



Message From The Principal

NCEA Timeframes for Senior Students

We are now into Week 7 of Term 2. Whilst this year seems to be chugging through, there are a couple of concerns worth noting.

For our senior students doing NCEA, the time for internal assessments is increasingly precious. In practical terms, our seniors will have a maximum of twelve school weeks left to complete all their internal assessments.

This challenge is made harder with the usual round of winter coughs and colds (which of course still require people to stay home) plus COVID cases remain. These attendance challenges apply to both staff and students.

We have been working hard to avoid any rostering home of year groups because that just increases the pressure on staff and students. However we have had to restart currently. My thanks for your support for this. The need will be reviewed every two days.

NCEA Level 1 Future Status

Recently we had a series of hui around the future of NCEA Level 1 as the primary focus for Year 11 students at Ashburton College. Nationally there are significant changes being made to Level 1 in 2024, so this provides a natural time for considering the future of Level 1 here at Ashburton College.

My thanks to all those who have attended one of our parent or employer hui, and also to those who took the time to complete an online survey. All of this feedback will be collated and analysed before we make a decision.

Events and Highlights

This week continues to be hectic. On Tuesday 14 June our Burnside Exchange was scheduled which, under normal circumstances, is an annual event. However, due to COVID restrictions and interruptions, this is our first inter-school exchange since 2019. To say our students are excited at the prospect would be an understatement.

On that same evening we have the second afternoon/evening of subject parent-student-teacher interviews that had been postponed from three weeks ago.

Yesterday, on Wednesday 15 June, our Year 12 students were involved with RYDA. This is an event that promotes road safety and is aimed at the students who begin to drive independently for the first time.

Next week there are two events that are keenly anticipated.

On Thursday 23 June we hold our AshColl Ball. This is always a highlight of our senior students' year. Our students arrive in style, look stunning, and enjoy the whole experience. This year there has been 400+ tickets sold, so it's a grand occasion.

My thanks go to Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor and the student Ball Committee for their organisation.

The following day, on Friday 24 June, is our new public holiday in recognition of Matariki. I have put out the challenge to my staff to consider how they might incorporate something appropriate in their existing programmes to mark this event.

My thanks for taking the time to read our news.

Ross Preece, Principal • Tumuaki



Information

Can You Help? Youth Driver Mentor Programme

Do you have some time available, and the skills, to support the Youth Driver Mentor 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

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- 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.

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

ASHBURTON COLLEGE PRESENTS

LIPSYNC 2022

ASHBURTON COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY JULY 7TH AT 7PM

ENTRY IS BY GOLD COIN

DONATION AT THE DOOR

Events

Year 10 Students - Amazing Metal 3D Fish Wall Hangings

Year 10 Metal Technology students have been hammering out metal 3D fish wall hangings from sheet steel, for their whānau.

Teacher-in-Charge of Automotive and Trades Patrick Neal advises that this unit is a hybrid of Technology and Art, in that the aesthetics of getting the fish looking just right are just as important as the industrial processes.

In making a fish out of steel, the students have used the plasma cutter, English wheel, shrinker/ stretcher, MIG (Metal Inert Gas) and spot welders, and a bead roller (a machine tool to make surfaces more rugged and durable), as well as a myriad of specialist metal beating hammers.

The scales are applied by abrading the surface with an angle grinder, then heating the steel with an Oxy Acetylene plant to get those blue and straw oxide colours. The fish are then finished with clear lacquer.

The eyes are made of ball bearings the students cut from old truck turntables donated to College, with our grateful appreciation, by ACL workshops.

Events



(Pictured above): Aiden Lapham's impressive Marlin wall hanging.



(Pictured clockwise from top left): Other examples of positive skills and outcomes: Sam Keeley with his Salmon; Mitchell Lye and Salmon; and Luke Rhodes with his Marlin.

Tool Boxes from Donated Colorsteel

In our first newsletter of this year we acknowledged, with appreciation, Colorsteel kindly donated to College by Ashburton Long Run Iron.

The Colorsteel was put to very good use during the early part of this year when a Year 10 Materials Technology Metal class made toolboxes from it.

In developing the toolboxes students learnt how to mark out, cut and fold sheet metal accurately; and really enjoyed using the box and pan folder and guillotine. Each toolbox is made to set measurements and, teacher Patrick Neal said, they expect a tolerance of 1mm, with most students successfully achieving this accuracy.



(Pictured above, left and right): Connor Duffell and Ben Ciron using the box and pan folder, used for bending the metal.

Once the item is complete, students are set the task of adding handles and trays of their own design.

In thanking Ashburton Long Run Iron for the Colorsteel donation, we do add that the variety of colours has really brightened up this project.



(Pictured left and below): Finished items by Luke Rhodes and Hamish Stocker.



Congratulations

Positive Results at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' and Margaret Woolf Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions for Anna McFall

Year 10 College student Anna McFall competed, with success, in this Tier 1 event in Auckland, on Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 May, at the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium, Kohimarama.

A Tier 1 event is where competitive gymnastics pathway athletes compete for New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships, alongside selected Gymnastics New Zealand Endorsed Qualifying events. Tier 1 events allow to spotlight New Zealand's top gymnasts/athletes in individual performances, and in a division that provides eligibility to attend national championships. Tier 2 is for novice, recreational and retired gymnasts, plus competitive athletes who must compete in a different discipline to their competitive one. Tier 1 is the higher division of the two.

As is customary for these competitions, the New Zealand Secondary Schools' competition ran alongside another competition with competitors' scores counting towards both of the competitions.

Competing in the Secondary Schools' Competition, Anna placed: 3rd in Clubs; 4th in Ball; 7th in Rope and 4th Overall from the seven competitors.

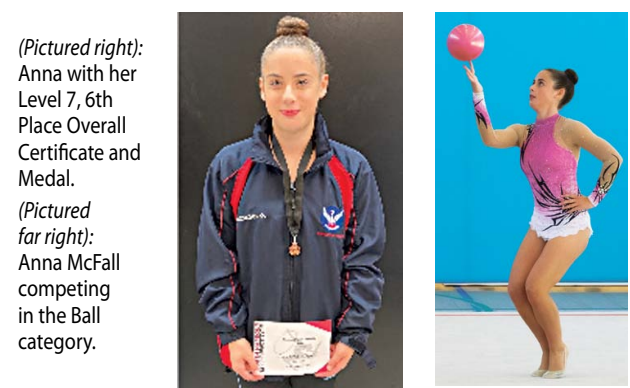
In the Margaret Woolf Competition:

Competing for her Christchurch Olympia Gymnastics club in this event Anna placed 6th Overall from sixteen gymnasts.

Qualification to New Zealand Nationals

Anna has successfully gained qualification to attend the 2022 New Zealand National Gymnastics Championships as part of the Canterbury Team for Rhythmic Gymnastics, Level 7 Individual, as well as in her Grade 4 Group.

This is being held during the first week of the July school holidays, from 13-16 July, in Invercargill. This will provide ongoing training for Anna with coach Ashleigh Pont, at Olympia Gymnastics, Christchurch.



(Pictured right): Anna with her Level 7, 6th Place Overall Certificate and Medal.

(Pictured far right): Anna McFall competing in the Ball category.

Top Canterbury Cross-Country Honours for Kalym Chalmers

Impressively, Kalym Chalmers is the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross Country Year 9 Boys' Champion.

The 2022 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Championships were held at Ascot Park, Christchurch, on Thursday 02 June.

Kalym had an amazing race, starting strongly and staying with the front pack, winning the sprint race at the end. Fifty-two Year 9 students contested the event, making for a strong and large field of competition.

Kalym's time for the 3km event was a smart 11:28, which is a good time for a Cross-Country event over that distance.



(Pictured left): Kalym in a handy position through the race.

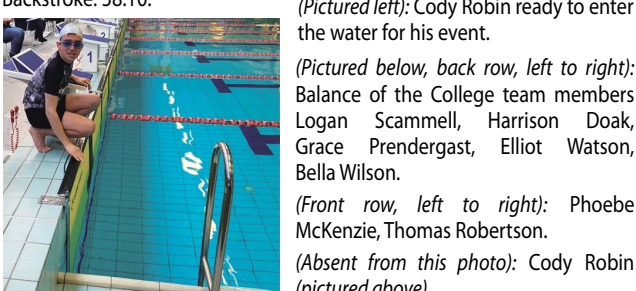
(Pictured right): Kalym post-event.

Aoraki Secondary Schools' Sport Swimming Festival 2022

Twelve schools participated in this event, in a welcome return to a swimming event, and it was very positive to be able to field a College team. This event was held at the EA Networks Centre in Ashburton, on Monday 27 June. Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray and teacher Georgia Keenan supported the students at the event.

Swimmers with Disabilities - Cody Robin

Cody was the only swimmer in this category but, as he always does, he swam well over his distances: 50 Metres Freestyle: 1:11.38; and 50 Metres Backstroke: 58.10.



(Pictured left): Cody Robin ready to enter the water for his event.

(Pictured below, back row, left to right): Balance of the College team members Logan Scammell, Harrison Doak, Grace Prendergast, Elliot Watson, Bella Wilson.

(Front row, left to right): Phoebe McKenzie, Thomas Robertson. (Absent from this photo): Cody Robin (pictured above).



Georgia described the day as being filled with positivity, with students cheering on those around them, both peers and those from other schools.

Results:

Girls' 14 and Under 100 Metre Individual Medley:

3rd - Phoebe McKenzie: 1:18.54;
8th - Elliot Watson: 1:23.94.

Boys' 15 and Over 100 Metre Individual Medley:

4th - Harrison Doak: 1:12.98;
6th - Thomas Robertson: 1:22.33.

Girls' 14 and Under 50 Metre Freestyle:

1st - Bella Wilson: 33.80.

Girls' 15 and Over 50 Metre Freestyle:

4th - Grace Prendergast: 34.30.

Boys' 15 and Over 50 Metre Freestyle:

5th - Logan Scammell: 29.13;
8th - Thomas Robertson: 31.67.

Girls' 14 and Under 200 Metre Freestyle:

2nd - Elliot Watson: 2:38.45.

Girls' 14 and Under 50 Metre Backstroke:

1st - Bella Wilson: 38.51.

Girls 14 and Under 100 Metre Backstroke:

2nd - Phoebe McKenzie: 1:18.19;
4th - Bella Wilson: 1:22.44.

Boys' 15 and Over 100 Metre Backstroke:

3rd - Logan Scammell: 1:17.53;
4th - Harrison Doak: 1:17.78.

Boys' 15 and Over 200 Metre Individual Medley:

2nd - Harrison Doak: 2:39.05.

Girls' 15 and Over 50 Metre Breaststroke:

5th - Grace Prendergast: 50.75.

Girls' 14 and Under 100 Metre Breaststroke:

5th - Phoebe McKenzie: 1:33.13;
9th - Elliot Watson: 1:39.84.

Boys' 15 and Over 100 Metre Breaststroke:

3rd - Harrison Doak: 1:17.722;
4th - Logan Scammell: 1:31.50.

Girls' 14 and Over 100 Metre Freestyle:

5th - Bella Wilson: 1:15.94.

Boys' 16 and Over 100 Metre Freestyle:

10th - Thomas Robertson: 1:08.34;
12th - Logan Scammell: 1:10.36.

Girls 14 and Under 50 Metre Butterfly:

3rd - Elliot Watson: 40.95.

Girls' 14 and Under 100 Metre Butterfly:

2nd - Phoebe McKenzie: 1:30.59.

(Pictured right): Harrison Doak under starter's orders.



Strong Placings at Aoraki Squash Championships

Once again we are excited to say that this tournament went ahead as planned this year, on Thursday 02 June at the Timaru Squash Courts, and was well supported, with six schools present.

Teacher Clair Bedward and Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray drove the two vans, and were Coaches/Managers for the day.

Of note was that, this year, College had eighteen players entered, our largest contingent of students yet.

Clair said they had an early 7:30am start and returned at 4:30pm, with all students having enjoyed their day. Clair said they proudly represented AshColl with their excellent behaviour.

With all six courts utilised, there was a very high standard of squash played, with some very tense and tight matches and AshColl being successful in both the girls' and boys' sections.

For Clair and Darion, they said it was super to see the students supporting one another so well.



(Back row, left to right): Samantha Nieman, Isla Hart, Riley Broker, Devon Flannery, Oliver Hobbs, Eddie Galbraith, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Seb McMillan, Fletcher Hobbs, Sonny McMillan. (Front row, left to right): Lachie Jemmett, Millar Newlands, Taylor Wilson, Tom Harrison, Mitchell Lye, Harry Trott, Tom Rosevear.

Grades

The day offered two grades - Competitive for experienced players, who played in teams of two; and the Festival Grade for those keen to play and gain experience without the pressure of a competition situation.

Competitive Grade Team Members

Girls' Team

Ashburton College A - Isla Hart, Samantha Nieman.

Boys' Teams

Ashburton College 1 - Lachie Jemmett, Devon Flannery.

Ashburton College 2 - Riley Broker, Tom Rosevear.

Ashburton College 3 - Mitchell Lye, Harry Trott.

Ashburton College 4 - Hamish O'Reilly, Millar Newlands.

Ashburton College 5 - Tom Harrison, Taylor Wilson.

Ashburton College 6 - Sam Orr, Seb McMillan.

Festival Grade Players

Eddie Galbraith, Fletcher Hobbs, Oliver Hobbs, Sonny McMillan.

Results

Girls' Competition 3rd Place:

Ashburton A - Isla Hart, Samantha Nieman.



(Pictured left, left and right): Samantha Nieman, and Isla Hart with the South Canterbury Regional Sport Co-ordinator Amanda Everett.

Boys' Competition 2nd Place:

Ashburton 1 - Lachie Jemmett, Devon Flannery.

3rd Place

Ashburton 2 - Riley Broker, Tom Rosevear.

1st Place went to the Timaru Boys' High School team of Flynn Brookland and Macgregor Rae.



(Pictured left, left and right, with Amanda Everett): Devon Flannery and Lachie Jemmett.