



Ashburton College

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News

Message From The Principal

Holiday Break

Well, the holidays have arrived and these always provide staff and students with a welcome break and a chance to recharge the batteries.

I know that, for several subjects which involve portfolios, such as Art and Photography, this fortnight will be the last chance students get to finalise their submissions. If you have a student with a folio due, you will appreciate the stress these can engender!

NCEA Exams and Final Days in Class for Senior Students

However, the NCEA exams themselves begin on 06 November. For our Year 13 students their Graduation Ceremony is on Thursday 26 October, which means their Term Four is only thirteen days long.

In a similar vein our Year 11 and 12 students finish on Friday 27 October which gives them only fourteen school days next term.

For our seniors the final term is certainly 'more sprint than marathon'.

New Feature to Term Four Calendar

There is a new feature in our Term Four calendar for this year. There is a week between our senior students finishing and our NCEA exams beginning.

Co-requisites in Writing, Reading and Mathematics

During this week the bulk of our Year 10 and some Year 11 students will be undertaking externally set co-requisite exams in Writing, Reading and Mathematics. From 2024 onwards these co-requisites in Literacy and Numeracy will be a mandated requirement before a student can achieve any NCEA qualification.

Because these tests are online it will be a great opportunity for us to evaluate our systems' capacity to cope with a mass online exam. Our students who pass these assessments will have these credited to their 'record of learning' for 2024.

It is becoming increasingly evident that all future assessments are likely to be provided in an online format.

Health Curriculum

Currently, families and students have an opportunity to provide feedback on the Health Curriculum. This community consultation is required to be undertaken by schools every second year.

People have asked the question and I am not sure of the answer. Why is such consultation required only on the Health Curriculum, given it isn't a requirement of any other subject area.

Staff Advertisements

We are currently advertising for staff for next year. As you can imagine, the staffing jig-saw for a school of our size is very complex.

The Ministry of Education allocates a figure for staffing based on their predictions for our future roll. We then must consider staff who we know are departing for a range of reasons (retirements, promotions, parental leave, moving elsewhere or into another career).

Then we look at students' subject choices and, again, these vary markedly from year to year.

Once we have analysed all of the above, we advertise for teachers in those subjects. The reality for some New Zealand schools currently, is that they may not be able to get a suitably qualified teacher for a specific subject area. If a school finds themselves in that situation, they are then forced to consider alternatives, none of which are ideal.



Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaiki

Welcome

Introducing Simon Coleman - Ashburton College's Principal Appointee

Tēnā koutou,
Ko Tititea te maunga
Ko Matau te awa
Ko Ngati Pakeha toku iwi
No Tamaki Makaurau ahau
I tipu ake ahau i Otautahi
Inaianei e noho ana ahau ki Raukapuka

Ko Marie toku whaea
Ko Peter toku matua
Ko Anna toku hoa rangatira
Ko Zara, raua ko Emily aku tamāhine
Ko Simon Coleman ahau



I am delighted to be the next Principal of Ashburton College and look forward to working alongside the School Board, Staff, Students, Families and the wider Ashburton community to ensure Ashburton College students have every opportunity to fully achieve their potential.

I have been the Principal at Geraldine High School for the last nine years. My working background has varied from working in the Design industry, including running my own Graphic Design business, to working for the Otago University with Visual Art and Design Trainee Teachers, through to working in a range of secondary schools in Southland, Dunedin and Canterbury.

Since joining Geraldine High School, I have had the privilege to work with the University of Canterbury and Massey University in supporting their Initial Teacher Education programmes to ensure the highest quality teachers enter our sector. My role as Chair of the Aoraki Secondary School Principals' Association over the last two years has also been rewarding and I look forward to working with the Mid Canterbury Principals' and Te Kāhui Ako o Hākatere groups.

I am passionate about student career pathways and how to ensure we provide a range of pathway options in our teaching and learning for students. Over the last four years I have been very fortunate to be a member of the Minister of Education's National Pathways Advisory Group that consists of people from various employment and educational sectors all focused on enhancing career pathways for young people. This work is invaluable for all schools as we create the country's workforce and have an obligation to ensure we give our students the knowledge, skills and capabilities to be successful beyond school.

My wife Anna, and I, are very much looking forward to being part of the Ashburton College community next year. We have two daughters, Zara and Emily, who are studying at Otago and Lincoln Universities respectively.

As a family we really enjoy the outdoors particularly mountain biking, camping, and snow skiing and have taken advantage of the amazing environment of our Canterbury region.

I look forward to meeting everyone at some stage over next year and particularly the school staff, students and whānau at the start of the school year in 2024.

Nāku noa
Simon Coleman



Congratulations

Aotearoa Country Music Awards Successes for Molly Harrison

This award event took place at the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North over the weekend of 16-17 September.

Year 10 student **Molly Harrison** had a fantastic experience at this event and came away as **Overall Intermediate Winner**.

(Pictured right): Molly after receiving the Overall Intermediate Winner Trophy.

Molly entered in six sections, winning four of them, including the Open Duo/Group section against the adults with her duo partner Cailin who lives in Dunedin.

Molly said there were around 160 contestants altogether, spread across the categories. Saturday was Auditions Day, with two performers from each section then going through to the Finals held throughout the day on the Sunday.

The remaining two sections Molly sang in were the Open Traditional and Open New Zealand song, both categories where she was competing against adults.

Results

Molly won the Intermediate Solo, Intermediate Gospel, Intermediate Country Rock and Open Duo/Group.



(Pictured left): Molly singing her Vocal Solo Audition piece.
Entertainer of the Year 2024 Awards

Molly's Overall Intermediate Winner title gains her entry into NZCMA (New Zealand Country Music Association) Entertainer of the Year 2024 awards, which will take place next October in Rotorua.

The Aotearoa Awards (which she just won) is the first in a circuit of awards throughout

the year, from which overall winners can gain entry into Entertainer of the Year for Country Music.

Molly described herself as 'definitely pleased, and not expecting such an outcome'.

However, she puts in 'lots of practise time' which has obviously paid off! Travel to Timaru each Monday is part of Molly's, and her family's, routine as she goes to Starbound Studios for lessons with Sheryl and Al Bradley. From Sheryl she learns singing and acoustic guitar; and from Al, the electric guitar. Molly has her own equipment and is very self-sufficient when it comes to performing.

Her next competition is the New Zealand Sun City Awards in Nelson, over the weekend of 21-22 October. That sees the last of her competitions for 2023.

Students of the Week Award, Week 9

From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have the five Student of the Week Awardees, who have exhibited Quality and the AshColl Way theme of 'putting effort in and doing the best they can'.

The recipients for Week 9 are:

Zach Fox
Year 9

Niamh Hawe
Year 10

April Bishop
Year 11

Ripena Vaeila
Year 12

Princess Pureza
Year 13

Get on Board! Nominations Now Being Called For:

ASHBURTON COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD MID-TERM PARENT ELECTION – 2023

The option of parent elections every eighteen months has been taken by this Board to allow for continuity of membership.

NOMINATIONS ARE THEREFORE INVITED FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

The College Board's total parent composition is six elected parent representatives.

NOMINATION FORMS HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

If you are on the College Electoral Roll a Nomination Form, Eligibility Criteria, Candidates' Guide and a copy of this information has been emailed to you, and posted to those without email.

Otherwise, forms may be obtained from the Ashburton College Office or from the Returning Officer at the College (details below).

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Candidates may provide a brief statement (up to 400 words) supporting their nomination. This can include a photograph.

This must be enclosed with the nomination form, when it is returned.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The voting roll is open for inspection at the Ashburton College Office, and can be viewed or enquired about during normal College hours, including over the term holiday break.

CANDIDATES' NAMES

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, available for inspection at the College.

VOTING PAPERS, WITH CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Will be posted to eligible voters by Wednesday 18 October 2023.

ELECTION DAY: VOTING CLOSING AT 4:00PM, WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023.

VOTES COUNTED/RESULTS DECLARED: TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023.

TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023.

Note: Anyone can stand for election as a parent representative.

A candidate does NOT need to be a parent of a student enrolled at school.

A person on the electoral roll may nominate themselves.

A community member not on this roll must be nominated by a person who is on the roll.

Both parts of the form must be signed.

(Ineligibility clauses are listed on the reverse of the nomination form).

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Winter Sports Tournament Week

As has been outlined in previous newsletters, College had eleven teams competing across the above pinnacle week, in venues throughout the South Island.

In last week's newsletter we reported on the Under 15 Boys' Rugby, Golf, Netball and Equestrian team. In this newsletter we look at further results.

Basketball

Four College Basketball teams contested their grades in Dunedin, playing at the Edgar Centre Sports Complex.

Top 10 Finish for the Junior A Boys' Basketball Team at the Junior Secondary Schools' South Island Premierships Zone 4 Championships 2023

These championships were held from Sunday 27-Wednesday 30 August, with fifteen teams contesting this grade.

Coach Paul Robinson outlines the games of the tournament:

Game 1 v Christ's College

The opening game of the tournament was against Christ's College, who had just recently taken out the Canterbury Schools' Championships. This saw a huge game from **Riki Philpott** who scored 32 points, while the whole team played well together.

The close 79-70 loss was a good competitive start to the tournament.

Game 2 v St Andrew's College

This saw a great start to the game against a strong St Andrew's College team, who fielded players with plenty of height. College led after the first quarter, 16-12, but unfortunately the opposition's size allowed them to begin to dominate the scoring through the rest of the game. For Ashburton College **Liam Elliott** was strong for a team high of 20 points.

The game concluded with a 71-36 loss, against the team which was to become the eventual tournament winners.

Game 3 v Marlborough College

This was a 'must win' against Marlborough College in order for the team to make the quarter-final round. A slow start found the team struggling and down 21-7 after the first quarter. In what was a huge comeback, all the boys showed plenty of heart to get back in the game and dominate in the final quarter. **Liam Elliott** again led the way with a game high of 26 points.

They finished the game with a great win (62-56).



(Pictured left):
3-point shot from
Liam Elliott,
assisted by
William Woods, in
the game against
Marlborough
College.

Game 4 v Hillmorton High School

This was a quarter-final match against the team who won the local Christchurch weekend competition this year, and who has a team full of Canterbury players. In a game where players got into foul trouble early and couldn't get shots to drop it wasn't possible to pull off an upset and make the semi-finals. **Jack Spicer** top scored with 23 points.

The final score was 97-51 to Hillmorton High School.

Game 5 v Waimea College

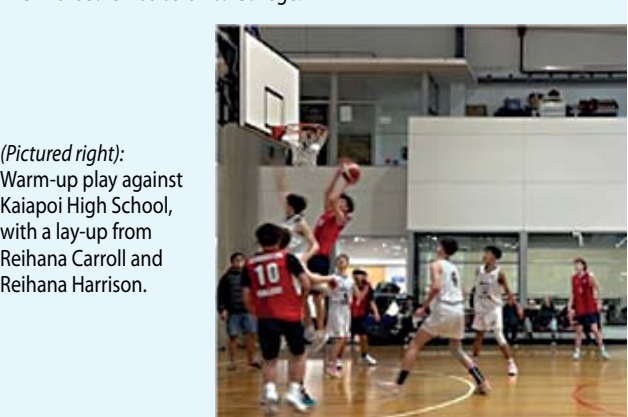
College started off slowly in this game but eventually took control, maintaining a decent lead throughout until Waimea made a comeback in the last quarter to make for a nervous few minutes at the end of the game. Top scorer for the game was **Liam Elliott** with 22 points and **Riki Philpott** not far behind with 18.

College got there in the end with a 4-point win, 63-59.

Game 6 v Kaipoi High School

Prior to this game the team got a nice surprise with a visit by Principal Ross Preece, who stayed to watch the game. This was a really tight affair for the first half, and it wasn't until the second half that Ashburton College started to take control of the game and extend their lead. **Liam Elliott**, with a game high of 30 points, led the team well.

The final score was 63-51 to College.



(Pictured right):
Warm-up play against
Kaipoi High School,
with a lay-up from
Reihana Carroll and
Reihana Harrison.

Game 7 v St Bede's College

This was the play-off game against St Bede's for 9/10th place. Paul said that St Bede's had plenty of size and skill and proved a handful at times. During the third quarter College managed to pull the score back to 43-39 in St Bede's favour, before a fourth quarter blow-out which saw St Bede's take the win. **Liam Elliott** was again the top scorer with 28 points.

This resulted in a score of 76-47 in the team's final game of the tournament.

Top Ten Finish

A Top 10 finish was a great result for Ashburton College, playing in the Premier Grade against the best schools from across the South Island.

Paul said the team showed great heart to match it with some of the best basketball talent in New Zealand and were competitive even when outsized by a number of taller opponents.

Captain **Liam Elliott** was the **fourth top point scorer across the championships**, scoring 152 points, being an average of 21.71 points per game.



Team members (pictured above, back row, left to right): Logan Bradford, William Woods, Riki Philpott, Reihana Harrison, Jack Spicer, Coach Paul Robinson.

(Front row, left to right): Ranz Buenafe, Gian Ramos, Liam Elliott (Captain) Reihana Carroll, Jacob Robinson.

Team Manager was Lisa Elliott.

Acknowledgements

Team Manager Lisa Elliott was great support for the team and worked tirelessly to ensure the boys were all well fed and rested over the five days. Also acknowledged is **Jack Strawbridge**, team referee. Jack did a great job controlling some intense games.

A big thank you goes to Andrew Shepherd, Ashburton College Head of Basketball, for all the organising behind the scenes.

Ashburton College also thanks Coach Paul Robinson for the innumerable coaching hours put in through the season and at this tournament.

Senior Boys' A Basketball Team Contested the AA Secondary Schools' Premierships Zone 4 Tournament

The senior boys' tournament was held from Thursday 31 August-Sunday 03 September, also at the Edgar Centre Sports Complex. Twenty four teams contested this competition.

Manager Mel King said that this year's team had six new players in the senior boys' team, including **Liam Elliott** and **Riki Philpott** from the Junior Boys' A Team. This indicated the A team's rebuilding year. However, with the many new players the AshColl boys played eight very competitive games.

Entering the tournament with a seeding of 23, the boys played some good hoops and finished 24th.

Pool games against eventual National Champion qualifiers St Thomas of Canterbury College (118-50), and St Bede's College (107-54) were a real challenge for the boys, but they played well to have closer games against Marlborough Boys' College (92-59), Middleton Grange School (77-54) and Burnside High School (81-48).

These led to cross-over games against Nayland College (81-40), Waitaki Boys' High School (83-58) and Kaipoi High School (72-56).

Mel said the boys are looking forward to their 2024 season.



The Senior Boys' A Team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Mark Douglas (Coach), Riki Philpott, Ashlin Hala'ufa, Jesse Nieman, Josh King (Middle row, left and right): Tom Patterson, Olly Prince.

(Front row, left to right): Mel King (Manager), Dick Layno, Nick Taojo, Jim Reyes, Taniela Palavi, Liam Elliott, Newell Buenafe, Paula Strawbridge (Coach).

And photograph by Manager Julie McGrath.

Acknowledgements

College sincerely thanks Coaches Mark Douglas and Paula Strawbridge and Managers Mel King and Julie McGrath for their mahi coaching and managing the team through the season and through this tournament.

AshColl Girls' 1st XI Football

This team took part in the Lotto Sportswear Tournament held in Timaru from Monday 28-Thursday 31 August, with sixteen teams contesting the competition.

Manager/Teacher-in-Charge Sean Hewett said that this was a team of girls who had barely played together during the year. As opposed to much of their opposition who played in weekly competitions the College team was put together for the tournament.

Sean said that they 'came out and performed better than anyone expected'. Team Coach was Year 12 student E-J Elliott.

Results

Wins were gained over Fiordland College (3-0), South Otago High School (1-0), and Craighead Diocesan School (1-0).

The team's losses were to Marian College (1-4), Otago Girls' High School (0-8) and Roncalli College (0-1).

11th place overall

The team's final result placed them 11th from the sixteen competing teams, which was a fine effort.

Player of the tournament for the Ashburton team was **Sifala Sagaga**.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): E-J Elliott (Coach), Katie Ashworth, Hayley Smith, Gabbie Tindall, Donna Dandin, Zeahn Otene, Maddie Stirling, Deanna McKenzie, Sean Hewett (Manager).

(Front row, left to right): Micaela Gomez, Zoe Nicholls, Georgie Poole (Captain), Sifala Sigaga, Gracie Trotter, Melissa Mattson, Finleigh Glanville.

Coming Events

Please note - * denotes subject to confirmation of student availability.

September

25-06 Oct Student Holiday Term Break

October

- 01-07** Tuvalu Language Week
- 03-04** South Island and National Cycling Track Championships, Invercargill
- 03-07** Mountain Bike National Schools Championships, Blenheim
- 09** Term Four starts
- 08-14** Fijian Language Week
- 15-21** Niue Language Week
- 16-17** Lockdown drill, at College
- 16-17** Year 11 Outdoor Education Hike, Mt Thomas Walking Track
- 19** Final Assembly, Chessboard, 10:00am
- 20** 'Shake Down' drill
- 20** End-of-year Chess Match – Staff v Student Executive (Chessboard)
- 22-28** Tokelau Language Week
- 23** Labour Day Public Holiday
- 24** Blues Assembly, 12:30pm

2023 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events

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

October

- 26** Year 13 students' final day. Students finish at 1:20pm.
- 27** Year 13 Graduation Ceremony, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:30pm.
- 27** Year 11 and Year 12 students' final day.
- 27** Year 12 students finish at 1:20pm.
- 27** Year 11 students finish at 3:05pm.
- 31** Year 11 and Year 12 Prize-giving (Combined), Ashburton Event Centre, 7:00pm.

December

- 03** Year 13 Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm, seated at 7:00pm.
- 11** Year 9 Prize-giving, 5:30pm, Ashburton Event Centre.
- 11** Year 10 Prize-giving, 7:30pm, Ashburton Event Centre.

Term Dates 2023 –

- | Term Four | Monday 09 October - | Thursday 26 October (Year 13) |
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| | | - Friday 27 October (Years 11/12) |
| | | - Monday 11 December (Years 9 and 10) |