



Head of Senior School Message

Where has the time gone? For the seniors that means that nearly half the academic year has already passed.

Transition Experiences

For some they will know exactly what their career pathway will look like, for others they will not know where to start and will need guidance from school, adults, or mentors.

This is why the Senior Pastoral and Transition teams put a large emphasis into ensuring that students are informed, skilled and connected in order to plan and make their career pathways after they leave Ashburton College.

Over the last few weeks students have had the opportunities to experience and explore the Careers Expo, Ara Early Childhood, UC Pacific Outreach, Canterbury University on campus, and Ara on campus.

We have many more opportunities coming up including MITO (Motor Industry Training Organisation Inc), Ara Taster Days, Otago on Campus, Scholarship Writing with Otago, and Ara Pacific Outreach.

It is important that students read the Ako Notices that come out each Wednesday to keep updated and informed of opportunities for information.

If you have any questions or need assistance advising your child regarding career pathways, feel free to contact the Senior Pastoral Team or the Transition Team.

Youth Driver Mentor Programme

One important skill that improves job prospects is holding a Restricted or Full Driver's Licence, according to a 2016 report sponsored by ACC and Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency, which looked at the impacts of having a driver's licence.

The report found that 70 per cent of jobs require a licence and just 9 per cent of beneficiaries aged between 18 and 24 held a full licence. That is a big problem for young people looking for work.

Ashburton College, in partnership with The Salvation Army and Waka Kotahi, is excited to be part of the 'Youth Driver Mentor Programme'. This is the first time this programme has been run in a South Island school.

The Youth Driver Mentor Programme matches our students who have their Learner Driver's Licence with fully licensed volunteer mentors who coach and teach safe driving practice and skills, so the driver can pass their Restricted Test. A student will go out twice a week with a mentor to learn self-awareness, road awareness, personal responsibility and self-confidence.

We have a list of students already registered, we have the support for the mentors, we have a car, but **We Need Mentors! We Need You!**

What Mentors do:

- Help a learner driver prepare for their Restricted Test.
- Volunteer to supervise the learner's driving and help them become safer on our roads.
- Act as a coach and supervisor for a range of practical driving experiences.
- Help foster positive safe habits that will follow the learner throughout their lifetime of driving.
- Transform lives.

What is required of Mentors:

- Meet up twice a week for one hour with your student (times that work for you) for 12 weeks.
- Have held your Full licence for more than two years.

What the Mentor receives:

- Use of the programme's automatic car and fuel.
- Full training.
- Have the support of a qualified instructor and will be given the tools to assist the learner driver.
- A chance to help make our students more employable.

Please help us make this programme a success and help our students!

Become part of the solution.

You can help make our roads safer and support our young people to do the right thing.

Please contact Anne Sheehan sn@ashcoll.school.nz or Abbey Bruce br@ashcoll.school.nz

Student Reporting

Our reporting to parents and caregivers this year will be:

- An academic report for Junior and Senior classes at the end of Term Two.
- A full written report for Senior classes mid-Term Three.
- An academic report for Senior classes at the end of Term Three.
- A full written report for Junior classes during Term Four.

Fortnightly reports have not been completed this year as the accuracy of these reports was affected by the large number of student and staff absences.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Ako teacher or the Pastoral Team. Email addresses for the staff can be found on the Ashburton College website.

Abbey Bruce
Head of Senior

Information

Can You Help?

Youth Driver Mentor Programme

Do you have some time available, and the skills, to support the Youth Driver Programme?
Please read the details below and, if you are interested or want more information, please contact:

Anne Sheehan at the College on 308 4193, ext 881;
or email her on sn@ashcoll.school.nz



ASHBURTON COLLEGE & THE SALVATION ARMY YOUTH DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAMME

Are you able to help our students to learn safe driving practices?

- FULL TRAINING, AND VEHICLE IS SUPPLIED
- 2 HOURS PER WEEK, IN 12 WEEK BLOCKS
- HELP TRANSFORM LIVES
- HELP MAKE OUR STUDENTS MORE EMPLOYABLE

BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION. YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER AND SUPPORT PEOPLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING.



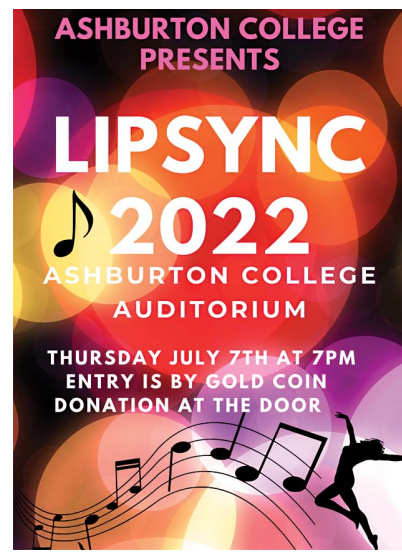
WE NEED YOU!

The Youth Driver Mentor Programme matches up learner drivers with full licensed volunteer mentors to coach and learn safe driving practices and skills for the driver to pass the restricted test.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Lip Sync 2022

Look to put this in your calendar, for the end of term, if you can join us in the audience to enjoy the talents of College students.



Writers in Schools - Anne Kayes

College students were recently treated to a visit by New Zealand author, Anne Kayes. Organised by Head of English Faculty Michael Clark, this visit took place on Thursday 19 May, speaking with selected students. During this time Anne shared her love of writing and reading.

Anne talked to students about her Tui Street Stories series, being children's stories adapted from European fairy tales and given a New Zealand twist. Anne also read excerpts from her novel, aimed at teenagers, entitled 'In Our Own Backyard', a story that deals with a fifteen year old girl's life experiences during the 1981 Springbok Tour.

Writing tips were shared with students, some of which came from pertinent questions posed by some of the students.

Anne's visit was helped by Storylines, a children's literature charitable trust.



Events

Pride Month Promoted by Ashburton College Pride Club

Information provided by Year 13 student Emily Greer

This is the third Pride month that the College club has been active for, although this was a quieter acknowledgement than in previous years.

However, with thanks to the previous leaders of the group, the school now has a Pride flag of its own, which is flying currently. Club members spoke with Principal Ross Preece and are hoping it can remain up for the duration of June, which is the designated Pride month.

It might seem small to most people, having only a flag up, but to us this is huge! Hopefully in future years we'll be able to do something bigger within the school, but for now, the flag is what we have.

Pride members appreciate the support they have received from many staff and students, and are actively encouraging wide inclusivity, not just of LGBTQIA+, but of cultures and the various realms of individuality.

The group was saddened and disappointed to have the flag stolen after 24 hours, but very appreciative of the actions taken to replace this and have it back up flying from the flagpole.

(Pictured right, left to right): Raising the flag are Principal Ross Preece, Emily Greer and Jay Brien.

The goal of the College Pride group is to have students and staff feel open and safe to be who they are, including acceptance within the school, of the LGBTQIA+ community. National Schools' Pride Week, insideOUT Weeks, was specifically celebrated last week from 13-17 June, based on Celebrating Pride in every school - Whakanaia te uenuki ki i kura. Having the flag flying is part of this.

At College this year the club has a shelf in the College Library where LGBTQIA+ books are on display. Having the flag flying is part of this.

Congratulations

Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships Successes for Maddi Lowry

Year 13 student Maddi Lowry, competing in the Over 16 Girls' events, had another successful outing when contesting the above championships, held at Levels Raceway in Timaru on Tuesday 14 June. Conditions were good for racing on the day and the event was well run.

Second Placings

Maddi earned second placings in both the 19km Scratch Road Race and in the 2.4km Time Trial in a time of 3 minutes 29 seconds.

Maddi indicated she was happy with her results as she had been ill and off school for the week prior to the event.

Final Aoraki Cycling Competition

As a school leaver at the end of this year, this was Maddi's last Aoraki Cycling competition. Maddi said she feels privileged and proud to have represented Ashburton College at many Aoraki Cycling events.

It is notable that, over her time at these events, she has claimed an impressive six Gold Medals and two second placings.



(Pictured above): Maddi (third from the left) at the start of the Road Race.

Forthcoming Events

June 23	AshColl Ball, Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Event Centre, doors open at 8:00pm - spectators can watch attendees walk in.
24	Matariki public holiday
	Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
	Basketball Junior A Girls; Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball - Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
25-26	South Island Secondary Schools' Squash Tournament, Nelson
26	Smallbore Rifle Shooting - Triple S, Home Range, Coronation Target
27-29	Year 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking, Hammer Springs Forest Camp
28	Basketball - Senior A Boys' and Girls; Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch
29	ERSU Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Methven, Darfield, Rolleston, or Ashburton

Events

Samoa Language Week Celebrated

Information provided by Lucas Vainerere,

Year 13 student and member of the Student Cultural Committee

Over the week of 29 May-04 June students and staff at Ashburton College celebrated **Vaiao o le Gagana Samoa** or Samoa Language Week. The annual event recognises the culture, language, and traditions of our Samoan students.

The theme for this year's celebration was **Fa'a'au'au le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai** - Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean. This falls under the overall concept of **Gafatia**, or sustainability. It reflects the revitalisation and maintenance of the Samoan language, as well as the importance of the third most commonly spoken language in Aotearoa New Zealand.

To kickstart the week, Samoan students Fauea Sione and Pevelis Mafiti were given the opportunity to raise the flag of Samoa. This was done at the start of Monday near the office where all those who visited the College could see it.

Later on, during the week, a backdrop was made and put on display for students to take pictures in front of. Its key component was a **siapo** - a traditional cloth made from the bark of paper mulberry trees - which featured cultural patterns and designs. Other decorations were fitted onto the display to make it stand out, such as balloons and cut-out letters.

(Pictured right): The backdrop, in the Auditorium foyer, including the cut-out letters of HSLW, for Happy Samoan Language Week. In addition, for each day of the week, a phrase or word was presented by one of the Samoan students.

These were:

Monday - Oa mai oe? (How are you?);
Tuesday - Fa'afetai (Thank you);
Wednesday - Seki (Good);
Thursday - Faamolemole (Please);
Friday - Gafatia (Sustainability).

One of the highlights was the coming together of all our Samoan students who came to school wearing their cultural clothing. These included a **puletasi** (female full dress), **alo'a** (Island designs and patterns) and **i'e faitaga** (men's pocket lavalava).



(Pictured above): Students in the Auditorium Foyer, wearing their cultural clothing.

At interval, they proudly sang (and beautifully sang) a Samoan song **'Ua Fa'afetai'** as a show of pride and appreciation for their heritage, thus concluding the week-long celebration.

This year's celebration also holds much significance for the Samoan community. Not only is it the 12th year anniversary of Samoa Language Week being celebrated in New Zealand, but 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of Samoa's Independence; which took place on 01 June. In Samoa, this is an official public holiday to commemorate the island nation's independence from New Zealand, gained in 1962.



(Pictured above, left to right): Tiresa Kwan Wing, Poppy Vaevae, Marnell Vaelua, at the flagpole with the Samoan flag flying for the week.

Members of the Cultural Committee (pictured right, back row, left to right): Edelmia Kelsall, Lucas Vainerere.

(Front row, left to right): Sera Ula, Ngahua Maeva, Anjali Savaiinaea.



Staff - Welcome



Ashley Murphy
Teacher of English

Events

Year 13 Geography Students to Wakanui Beach

A quick trip to Wakanui Beach was taken by Year 13 Geography students on Tuesday 24 May, as a prelude to travelling to Kaikoura later this year. Geography teacher Annie Lees said that reports of high seas and a sandy, not a shingle, beach were too good a chance to miss.

We did not get to see the most impressive waves but it was a good chance to show beach processes in action. A huge swash and strong backwash could be seen and LSD (Long Shore Drift) could be seen clearly, as well as hearing the attrition.

A swash, or foreshaw in geography, is a turbulent layer of water that washes up on the beach after an incoming wave has broken. The swash action can move beach materials up and down the beach, which results in the cross-shore sediment exchange.

The visit was described as being 'all good technical stuff'.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Jack Brown, Claudia Thomas, Holly Trotter, Teacher Annie Lees, Alex Bateman, Skyla Cramond, Jack Jessop, Jordan Green.

(Front row, left and right): Jorja Roulston, William Walls.

AshColl Avengers Strike Again with Eighth Consecutive Special Olympics Win

A team of students from Te Whare Manaaki travelled to Timaru on 24 May to participate in the Special Olympics Football Day.

Impressive Eighth Consecutive Win

Teacher-in-Charge Cheryl Hardy said that the aptly named AshColl Avengers, won for the eighth year in a row.

Eight teams competed, from North Otago, South and Mid Canterbury. As always, Cheryl said that the College team showed sportsmanship and fair play and shared the ball well amongst all players. The College team was the only 'full school' team, with the others having a mix of students and non-school players, so our team's outcome was very positive. COVID had an impact on a higher number of teams participating, as there were some withdrawals.

Results

The team played three games, winning all three.

The team's final was against Waimate team, with Rebecca Wilson scoring her first-ever goal, right on the final whistle!!!



(Pictured above, right): Raglan Patrick taking the ball from a Waimate player.



The successful AshColl Avengers' team (pictured left, back row, left to right): Raglan Patrick, Danny Glanville, Jonathan Hardy, Rebecca Wilson. (Middle row): Chelsea Cheesman. (Front row, left to right): Kaleb Moodie, Cody Robin, Stacey Cooper.

Congratulations

Staff v Student Executive Annual Volleyball Clash

This annual challenge was held on Tuesday 07 June on the Chessboard.

Despite talking up their chances, and looking confident going into the match, it has to be reported that the collective skills of the Staff team again outweighed those of the Student Executive. The Staff team did include New Zealand Volleyball Representative Jonah Drye, but he wasn't on the court all of the time, and was ably supported by a number of other Staff.

It is rumoured that the Student Executive are looking to re-evaluate their challenge and recommend a sport they all know!

The score shall remain a closely guarded secret. Let's just sit with a smidgeon over a 2:1 ratio to the Staff, who have continued their annual winning streak.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Caendal Harris, Amelie Robertson, Lusungu Mbambo, Chinatsu Hunt, Jack Brown, Claudia Thomas, Campbell McBride.

(Front row, left to right): TC Trusler-Clark, Jorja Roulston, Henry Wallis, Millar Newlands.



In action (pictured above, clockwise from front left): Millar Newlands having just executed a shot; for the Staff: Jono Hay, Tom Kitchen, James List (observed), Jason Vannini, Ross Preece; while Lusungu Mbambo looks on with some hope.



The victorious team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Jayne Cornelius (organiser), Jonah Drye, Oliver McKeown, Patrick Sandrey, Tom Kitchen. (Front row, left to right): Pete Lee, James List, Ross Preece bearing the trophy, Jason Vannini.

29	Aoraki Junior Boys' Basketball, Ashburton Supernet Reserve Competition, College A Netball Team, Avonside Girls' High School, Christchurch
	Hockey Girls' 1st XI Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Rugby Girls' Under 18, Point Domain, Ashburton Celtic and Geraldine
30	Manu Kōrero, University of Ashbury
July 01	Manu Kōrero, University of Canterbury
	Year 12 Physics and Science Radioactivity Workshop, UC, Christchurch
	Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
	Basketball Junior A Girls; Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball - Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru
04	Exchange v Rangiora High School, Rangiora
05	Hakateri Marae CAB, Hakateri Marae***
	Basketball - Senior A Boys' and Girls; Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch