



Deputy Principal Message

Kai for Kids Charitable Trust @ AshColl

The Kai for Kids Charitable Trust have kindly donated their time, energy and warm spaghetti and cheese buns to feed some of our students on Fridays during interval. This donation initially seemed too good to be true. When the team from Kai for Kids first arrived on-site, they did so with twenty trays of warm buns, which students emptied within minutes!

Our students modelled the College Values by using their manners and not wasting any of the food. They seemed to be very grateful for the food, which was well-received by them on a cold morning in Ashburton.

I'd like to thank the team at Kai for Kids for making and bringing the food to our school. Kai for Kids continued to provide food on Fridays for the remainder of Term 2, being tomorrow, Friday 30 June.

Pasifika Family Fono held Thursday 01 June

We held our second Pasifika Family Fono (hui) on Thursday 01 June, with a small turnout of forty staff, students and parents.

The main focus of the evening was about unpacking NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement), including the requirements for University Entrance and the NCEA change package.

Although we ran out of time, parents were able to gain some valuable information. A comparison between the systems that some of our parents are familiar with was provided (as below), in order to highlight the differences so parents have a better understanding of NCEA.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE / BURSARY SYSTEM	NCEA SYSTEM	SCHOOL CERTIFICATE GRADES	NCEA GRADES
7th form Students achieving excellent grades	Year 13 Students achieving excellent grades	A 90-100%	E Excellent
6th form Students achieving good grades	Year 12 Students achieving good grades	B 80-90%	M Merit
5th form Students achieving satisfactory grades	Year 11 Students achieving satisfactory grades	C 70-80%	A Achieved
4th form Students achieving satisfactory grades	Year 10 Students achieving satisfactory grades	D 60-70%	N Not Achieved
3rd form Students achieving satisfactory grades	Year 9 Students achieving satisfactory grades	E 50-60%	N Not Achieved

Key Messaging

One of the key messages from our guest speakers was encouraging parents to be actively involved in their child's education. Parents investing the time with their child to find out what they're working on at school and knowing when assessments are due is one way to keep them accountable towards positive achievement outcomes.

End of Term 2 Reflection

At the end of Term 1, I wrote that the start of the year had been a 'smooth start'. This term, however, has had its challenges!

Despite this, the vast majority of our students and staff have adapted extremely well to the changes to the physical environment as the build of our new school impacts accessibility and flow in some areas.

Even with students being rostered home, our students are modelling the College Values when they return to school.

As expected, our teachers are continuing to work extremely hard to keep students engaged and on track with their learning. I look forward to the events and opportunities Term 3 will bring.

Hannibal Ikahihiho
Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuaurua

Information

AshColl/Alumni Variety Concert

Once again we are delighted to have former Ashburton College Alumnus Simon O'Neill giving of his time and talent to perform in Ashburton, for the benefit of Ashburton College through the College Alumni.

Simon is acknowledged internationally as one of the finest held-tenors on the international stage and we are very privileged to be able to hear him as we do.

This will be a wonderful variety concert, also featuring former and current talented Ashburton College former students.

If you are available to attend, put this in your diary, and book your tickets.

ASHCOLL alumni presents

4th AUG
7-30PM

Our very own world-class talent
Simon O'Neill joins
Zara Ballara
Olivia Pike
Jared Corbett
Phoenix Chorus
And More...

VARIETY CONCERT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: ASHBURTON TRUST EVENT CENTRE
211 WILLS STREET, ASHBURTON 7700
OR ONLINE AT: www.ateventcentre.co.nz/whats-on

Information

Protecting Rangatahi from Vaping

There is much in the news currently around the addictive nature of vaping, and the problems arising around this for rangatahi in New Zealand.

In our Newsletter Issue 14, Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce's editorial highlighted facts and risks of vaping and, as a school, our Smokefree status extends to Vaping, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A).

The impacts of vaping are wide-ranging with some rangatahi now addicted to nicotine (which is higher in concentration in disposable vapes than in cigarettes), plus the first and second-hand vape smoke impacts on developing lungs.



Vape-Free Kids NZ

A small group of Nuzs across New Zealand has started Vape-Free Kids NZ, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vapefreekidsnz>, a Facebook group for the purpose of coming together, sharing ideas, taking action, and providing resources for parents to support their kids.

This group is promoting two petitions calling for Government change and tighter restrictions on vaping in New Zealand.

If you wish to respond to these, the links are:

- Parliamentary petition <https://petitions.parliament.nz/2a168fb2-ec46-478c-52f5-08db2efc521d>

You can also join and share with the Vape-Free Kids NZ Facebook (link above).

Another option is writing a letter to your local Member of Parliament or the Minister of Health (template is available if you want).

Resources Available

How to talk about Vaping - <https://parentingplace.nz/resources/how-to-talk-about-vaping/?fbclid=IwAR3MFCAUvU4hUJL-TNW0E5y10h00QRjhcTM9QED9BETPpZbhss7bPN4PwOI>

Protect Your Breath Campaign - https://www.protectyourbreath.co.nz/?gclid=CjwKCAJwMiiBhA4EiwAZe6jQ5G-EgVbG4oC4VjawahvzC-fr8qCWH8dCdGpuLYLIUJmTbaXpLRrCHhwQAvD_BwE

Don't get sucked in - <https://dontgetsucked.in.co.nz/>

Congratulations

Canterbury Year 9 SLANZA Readers' Cup

The SLANZA (School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) Readers' Cup is a competition designed for Year 9 students, who work in a team of four or five. Four students are active for two rounds at a time. The competition took place at Tūranga (Public Library), Christchurch on Tuesday 20 June.

Library Manager Delia Achten tells us that it encourages deep reading, and the contestants must engage in the prescribed books in a way that is a bit beyond what would be expected for an English class. They are asked to read the books through the lens of the author, spotting the smallest details in the story. In short, they need to 'live within the novel'.



Working on an answer (pictured above, clockwise from front left): Gemma Van der Vliet, Kylie Wells, Kate McIntosh, Anna McFarlane.

This is an opportunity for our best readers to showcase their talents, to read widely, to work collaboratively in a team and to compete in a regional competition.

At such an event, they meet students with the same passion for reading and receive the recognition that is often saved for sporting and musical top achievers.

Results - 5th Placing for AshColl

AshColl placed 5th, from the twelve secondary school teams which battled it out for reading supremacy: six team members; six books; and many, many questions.

Competing in Honour of:

AshColl competed this year in honour of former staff member Janice Ackerley, who died in 2016. As Reading Teacher at AshColl, Janice organised these teams for a number of years before her retirement, after which we stopped entering the contest.

So this year was the first time in a long time that we had entered the competition, with Delia saying the team did Janice and our school proud.

Congratulations

The AshColl Team:



(Pictured above, left to right): Anna McFarlane (Captain), Kate McIntosh, Gemma Van der Vliet, Ruby Bartlett (reserve), Eli McLauchlan and Kylie Wells.

The books this group read were:

- Fifty-four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers, by Caela Carter
- White Bird, by R J Palacio
- Oxygen Mask, by Jason Reynolds
- Medusa, the Girl Behind the Myth, by Jessie Burton
- The Tomo, by Mary-Anne Scott
- Two Degrees, by Alan Gratz

Cashmere High School took out this year's contest by a significant margin and go on to represent Canterbury in the National contest. AshColl look forward to continuing this tradition and to go from strength-to-strength following their very positive effort on this occasion.

College would also like to thank parents Logan Van der Vliet, Tessa McIntosh and Karen McFarlane who accompanied the team to Christchurch.

Top Placings at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Squash Competition

This competition was held at the Timaru Squash Courts on Wednesday 14 June, with teams from a number of Aoraki schools attending. Manager Clair Bedward said this tournament had the highest number of teams participating than at any time previously.

Ashburton College fielded one girls' team, five boys' teams and one Festival team, with team members being -

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| Ashburton College 1 Boys' Team | Riley Broker and Lachie Jemmett. |
| Ashburton College 2 Boys' Team | Mitchell Lye and Hamish O'Reilly. |
| Ashburton College 3 Boys' Team | Tom Harrison and Harry Trell. |
| Ashburton College 4 Boys' Team | Fletcher Hobbs and Oliver Hobbs. |
| Ashburton College 5 Boys' Team | Tom Rosevear and Ollie Bubbs. |
| Ashburton College Festival Team | Ben McFall and Jamie Orr. |
| Ashburton College 1 Girls' Team | Samantha Nieman and Tayla Keeley. |

Key results were:

1st placing Ashburton 1 Boys' team of Riley Broker and Lachie Jemmett, who won against St Kevin's College in the final to take the win.

3rd placing Mitchell Lye and Hamish O'Reilly won against Mackenzie College to take out this placing.

4th placing The girls' team had a good day and placed 4th from the five competing teams, with Tayla Keeley having a good day, winning most of her games 2-0.

Clair advised that the ungraded players - Oliver Hobbs, Ollie Bubbs and Fletcher Hobbs held their own in the competition grade.



(Pictured left, left and right): The winning team of Lachie Jemmett and Riley Broker.

(Pictured right, left and right): Relaxing after their efforts are 3rd place-getters Hamish O'Reilly and Mitchell Lye.

Festival Grade

Ben McFall and Jamie Orr had some lessons in this grade, being its purpose, and the opportunity to play a few games to improve their skills.

(Pictured right, left and right): Jamie Orr and Ben McFall, having enjoyed their day.

Clair said that all teams enjoyed the day, even with the early 7:15am start, and College's thanks went also to staff member Kay Rotch for driving the van and attending the day.



Congratulations

Student Executive v Staff Duels Have Begun

Teacher and Staff Sports Facilitator Cheyenne Parris tells us the Student Executive vs Staff trophy challenges are underway.

First up, during the lunch break on Tuesday 20 June, was Volleyball.

Cheyenne reports that the teachers appeared to be 'cleaning up' in the first half with a whopping 14-4 score.

However, at half-time, it seems that the Student Exec found their energy and put up a fight - enough of a fight that teacher Pete Lee ended up on the ground trying to make a save. Play remained tight and, with two minutes to go, the score was 16-15 in favour of the students.

Not to worry though, the teachers fought back with Phys Ed teacher Jonah Drye, resident volleyball expert, setting up some great hits for Bryan Bell to help the staff secure the win.

The end of the second period saw the score at 24-17 to the staff, with a final score at 38-21 to the staff.



(Pictured above): Jason Vannini setting up to work on a winning shot.

It must be noted in these contests, that the competitiveness of certain staff members becomes clear and there is no quarter given!



(Pictured above): The teams' gathering at the conclusion of the contest. Well done, students and staff!

(Back row, left to right): Josh Sim, Mieke Brooke, Bryan Bell, Sean Hewett, Jonah Drye, Tom Kitchen, Alyssa Gilbert, Seb McMillan, Jason Vannini, Henry Thomas.

(Front row, left to right): Pete Lee, Sarah Wilson, Sifala Sagaga, Alexia Wall, Angela Ciora, Amela Harris, Edema Kelsall, Laura Cameron, Isabel Wall.

Pasch Youth Course Scholarship for Year 11 Student Caitlin McSorley

Caitlin McSorley is currently in Germany, having been successful in gaining a scholarship for a Pasch Youth Course in Bremen.

Caitlin is one of seven students travelling from New Zealand, with the other six coming from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

Caitlin said this course is interesting for teenagers who are interested in learning German, and who are between the ages of 14 to 18 years of age, from all around the world.

Application, in March-April, was via a 30-second video outlining why a student would be a good candidate for selection and their reasons for applying. This was then sent to the Goethe-Institut.

Caitlin was excited to learn of her success in the fortnight following her application.

Caitlin has been learning German at College since Year 9, and was prompted somewhat into that area as a result of her mother also speaking German.

Up to 100 students will be gathering in Bremen for the three week course, from 24 June-17 July, when there will be a 'lot of German spoken and learnt'.

This is Caitlin's first visit to Germany, and we look forward to being able to report on her experiences in a forthcoming newsletter.



Performing with Canterbury Regional Schools' Orchestra

College Year 13 students Alice Homer and Laura Winchester are auditioned members of this orchestra, and performed as part of it at a concert presented at Hagley College on Friday evening, 16 June.



(Pictured above, left and right): Alice Homer and Laura Winchester.

(Pictured right): Laura and Alice in the body of the strings section at the 16 June concert for parents and friends.

On Friday 23 June the orchestra became a travelling roadshow, visiting various schools.

Alice is a Viola player, having started learning this instrument towards the end of her Year 9 school year, although she didn't have a teacher through 2022. Alice also learnt piano for a 'couple of years' and is a member of College's Phoenix Chorus.

She is hopeful of continuing with orchestra involvement after leaving College.

Laura's instrument of choice is the Violin, starting as a Year 11 student, firstly with Itinerant Music Teacher Paul Green, up until the start of this year. During this time she was part of the College's orchestra.

Laura said she has played a few instruments, has learnt music, plus guitar and singing through school and Itinerant Music Teachers.

Being involved in the Regional Orchestra has been enjoyable, Laura said, and she too would like to continue on in an orchestra after finishing at College at the end of this year.



Coming Events

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

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| June 30 | South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Boys'/Girls' Basketball Winter Competition, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru |
| | South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' A Basketball Competition, Pioneer Sports Complex, Christchurch |
| | Mid Canterbury Combined Hockey 2nd XI, Forster Park, Rolleston |
| | Final day, Term Two |
| July 01-02 | * South Island Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Race, Christchurch |
| 02 | Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Ashburton |
| 02-05 | Year 9A South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament, Hagley Courts, Christchurch |
| | Year 10A South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament, Hagley Courts, Christchurch |
| 03-14 | July Term Break |
| 04-05 | Cycling Track Nationals, Cambridge |
| 09-15 | Kiribati Language Week |
| 16 | South Island Cyclo Cross Championships, Christchurch |
| 17 | Term 3 starts |
| 18 | Basketball - Senior Boys and Girls, Junior Boys, Christchurch |
| 19 | College A Netball, SuperNet Competition, Christchurch |
| | Rugby Girls' 1st XV vs Roncalli, Celtic (5.00pm kickoff) |
| | Rugby Girls' Under 15 vs Roncalli, Pleasant Point (4.45pm kickoff) |
| 20 | Aoraki Girls' Football, various venues |
| 20-23 | NZ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships, Wellington |

Successes at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Championships

The Ashburton College Road and Track Cycling Team took part in this event on Friday 16 June, at the Levels Raceway in Timaru, gaining very positive outcomes.

With team Coaches /Managers Nina McKenzie and Monique Brake, the three-member team was comprised of Year 9 students **Eliza McKenzie** and **Casey Brake** with, from Ashburton Intermediate School, Year 7 student **Charlotte Neal** to enable the forming of a Junior Team.

(Pictured right, left to right): Charlotte Neal, Casey Brake and Eliza McKenzie.

The day was described as a super day of competing from the girls. Each rider gave it their all in fairly cold conditions and came away with great times.

The Team Time Trial, as the only Under 16 Aoraki Team, included Year 7 Charlotte Neal. All three girls rode a great team race, showing good tactics and plenty of great teamwork. This is a very promising start to the Secondary Schools' team racing for these girls, who did Ashburton College proud.

Results were -

Both Eliza and Casey competed in the Under 16 category giving away, as 13 and 14 year olds, both age and experience.

Time Trial and Scratch Race

Eliza McKenzie 3rd placed (Time Trial); 3rd placed (Scratch Race)

Casey Brake 4th placed (Time Trial).

Composite Junior Team

1st placed Team Time Trial, noting there was just the one Aoraki Under 16 Team, but the team rode well.

Year 7-8 Section

Charlotte Neal 1st in both the Time Trial and Scratch Race, riding as a Year 7 student.

(Pictured right, front to back): Competing in the Team Time Trial

Charlotte Neal, Eliza McKenzie and Casey Brake.



(Pictured left, left): Eliza McKenzie on the podium for the Under 16 Girls' Time Trial and Scratch Race presentations.

The next event is the South Island Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Championships, to held at the Ruapuna Raceway, Christchurch, over the first weekend of the student holiday break.

A Glimpse from the Successful College Ball

AshColl's Annual Senior Student Ball was held at the Ashburton Event Centre last Friday, 23 June and enjoyed by those attending.

A fuller insight will be in next week's newsletter but we enclose a glimpse this week.



(Pictured above, left and right): Sai Sukumar and Raven Bernabe entering the venue by way of the red carpet.



(Pictured above, left and right): Mina Mataiti and Mujtaba Hussaini on the staircase.

(Pictured right): A section of the dancers, with Best Dressed Year 13 student Jack Templeton centre stage!

