



# Ashburton College

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### Normal Timetable

As you will be aware, currently, we are back at school operating on a normal timetable.

In Term One we were forced to adopt our Emergency Cover Plan (ECP). This plan was to allow us to cope when we were running out of relievers and teachers to teach classes. At its COVID peak we had one day when we had eighteen teachers out and obviously we don't have anywhere near that number of relief teachers. Under the original ECP we were rostering year levels home for one or two days per week.

Currently, we can cope with the number of staff out but we do still need to have a plan in place if we reach the point where we cannot put a teacher in front of every class.

With this in mind, we have designed a **Mark 2 version of the ECP**.

**This is based on a series of levers to be activated that will reduce the pressure on staffing:**

- Lever One** Not holding any junior trip that requires additional relief cover.
- Lever Two** Minimising any senior trips that require additional relief cover.
- Lever Three** Minimising Professional Development (PD) that requires relief cover.
- Lever Four** Year 13 classes with work set, but unsupervised.
- Lever Five** Rostering home of one year level per day. This Lever is the absolute last resort.

Currently none of these measures is required, but we do have to have contingency plans in place for the next wave or new variant. Obviously, any updates required will be communicated with our parent community via the usual channels.

#### House Spirit Week

Last week we had House Spirit Week, which was a new innovation this year.

Traditionally, House Sports Athletics Prelims Day happens in about Week 2 of the school year, providing opportunity for our four Houses to build unity; and it is a fun day for the whole school.

Sadly, this couldn't happen this year, with the gathering number limits in place, and the event was cancelled.

House Spirit Week featured lunch-time sport challenges each day and a chance to launch our Inter-House competition. Most importantly, it was a chance to have some fun every lunch-time for a week. Well done to our House Leaders for initiating the concept.

#### Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Tonight, and next Tuesday we are holding these three-way interviews. These are a fantastic opportunity for parents/caregivers to gain an accurate update on how their student is progressing in each subject.

We encourage parents to have their child come with them because, that way; teacher, parent and students are all on the same page, gaining the same information at the same time.

The online booking system closes for these at 9:00am on the day of the interviews. If you are having trouble making a booking, then please ring our office and someone will help you.

Have a great week.



Ross Preece  
Principal • Tumuaki

### Information

#### Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1: Hui Confirmed Dates

As has been advised previously, Ashburton College is undertaking a comprehensive consultation process to consider if our College will retain NCEA Level 1 as a primary focus for our Year 11 students.

As part of this process, we are seeking the input of current and former students, whānau, employers and our staff.

We are reviewing the role that this qualification plays in supporting the best outcomes for our students, and asking related questions like:

- What are the benefits and limitations of NCEA Level 1?
- Do all of our students need to complete NCEA Level 1?
- Are we supporting student well-being?
- How does NCEA Level 1 support our vision?

While our focus is very much on Ashburton College, this is a conversation which is taking place in secondary schools and their communities around New Zealand.

As part of this process we will host several hui, as follows:

• Tuesday 31 May	7:00pm	College Auditorium
• Thursday 02 June	10:00am	Hakateri Marae
• Thursday 02 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium
• Thursday 02 June	7:00pm	Hakateri Marae
• Friday 03 June	10:00am	College Auditorium
• Saturday 11 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium

If you are interested in hearing more, we invite and strongly encourage you to attend one of these hui to gain information and to provide feedback to us at College.

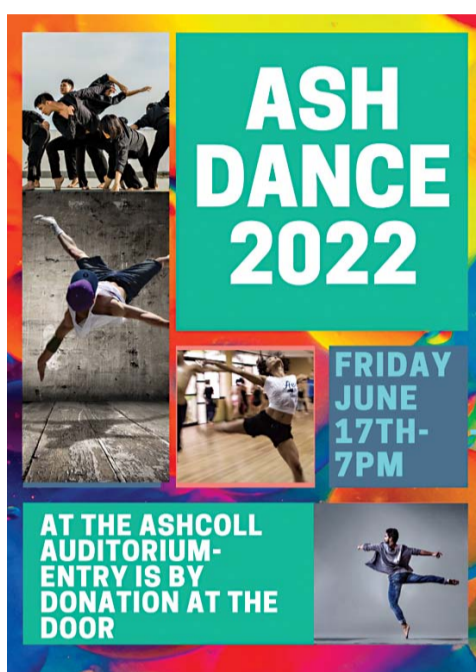
It is anticipated the hui will be for approximately one hour.

An opportunity to share your thoughts will also be made available via a survey in the near future.

#### Cultural Programme Events Return

It is a real pleasure to be able to advertise cultural events, a number which have had to be absent from our calendar for the past two years. Currently we advertise two transferred now from Term One.

Put these in your calendar if you can join us in the audience to enjoy the talents of College students.



### Information

#### Parent/Student/Subject Teacher Interviews and Early Closures

Second day – Tuesday 24 May

2:30pm – 8:00pm, Hotel Ashburton.

The interviews are for all year levels.

For Year 9 students, interviews are with subject teachers (not optional).

The length of the interviews will be approximately 15 minutes.

It is expected that the interviews will be held on Tuesday 14 June 2022.

Full school day on Tuesday 24 May, until 3:05pm.

Further information - refer to email sent to all families.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 03 May.

Students to be booked through: <https://ashburton.schoolpoint.co.nz>

Your SchoolPoint login is the same as your Kamar login.

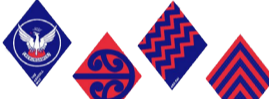
If you do not have an online facility, you are able to book by contacting the College Office on 3084193, Ext 0.

Further information will be advised to families.

School Early Closure for all students on this day, from 1:20pm

The closure is Board of Trustees-approved.

The AshColl Way



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### Congratulations

#### Successful Age Group Road Cycling

##### National Championships for Maddi Lowry

Maddi Lowry's key focus is track cycling but, due to the above Championships being held close to home in the sense of it being hosted in Hokitika, from 22-24 April, Maddi made the decision to compete.

#### Time Trial – 5th Placing

Maddi competed in the Under 19 Women's 15km out-and-back Time Trial and was 'really happy at how it went' saying she surprised herself in what is not her main event. It is worthy of note also, that Maddi is competing in this age group as a 17-year-old.

Maddi described the course as being 'tough', starting from Cass Square and cycling toward Lake Kanieri south on the highway and encompassing flat parts, rolling hills and the 'staircase' which relentlessly keeps on going up. In finishing 5th Maddi completed her trial in 27 minutes, 16.53 seconds; while the 3rd place-getter completed in 26:24.



(Pictured above): Maddi contesting the Time Trial, which riders compete in on specifically-designed Time Trial bikes.

While contesting the 97.5km Road Race, Maddi made the sensible decision to pull-out at 32km as she was aggravating a knee injury. Looking at her forthcoming schedule, and the need to be uninjured, this was a good move.

(Pictured below): Maddi, number 50, in the peloton in the Road Race.



#### Looking Ahead

Following Hokitika, Maddi was scheduled for a two weeks' rest period, after which she will start training again.

May to September will see her involved in Timaru Club Road Racing; while in June, July and September she has three rounds of the National Track Cycling series (one in Invercargill and two in Cambridge); plus representing College in schools' racing – the Aoraki Road Racing Championships in Timaru in June, South Island Secondary Schools' Road Racing in Christchurch in July; and, in October, South Island and National Track Championships in Invercargill. The track season starts at the end of October and runs through to March.

This certainly reads of a serious amount of training!

### Forthcoming Events

- May 20** Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
- Junior A Girls' Basketball, Pioneer Stadium, Christchurch
- South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball – Junior Boys' A and B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru
- Basketball – Senior A Boys' and Girls', Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch
- 21-22 24** New Zealand Secondary Schools' Artistic Gymnastics, Auckland
- Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cross-Country, Timaru
- Year 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking, Ashburton Mountain Biking Track
- Parent/Subject Teacher interviews, Hotel Ashburton (refer information section for full details)
- 25** Supernet Reserve Competition, A Netball, 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
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm, Turret Room, Menorlue
- NZ Careers Expo, Christchurch Arena
- Year 11 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking, Ashburton Mountain Biking Track
- 27** Drama Theatre Trip, Court Theatre, Christchurch
- Aoraki Swimming Championships, EA Networks Centre, Ashburton
- UC Pasifika school visit
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#### College Hockey Teams Warm-up for the

##### Winter Season

As with the many sports, it is exciting to have a season about to get underway and, at the end of last term and during the student holiday break the Girls' and Boys' First XI Hockey teams were amongst those using warm-up games as a final practise run.

Teacher-in-Charge of Hockey Jason Vannini gives us some information on these events.

Girls' 1st XI v Mid Canterbury Combined Boys' 2nd XI Team

On Wednesday 13 April, just before the end of term, at 6:00pm in Ashburton, the Girls' 1st XI team held a warm-up game against the Mid Canterbury Combined Boys' 2nd XI team. This team consists of players from AshColl, Mount Hutt College and two students who are home-schooled.

The boys had their full squad of players, while the girls' team had four players out injured, and therefore had to work hard during the game.

In the game, the girls dominated possession in the first quarter but could not get the ball past the Boys' team Goalie, **Niko Holgate** (Mount Hutt College). The boys looked threatening when they had the ball but had very few opportunities to score.

In the second quarter more attacks by the girls saw **Jessie Pitney** with the final touch to score for a 1-0 halftime score.

In the 3rd quarter the girls started to look tired and the boys, led by **Lachlan Adam** and **Jayden Etheridge** threatened the goal but were kept out well by **Olivia Muir**. **Jessie Pitney** scored again near the end of the quarter after a good run by **Emma Lill**.

The girls got their second wind in the 4th quarter and kept the boys scoreless, while **Jessie Pitney** completed her hat trick for a final score of 3-0 to the girls' team.

It was a good first win-out for both teams who are competing in Christchurch weekly this term on Wednesday (girls) and Friday (boys) evenings.

#### Teams' Management Personnel

The Boys' Combined Team Coach is former College 1st XI player **Jacob Gray**, who is bringing on a mostly Year 9 and 10 team very well this year. The manager is Lucy Ellis.

The Girls' team is coached by Skip Muir, with Manager Jen Muir.

#### Team Members:

**Girls' 1st XI Team** – Honor Bradford, Laura Cameron, Caitlin Collie, Lily Davidson, Leah Doig, Holly-Jayne Feutz, Alia Forrester, Anna Gray, Emma Lill, Amy McLachlan, Olivia Muir, Jessie Pitney, Gracie Trotter, Rose Vannini, Laura Walsh, Sarah Wilson.

**Boys' Combined Team** – Jethro Dove, Ben Edkins, Tom Ellis, Mitchell Lye, Hamish Ramsay, James Reid, Kayden Smith-Ackerley, Riley Trotter, Liam Walker, Taylor Wilson, Ruben Winchester, Nate Woods.

#### ANZAC Tournament Reaps Positive Results

This tournament was held in Timaru at the Aoraki Trust Hockey Turf Complex from 27-29 April. Jason Vannini outlined the results.

#### Game 1: versus Otago Boys' High School

The team started by spreading the ball well and managed one shot at goal by **Hamish O'Reilly**, which was well-saved by their goalie. However, some good tackling by **Henry Wallis** kept College's end safe, and the score at 0-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter **Lachie Jemmett** got into the attacking circle and **Devon Flannery** gained a penalty corner, but the team was unable to convert. Some good lead-up work by **Henry Thomas** in open play led to a goal by **Riley Harris**, giving a 1-0 half-time lead.

A good run by **Devon Flannery** set up a shot by **Toby Grant** that was well-saved by Otago Boys' keeper. Otago Boys' received two green cards for bad tackles... but promptly scored through a breakaway, while they only had nine men on the field! This brought the score to 1-1 at the end of the third quarter.

In the last quarter College kept possession well, and a good run forward by **Nick Stringer** led to a penalty corner, where we just failed to get the last deflection.

The game finished at a 1-1 draw, seen as a very promising start for the team.

#### Game 2: versus Southland Boys' High School

College started well, with a reverse stick shot scored by **Devon Flannery** after only seven minutes of play. Another great run forward by **Riley Harris** led to a penalty corner, although this wasn't converted, leaving the score at 1-0 after the first quarter.

Southland Boys' scored a breakaway goal early in the second quarter, but then a good run through the centre by **Devon Flannery** led to a great shot and a goal scored by **Lachie Jemmett**, to bring the score to 2-1 at half-time.

In the 3rd quarter the teams were tiring, as it was the second game of the day for both, but College started to hold possession well and pushed forward; with **Nick Stringer** scoring a great goal, turning the ball in at the far post. This was followed by a strong shot and another goal, scored by **Tom Rosevear**, and after a goal-mouth scramble, **Will Rollinson** tucked the ball over the line. Southland Boys' scored shortly after, bringing the score to 3-2 at the end of the quarter.

In the last quarter some good defence by **Braden Luxton** and **Sam Orr** kept the opposition scoreless. College didn't convert a couple of chances, leaving the final score at 5-2.

#### Day 2: versus Dunedin's John McGlashan College

This was always going to be a tough game against a team that won the national title in 2019. They started with a good run through the middle and a shot from the top of the circle scoring a goal.

### Events

#### Year 12 Hospitality Class to Hotel Ashburton

Recently the College's Year 12 Hospitality Class was hosted by the Hotel Ashburton, to put into practice some of the assessment skills they have been learning in class.

Teacher Kent Slocombe said that, as well as a tour of the facilities and a 'behind the scenes' look at the operation, staff members Sharon Donald and Timmy Vaevae challenged their restaurant set-up and bar skills.

#### Appreciation

This annual event is much appreciated, and is a valuable introduction to the many roles that the hospitality industry offers.

Timmy, a former AshColl student, has worked at the Hotel now for four years and told the students that, while a work day can offer up a lot of unforeseen challenges, it can also be a great deal of fun.



(Pictured above): Rere Strickland (behind the counter) adds the final flourish to customer May Penjuell's (left) Lemon, Lime and Bitters, under the critical eye of Timmy Vaevae.

Photo credit: Mina Mataiti

### Congratulations

#### College 2022 Duathlon

Traditionally, the final day of Term One is designated the day for the annual Year 13 Phys Ed students' duathlon assessment and, fortunately, this was able to go ahead.

Physical Education teacher Ron Carlson said that the duathlon is part of their course which looks at examining the effectiveness of a training programme, analysing the risks involved in an outdoor-based activity, and performing against national standards.

The course consisted of a 1.3 km run, and either a 13.1km road cycle or a 9.6km mountain bike trail ride, followed by a final 1.3km run.

Conditions on the day were excellent for good times and only the fitness levels of the students would determine the outcome.

There is a small class this year and only eleven students lined up at the start. By the end of the first run **Riley Sa** and **Chris Angus** had pulled out a small lead over the field.

However, with cyclists going in different directions it wasn't until they returned for the final run that it was evident that the lead had changed, with one of the mountain bikers having taken the lead.

#### Final Standings were -

**Boys** - Riley Harris finished first, followed by Riley Sa, Chris Angus and Boaz Drye.

**Girls** - TC Trusler-Clark was first in, followed by Jorja Roulston.

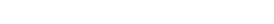


(Pictured above): Boaz Drye coming in from the bike leg.

(Pictured right): Jorja Roulston in the cycle leg.



Ron said that most of the students were pleased with their results, with all completing the course. While, against the criteria, there were no Excellence Grades; there were three Merit Grades achieved, which was a positive outcome.



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