



Ashburton College

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News

Deputy Principal Message

New Build

Two and a half years ago, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced, in our staffroom, that Ashburton College had been allocated \$5 million dollars for a new school rebuild. That was an exciting day.

However, I did not realise how much work needed to be done before the diggers actually came in and started the physical work.

A design brief was created, along with hours of meetings held with the various stakeholders and architects to get to where we are today. It was important to put the time into this stage to ensure the outcome will be fit for purpose, and last another fifty years. But now the site is fenced-off and the diggers are making their mark as they move tons of soil.

Stage 1
This stage sees the building of the first block, which will be home to the Science, Maths, Agriculture, Drama and Art departments. All going well, this is due for occupation at the end of 2023 so that we can move in before the end of the year and start 2024 in the new block of classrooms and facilities.

Other Construction

At the same time as the first block construction, there will also other building work taking place around the College. One of the Gym changing blocks will be demolished and a new one built in its place; the historic Menorlue building will be sound-proofed and the exterior painted ready for the Music Department use; and the 'hub' for the new heating and cooling system will be installed beside the library.

End of Year

Our Year 13 students are having their last days of being taught in the classroom at Ashburton College, and will be celebrating their academic successes at our Graduation Ceremony on Monday 31 October. The Year 11 and 12 students have their Prize-giving on Thursday 03 November and this is when the Head students for 2023 will be announced.

NCEA examinations start on Monday 07 November.

Our end-of-year full school assemblies have started, with the nine shortlisted Head Students for 2023 giving speeches today before the students and staff make their final vote for the top four students.

The shortlisted students have been through a rigorous process to reach where they are now, which included an interview with the Senior Leadership Team. Congratulations go to all students who put their name forward.

Next week we celebrate the Sporting and Cultural Blues Awards at another assembly.

All the best for the annual Student Executive versus Staff Chess Match tomorrow with the hope, of course, that the teachers continue their winning ways!

2022 has been another year of highs and lows and, upon listening to the world news, I am grateful to live in the South Island of New Zealand. It will be student holiday time soon and, as this is my final newsletter commentary for 2022, I wish you and your families wherever they are in the world, a restful and safe break and a very Happy Christmas.

Helen Shore-Taylor
Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua



Information

Homestay Families Being Sought for International Students

Within College's international student programme, we are delighted to be welcoming students back to College, and to Ashburton.

As a result we are now able to increase our Homestay Family numbers.

Placements can be for a few weeks, a few months, or longer - we work around what works best for you.

Generally there is only one student in the home but there are occasions when two students wish to be in a home together.

Although our focus is on 2023, we may also need homestay families in Term 4.

A weekly payment is made for these placements.

If you think that you would be able to welcome a student into your home, and/or want to find out more information

please contact our International Department personnel:

Michelle Hosking (Director) - hg@ashcoll.school.nz; or
Tania Rule (Administration) - rl@ashcoll.school.nz

Michelle or Tania can arrange to talk or meet with you.

Many families have made life-long connections with the students they have hosted.

If you think you may be interested, we would love to hear from you.



Ashburton College Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A Casual Vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an Elected Parent Representative.

The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989, to fill the Vacancy by Selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the College Roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a By-Election to fill the vacancy, then a By-Election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a By-Election should advise this, in writing to:

Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz; or write Ashburton College Board of Trustees, P O Box 204, Ashburton 7740

On or by: Thursday 03 November.

NetSafe – Whānau Free Webinar



Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation, which provides online safety support, expertise and education to people in New Zealand.

Netsafe have an unrelenting focus on online safety, with the organisation working to keep people of all ages safe online by providing free support.

Ashburton College is offering a Netsafe Webinar to Parents/Caregivers and Students.

Tuesday 08 November, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, or a little longer depending on questions asked.

This is a free webinar for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online.

Netsafe's Education Advisor, Paula Wistrand, will be talking digital technology and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

The session will look at how parents/whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

This can be undertaken from your home, and provides an opportunity to learn more about staying safe online, for all users; and how to manage online use and behaviours.

A link to join this Webinar will be emailed to College families closer to the date.

Events

Students Repurpose Discarded LPG Cylinders

Patrick Neal, Teacher-in-Charge of Automotive and Trades, tells us that Year 10 Metalwork students have been repurposing discarded LPG cylinders into items with a new function.

He said that most have made barbecues and braziers. However a few have made other items such as planter boxes.

The cylinders are from a tank test facility, where they have been de-gassed.

Undertaking this module of work students have learnt about thermal cutting, MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welding, angle and die grinders, as well as problem-solving and the principles of a firebox.

Events

Staff v Student Executive at Dodgeball

Another sports challenge from the Student Executive to the Staff took place at the end of last term, on Thursday 29 September.

Dodgeball is very much as its name suggests. The intent is to avoid getting hit by the ball thrown without mercy from an opposition player, and therefore being categorised as being 'out' of the game.

Apparently there were 'rules' to play by, but there were cones ostensibly marking boundaries!

Organiser, and referee, Jayne Cornelius said the outcome on this occasion was a close 4-3 score, but still to the Staff despite the best endeavours of the Students to score a sports win this year over the Staff. It must be noted that staff sports teams show little mercy!

However, the event was good fun on the chessboard during the lunch break, in rather warm conditions with the southerly change holding off until minutes after the game ended.



(Pictured above, front, left and right): Head Students Jack Brown lining up an opposition target, while Jorja Roulston takes a hit before being able to pass her ball.



(Pictured left, clockwise from the front): Leaving teacher Patrick Sandrey eyes up a last chance at a target, with Josh Sim and Abbey Bruce in support.



(Pictured above): The players, with staff and student friendly relations restored post-match.

(Back row, left to right): Henry Wallis, Campbell McBride, Caleb McNulty-Burns, Jack Brown, Oliver McKeown, Hannibal Ikahihiho, Michael Clark (observed).

(Middle row, left to right): Charles Savage, Zane Cameron, Claudia Thomas, Ashleigh Blakemore, Amelie Robertson, Lusungu Mbambo, Abbey Bruce, Jodee Ross, Kay Rotch, Leigh Heaney-Lee, Vaughan Matheson, Jayne Cornelius, Josh Sim.

(Front row, left to right): Caendal Harris, Jorja Roulston, Patrick Sandrey, TC Truster-Clark.



(Pictured left): Ben Ciron assembling his VW Combi-inspired brazier.

(Pictured below): Drew Gilbert working on the door vents of his barbecue.



(Pictured above): Charlotte Syme setting up her brazier.

(Pictured above, right, left to right): Testing barbecues and braziers are James Andrew, Hunter Boulton, Thomas Easton, James Stocker.



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Congratulations

2022 Successes in Mathematics Competitions

College students have achieved some significant results in Mathematics Competitions during this year. Maths teacher and Assistant Head of Mathematics Faculty, Liz Cabout, outlines these, as below:

Luke Hay has continued his outstanding results in Mathematics Competitions, this year, as follows:

- **2022 ICAS** (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) **Mathematics Competition:** Luke gained a High Distinction Certificate, placing him in the top 1% of all candidates in New Zealand and the Pacific region.
- **2022 Australian Mathematics Competition:** Luke also gained High Distinction which means he was in the top 3% of all candidates.

Liz said these are amazing results, from a very capable student.



(Pictured left): Luke Hay underway in the competition.

Other very good results were:

In the **ICAS Competition** **Ben Jurd** and **Henry Prouting** both gained Credit Certificates for finishing in the top 20% of all candidates in New Zealand and the Pacific region.

In the **Australian Maths Competition** **Hector Diamante** gained a Distinction Certificate, placing him in the top 20%; and **Maafala Faamausili** and **Henry Prouting** gained Credit Certificates for being placed in the top 50%.

Overall Results

The ICAS Competition

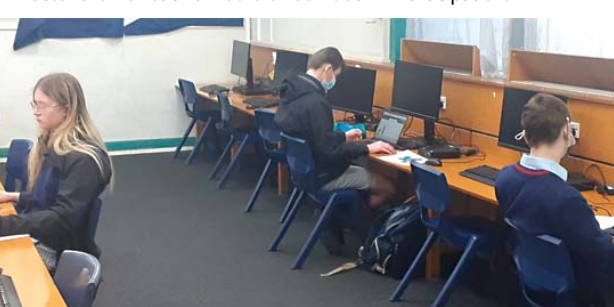
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is an independent, skills-based assessment programme. ICAS recognises and rewards student achievement in areas such as English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies. The series of tests are designed to match and test skills that are learned in the school classroom.

Students from over twenty countries; including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States, participate in ICAS each year.

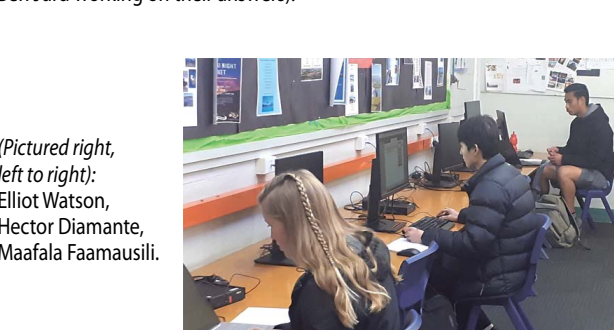
Each test is sat at the student's school and is supervised by teachers under normal examination conditions.

ICAS Results 2022

- **Luke Hay** – High Distinction Certificate placing him in the top 1% of all candidates in New Zealand and the Pacific region.
- **Ben Jurd** and **Henry Prouting** – Credit Certificates (top 20% of all candidates in New Zealand and the Pacific region).
- **Briahna Watters** – Participation, with a score of 22, but needing 23 to finish in the top 50%.
- **Elliot Watson** – Participation
- **Hector Diamante** and **Maafala Faamausili** – Participation.



(Pictured above, clockwise from the left): Briahna Watters, Henry Prouting, Ben Jurd working on their answers).



(Pictured right, left to right): Elliot Watson, Hector Diamante, Maafala Faamausili.

Australian Mathematics Competition

This competition was held between 03-05 August.

The Australian Mathematics Competition, or AMC, is one of Australia's largest school-based Mathematics competitions.

It features unique problems designed by Australia's leading educators and academics, with the goal to demonstrate the importance and relevance of Mathematics in students' everyday lives.

Teachers co-ordinate the AMC in schools. It is an engaging, 75 minute, 30-problem competition, open to students in Years 3 to 12, and is available in both online and paper format.

Australian Mathematics Competition Results

• Luke Hay	High Distinction	- top 3%
• Hector Diamante	Distinction	- top 20%
• Maafala Faamausili	Credit	- top 50%
• Henry Prouting	Credit	- top 50%
• Aryan Saluja	Credit	- top 50%
• Lachlan Storey	Proficiency	- score of 32 or more
• Briahna Watters	Proficiency	- score of 32 or more
• Elliot Watson	Proficiency	- score of 32 or more

Kiwi Mathematics Competition

The annual CAM (Centre for Assessment and Monitoring) Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum.

The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students, and are a 50-minute online competition, with results provided to schools in Term Three. All participating students receive a certificate, and a prize is awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. The competition also provides parents/caregivers with an individual report of the student's performance.

Kiwi Mathematics Results

Year 10 students

• Briahna Watters	Achieved	- top 50%
• Lachlan Storey, Gabrielle Rogers	Participation	

Year 9 students

• Aryan Saluja	Merit	- top 25%
• Chloe Davis	Achieved	- top 50%
• Lucy Boldy, Chloe Foster, Olivia McFarlane, Joel Moffett, Kate Rickard, Isabel Wang	Participation	

Maddi Lowry Wins Cycling Gold

Year 13 student Maddi Lowry competed at the 2022 Cycling NZ Schools' South Island and National Track Championships held at the SIT Indoor Velodrome in Invercargill over the student holiday break.

Overall, 120 track cyclists competed, representing thirty six schools from across New Zealand.

Held on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 October, 18 year old Maddi competed in the Under 20 Women's Age Group class.

The teams events were held on the Tuesday and the individual events on Wednesday which was run on an Omnium style points system. In this system, points are allocated on the rider's finishing position in each race, and then totalled to determine overall positions.

Events

Maddi competed in a 5km Scratch Race; 7.5km Tempo Points Race; and a 6-lap Keirin Race.



(Pictured right): Maddi competing in the scratch race (second from the front).

Results

We are advised that Maddi raced hard and intelligently throughout all her races, with the highlight being winning the South Island Track Championship 2022 Title.

Maddi also placed 4th in the National Championship standings, only narrowly missing out on the podium.

Appreciation

Maddi said she has enjoyed and is honoured to have been able to represent Ashburton College for the last five years at many schools' cycling events. During this time she has won many titles on the road and track.

It has been College's pleasure to have her racing for the College in school events, and we wish her every success going forward. We are aware that such successes don't come without many hours of hard training, which Maddi deserves credit for.

South Island Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Enduro Motocross

This event, organised by the Gore and Districts Motorcycle Club, was held at Tapanui, West Otago on Sunday 18 September; having been postponed from 04 September due to wet weather conditions.

Year 11 student Nic Dalgety was the College's sole competitor at this event.

Over the day, there were over 100 competitors in two races. Race 1 held the competitive classes, which is where Nic was entered; while Race 2 was for Novice and farm bike riders.

The races were 1.5 hours long, around 12km loops over a range of varied terrain including mud-holes, up-hills, through forestry and gullies. We are advised that it was a fantastic track to race on.

(Pictured right): Nic ready for his start, as Enduro is a staged race.



Outcome for Nic – determined by a puncture, after a good start!

Karen Dalgety, Nic's mother, said that Nic was doing really well for the first time competing in an Enduro.

In the 16-19 year Open Age Group, he was running third in his age group and in the top 10 out of sixty five riders in his race - until he got a puncture.

Nic tried to make it back to the pits to hopefully get his tyre changed but, when heading up an uphill section, his tyre unfortunately came off the rim which meant the end of his racing as he had to wait until the race was finished before he was able to be picked up.

However, like a true competitor, he's looking forward to giving this another go next year.



(Pictured left): Nic and bike being transported back after the end of the race

Forthcoming Events

October	
20	Final School Assembly, Chessboard, 10:00am
21	Winning House Assembly, Auditorium, 9:00am
	Chess - Staff v Student Executive, Chessboard, lunchtime
23-29	Tokelau Language Week
24	Labour Day Public Holiday
27	Sporting and Cultural Blues Assembly, Chessboard, 12:30pm
29-30	South Island Schools' Rugby 7s, Timaru
30	Aoraki Athletics (all age groups), Timaru

November

07-02 Dec	NZQA Exams
09	Year 10 InsideOUT presentation, 12:25pm, Auditorium
	Year 9 InsideOUT presentation, 2:05pm, Auditorium
11	Canterbury Anniversary Day Public Holiday

2022 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events

Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the Awards Ceremony and Prize-givings.

October	
31	Year 13 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. Year 13 Graduation Ceremony, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:30pm.
November	
03	Year 12 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. Year 11 final day. Students finish at 3:05pm. Year 11 and 12 Prize-Giving (Combined), Ashburton Event Centre, 7:00pm.
December	
04	Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm, seated at 7:00pm.
08	Year 10 final day. Prize-giving, 5:30pm, Auditorium Year 9 final day. Prize-giving, 7:30pm, Auditorium



(Pictured left): Maddi with her hard-earned Gold Medal.