham's hard work and determination has paid off with acceptance into the New Zealand School of Dance.

Chloe showed real mettle when auditioning again this year, after going through the process in 2021 but not being accepted on that occasion. She said she really wanted to work harder to be accepted this year and, indeed, she was successful.

There are two dance options for audition, ballet and contemporary, which was held in the middle of Term Three. Successful auditions are accepted for one or the other dance style. This year Chloe nominated contemporary as her first choice, and ballet as her second.

The auditions took place in Christchurch with applicants taught a dance and then performing it to the selection personnel from Wellington, and one each from ballet and contemporary, but working collaboratively.

There were also a number of 'tricks' to check dancers' flexibility. Chloe said she found out only two weeks ago that she was successful, so it had been a long, 'nerve-racking' wait as other dancers from throughout New Zealand were evaluated. Younger brother Tamati is also part of the School of Dance, having been accepted in last year.

The dance regime carries a lot of hours and a huge commitment with it, with Chloe travelling to Southern Ballet in Christchurch four times a week, for a two to four hour tuition period. Additional to this, at home, are the stretch routines to increase flexibility, and muscle workouts, so that these don't take up class time.

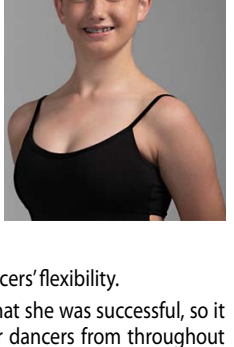
Next year, the School of Dance commitment will be a monthly weekend trip to Wellington to work in class with the teachers there, starting around the time the school year starts.

The tenure within the School of Dance is essentially for one year, however it is also cut-throat to a degree in that a dancer can get dropped out at any stage. Looking forward, the dancers undertake an exam in the final lesson of the year which goes towards deciding on their inclusion or not for the following year.

Chloe started dancing (highland) at aged four, and became a New Zealand Age Group Champion, but made the decision she wanted to change to ballet and to competitions, training with Dance Worx.

Chloe said she was really surprised and excited to get selected this year, saying she is one of the 'older' girls, with many selected being quite young.

Currently her focus is on preparing, with others, for the Southern Ballet end-of-year show in Christchurch. Chloe is obviously in for an exciting and busy 2023.



### Tennis Successes –

#### Ashton Cromie and Jake Parsons

2022 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Year 9 and 10 Championships

Both Ashton and Jake competed in these championships held at Wilding Park, Christchurch on 22 and 23 November, with significant success.

Eighty-one players were involved overall in the two days, with fifteen competing in each of the Year 10 and Year 9 boys sections.

(Pictured left, left and right): Ashton Cromie and Jake Parsons.

Ashton Cromie has played in the primary competition previously, but this was his first year as a secondary school player, playing in the Year 9 category.

Ashton held his nerve in some very close games. In the play-offs he had a win over the second seed at 10-4 in a super tie-breaker. This took him into the quarter-finals which, again, he won in a super tie-breaker, 11-9, followed by a semi-final win also in a super tie-breaker, 10-8.

**2nd placed Year 9 Boys' Singles**  
In the final, Ashton went down to Louis Delatour from Christ's College, to finish 2nd placed.

**Jake Parsons** competed in the boys' Year 10 singles competition, saying he had a 'super-close' semi-final which could have gone either way. On this occasion Jake was able to gain the win - 6-4, 5-7 – from a super tie-breaker (10-5).

Jake described his finals opposition as a 'really good guy', saying it was a good match in hot conditions, with good win/loss.

**1st placed Year 10 Boys' Singles**  
Jake emerged the winner 6-2, 7-5.

(Pictured right): Jake in action from the base line.

### Tennis 16 Masters Tournament

Jake also took part in this tournament, held in Hamilton during October. Again, Jake described it as providing good hitting and great experience.

### World Vision Regional Award Recognition for College Students

On 17 November Tim Pamflett, World Vision School Managers, presented Zane Cameron (Head of the 2022 College Community Services Committee) and Campbell McBride (Head of the 2022 College Student Welfare Committee) with two awards for the College's sterling contributions to the World Vision 40 Hour Famine appeal held nationally in early July.

Zane and Campbell said that the College Student Executive wanted a high level of participation, with day one of the challenge being 'living without'. Students chose their options with some being: no furniture (therefore sitting on the floor), not using one's dominant hand, no cellphone use, not using bags.

The students put in a significant amount of work to raise funds, by gaining sponsors for their 'famine' activities, holding a non-uniform day at College, and fundraising outside SuperValue Timwald, Countdown Ashburton, and Countdown Ashburton South.

**The Student Welfare Committee members were:** Campbell McBride (Head of Committee), Rachel McArthur, Imogene Felton, Jack Jessepe, Maddy Young. Year 12 representatives: Mykel Pascual, Henry Goodes.

**The Student Community Services Committee members were:** Zane Cameron (Head of Committee), Aaliyah Power, Lana Clark-Powell, Jessalene Eclipse, Lydia Hooley. Year 12 representatives: Hayley McQuillan-Ross, Orpah Silo.

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### Congratulations



(Pictured above, left to right): Zane Cameron, Tim Pamflett from World Vision, Campbell McBride.

Ashburton College contributed \$1000 to the World Vision Famine cause of bringing clean water to children, and gained two Regional Awards – the Outstanding Student Leadership Team Award for being an outstanding World Vision 40 Hour Famine organising student team displaying team work, leadership and collaboration (pictured being held by Zane Cameron).

The second award was a School Award acknowledging the schools outstanding fundraising effort to help bring clean water to children in the world's toughest places (pictured being held by Campbell McBride).

Regional Awards relate to the South Island, so this was a significant recognition and a real commendation for the hard work and external focus of our students.

#### Aoraki Junior Sports Week

This now annual event was held over the week of 21-25 November, and provided opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to experience sports they may not otherwise take part in.

Due to College being closed for the Teacher Only ACCORD Days on 21 and 22 November, our students were only able to be involved in two of the sports this year.

#### The Amazing Race

This was held on Wednesday 23 November, with College having three teams entered. Coach Darion Gray and Manager Mandy Harrison accompanied the teams.

Darion said that the twenty four competing teams were spread the length and width of Caroline Bay competing, and at gathering points, in a mix of physical, academic, team building and problem-solving challenges.

The course covered roads, tracks, and unpredictable terrain; this being along with the wind proving challenging, particularly when teams had to erect a shelter with nothing more than a tarpaulin, ropes and what they could scavenge from the beach.

There was great inter-school rivalry, with this event being extremely popular and a highlight of the Junior Sports Week calendar.

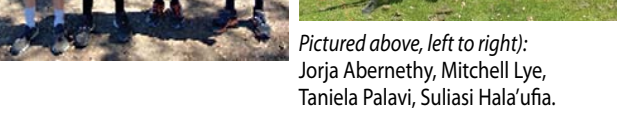
Darion noted that it was Mihi Pai's all around for our students who were super ambassadors for Ashburton College.

#### Final Results

The AshColl Blue team placed third equal.



AshColl Team White (pictured below, left to right): Aiden Lapham, Riley Wall, Mitchell Lye, Tom Harrison.



(Pictured above, left to right): Jorja Abernethy, Mitchell Lye, Taniela Palavi, Suliasi Hala'uia.



In their shelter, with an opposition team (pictured left, left to right): Mariska Walsh, Kate Rickard, Alyssa Skevington, Macy Lewis-West.

#### Volleyball

Volleyball Coach Jonah Drye said that AshColl Volleyball took six teams, three boys' and three girls' teams, to the Aoraki Junior Sports Tournament on Thursday 24 November.

Jonah said that all teams played really well across the day and the students represented the College very well.

**Team Members were:**

Teams	A	B	Blue
Girls	Hope Mendez Teresa Kwan Wing Yumi Cabalse Gloria Masih Ysabella Tawatao Makelela Ula Poppy Vaevae Torry Wilson-Brown	Lily Kwan Wing Hazel Bernarte Donna Dandin Sarai Faalavai Irenece Papito Kelly Ratapu Siosiana Taufa	Emma Doig Isa Hart Ellenor Irimana Empress Lumatac Jeslene Mallari Emma Matau Sargam Pakhrin Mikaella Righr Kalotia Ula
Boys	Ben Ciron Reggie Jacot Sam Drye Kaizer Lambinico Tekopua Pita Henahese Rang Shawn Tayaban Arjay Tulaga Mei Vaella	'Apai Hala Lucius Hunt Moses Loloma Poe-Joseph Taumaoe JJ Tupua Feleti Ulanu Niko Uluapano	Ashton Cromie Jack Fifita Zac Stephens Mikaere Tamakaha Hal Twinae Ruben Winchester

The Girls' A team finished in 3rd place, winning their final game against St Kevin's College in what was described as an awesome three-set match.

The Boys' College A and B teams came joint 3rd in their tournament and then played a 3 versus 4th play-off back at College, which the A team won 2-0, clearing them as 3rd place-getters.

The day was described as a very good day of volleyball, enjoyed by all.



(Pictured above): College Volleyball teams' members.

#### Students Gain Learner Licence

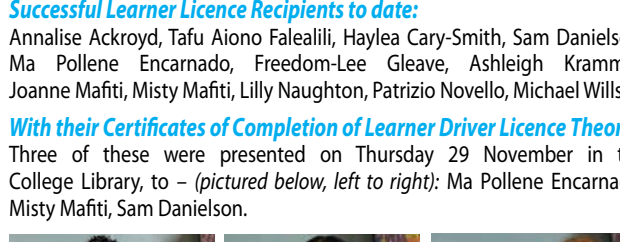
Ashburton College has received specific funding for assisting identified candidates, from within the Mid Canterbury Secondary Schools' student population, achieve their New Zealand Class 1 Driver Licence (Restricted or Full).

The funding is via the Ministry of Social Development who we acknowledge for their support of student opportunities. The grant is a one-off contribution to the activity/initiative for the term.

Ashburton College contracted YMCA Mid Canterbury to deliver the requisite training to twenty students, with twelve of these having now gained their Learner Licence which is a very positive start to their driving progress.

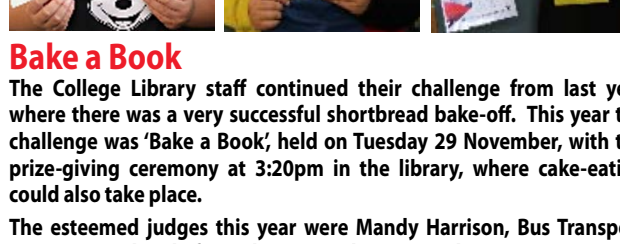


(Pictured above): Students undertaking tuition in the College Library, which covered a range of important knowledge criteria including, on this day -



**Successful Learner Licence Recipients to date:**  
Annalise Ackroyd, Tafu Aiono Faleali, Haylea Cary-Smith, Sam Danielson, Ma Pollene Encarnado, Freedom-Lee Gleave, Ashleigh Krammer, Joanne Mafiti, Misty Mafiti, Lilly Naughton, Patrizio Novello, Michael Wills.

With their Certificates of Completion of Learner Driver Licence Theory. Three of these were presented on Thursday 29 November in the College Library, to – (pictured below, left to right): Ma Pollene Encarnado, Misty Mafiti, Sam Danielson.



#### Bake a Book

The College Library staff continued their challenge for this year where there was a very successful shortbread bake-off. Last year the challenge was 'Bake a Book', held on Tuesday 29 November, with the prize-giving ceremony at 3:20pm in the library, where cake-eating could also take place.

The esteemed judges this year were Mandy Harrison, Bus Transport Manager and Relief Teacher Co-ordinator; Jodee Ross, Principal's Secretary; Jono Hay, Deputy Principal; Kelvin Hastie, Canteen Manager.

In the spirit of honesty and transparency, the judges were apparently open to bribes and underhanded dealings! It is also said that the judges did feel some after-effects of 'tasting' for quality.

It has to be said there were many inventive creations.

**Winners were announced as:**

- Marg Jones, Head of Science Faculty with her Stephen King 'it' cake.
- Roz Rhodes, Learning Support Assistant, with 'I Need a New Bum'.
- Liz Carrick, Assistant Head of Senior School, with two cakes 'The Great Gatsby' and 'Under the Sea'.

• Joanne Wakelin, Col. Literacy Co-ordinator, with the 'Holes' cake.

• Toni McKee, Teacher of English, with 'Breaking Bad' cake/confectionery.

**Other Imaginative Cake Contributors were:**

- Anne Williams The Colour Purple
- Mike Clark Guinness Book of Records
- Sarah Bartlett Subtle art of not giving a f\*\*k
- Maxine Watson Secret Life of Bees
- Delia Achten Bugs
- Kirsty Moffett Hungry Caterpillar
- Carolyn Aberhart Brack
- Leigh Heaney-Lee The Fault in our Stars
- Vicky Poole A Chocolate Moose for Dinner
- Kay Rutch Love you to the Moon and Back
- Tina Johnson Love in Wonderland
- Amy Dean

