



### Message From The Principal

#### Media Coverage

Recently there has been considerable media coverage over the level of sickness of schools' staff and how schools are attempting to cope with this challenge.

There are two main areas that have caused absence over this last term. These are: COVID, with either staff testing positive or being a household contact, or having to look after sick children.

Then we have the winter colds and flu viruses which have returned this year with a vengeance now that everyone is no longer in lockdown at home. There is also a nasty gastro bug in circulation.

We had a week this term where we were sixteen to eighteen teachers down for the entire week. We have about eight relievers on our books, but some of them are unavailable on certain days or fall ill themselves.

We do the best we can to avoid rostering home a year level at a time. However, on three occasions, we have found this necessary in order to keep our classes running with teachers available.

The holiday break should provide a circuit breaker for everyone's health but then Term Three will be frantic, especially for our seniors who need to have completed their internal assessments during this coming term.

#### Attendance is a Legal Requirement

On the subject of attendance, we are experiencing some frustration with a few students who are not attending school without valid reason. This is a cause of concern, especially if the student is a senior. The parent who justifies an absence without a valid reason may blame teachers and our College when their child doesn't achieve in NCEA. My thanks to the vast majority of our parents who are doing their best to ensure their child succeeds.

#### Academic Blues Assembly

It was a real pleasure to hold this assembly, outdoors for the whole College, on Wednesday 29 June. This provides a great opportunity to celebrate academic successes at NCEA levels in 2021, and to acknowledge our top students. These successes are highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### Sports Exchange with Rangiora High School

Last week, on Monday 04 July, we had a sports exchange with Rangiora High School which was a significant day for our students with four busloads of competitors travelling to Rangiora. Whilst the final result didn't go our way in terms of the overall exchange, our students really enjoyed the experience.

My thanks to Darion Gray, our Sports Co-ordinator, and to all members of our community who helped out with a team in any way. A special thank you to the people who carry out the unseen, thankless but necessary tasks such as washing the team uniforms and similar.

#### Lip Sync

Last week, we also hosted Lip Sync which is always hugely popular and a great way to finish the term.

#### Best Wishes for the Student Holiday Break

We wish all the best for the holidays for College's staff and students. We hope both groups are able to use some time to catch-up but, most importantly, to recharge the batteries at some stage over the break. Stay warm and enjoy.



Ross Preece  
Principal • Tumuaki

### Staff Welcome



Chris Buckland  
Welcomed back to College as  
Teacher of Japanese

### Staff Appreciation


#### Mary Buckland

Ashburton College is very fortunate to have former full-time staff prepared to commit to longer-term teaching positions.

On this occasion we acknowledge, with huge appreciation and a thank you to Mary Buckland. Mary has been teaching in the Maths Faculty for the first half of this year. We have greatly appreciated her work, and support of students and staff. It has been very positive to have someone of such experience and ability, available and able to cover these classes.

Mary concluded this input at the end of Term Two.

### Information



Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

### Open Evening

Thursday 28 July 2022,  
5:30pm–7:30pm

The AshColl Way

Quality    Pride    Respect



Future students, parents/caregivers, whānau and community members are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening. A particular welcome, and encouragement to attend, is extended to students who will be in Year 9 in 2023, and family members.

During the evening you will have the opportunity to –

- Meet and talk with the Principal, staff and students.
- Hear and see what the College can offer your child and family.
- View our facilities, and Subject displays.
- Meet with BYOD Retailers - College is a BYOD school [Bring Your Own Device]
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle, coffee, tea, juice in the staffroom.

To make decisions ready for Enrolment Week (02-06 August) – there will be information to help select option subjects for 2023 (Year 9 students)

Option subjects: nine subjects to be taken from twelve available:

- Choose at least one from The Arts: Art, Drama, Music.
- Choose at least one from Languages: German, Japanese, Māori.
- Choose at least three from Technology: Agriculture, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Information Technology, Fabric Technology, Food and Nutrition, Hard Materials Technology.
- **Note:** all Year 9 students take English, Mathematics, Physical Education and Health, Science, Social Studies.
- **Additionally available:** English as an additional language for students for whom English is a second language.

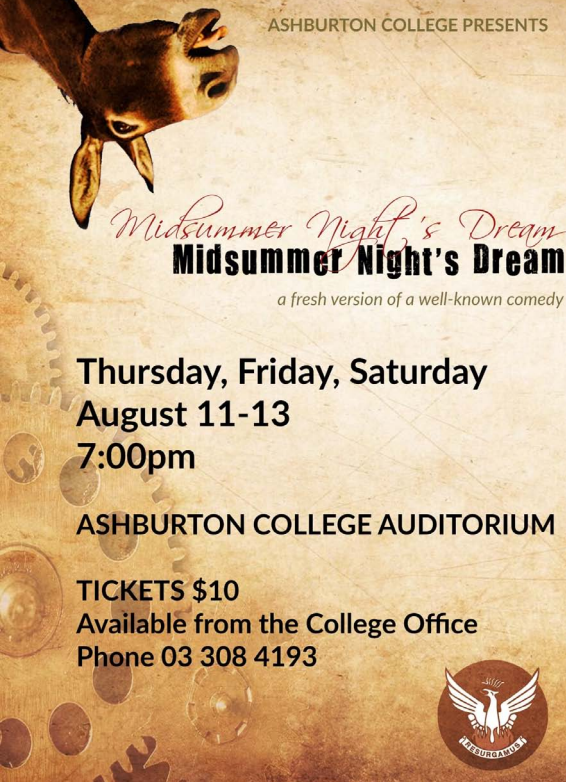
If you have not yet chosen option subjects, or require assistance in choosing them through SchoolPoint, there will be staff available in the College Office to assist you.

Presentations start in the College Auditorium at 5:30pm and 6:15pm.

These are followed by guided tours of the College, or you may choose to self-tour by following the signs.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

### Information



ASHBURTON COLLEGE PRESENTS

## Midsummer Night's Dream

a fresh version of a well-known comedy

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
August 11-13  
7:00pm

ASHBURTON COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

TICKETS \$10  
Available from the College Office  
Phone 03 308 4193

### Events

#### 'Welcome to the Decades' flourished at the College Ball

A very successful event was held on Thursday night 23 June and, again, we thank the many sectors of the community for their involvement and support.

The effectiveness and buoyancy of this annual highlight on the College calendar wouldn't be as significant as it is without the help and input of the community – across businesses, parents and caregivers, co-operation around the road closure and the high number of spectators who viewed the students entering the venue.




(Pictured above): Spectators viewing the student arrivals.




(Pictured above and below): Once inside, attendees were greeted with warmth, colour and adornments across the decades.

### Information



### ASHBURTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL PARENT ELECTION – 2022



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**

If you are on the College Electoral Roll a Nomination Form, Eligibility Criteria, Candidates' Guide and a copy of this information will be emailed to you, and posted if you don't have email.

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

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON, MONDAY 03 AUGUST.**

**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, from Thursday 14 July.

**CANDIDATES' NAMES**

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

**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).

Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer  
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### Events

#### Appreciation

The College's appreciation goes to Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor for her organisational oversight and to the College's Ball Committee for their commitment, planning and hard work.

Planning for this key event on the calendar starts at the beginning of the year, with the Ball Committee led this year by **Caendal Harris** and **Henry Wallis**. Each committee member had a specific portfolio responsibility, updating their progress at weekly meetings, and with the committee working enthusiastically.

**Ball Committee Members, with Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor**



(Pictured above, left to right): Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor, Sophie Fine, Caendal Harris (Ball Committee Co-Head), Henry Wallis (Ball Committee Co-Head), Felicity Johnston, Mia Jessep, Mao Nishioka. (Absent from the photo): Zoe Barry.

We acknowledge with real appreciation – the many people and groups who work behind the scenes to help make this event run as smoothly as it does:

Roger, Casey, James and Travis at the Braided Rivers Ashburton Event Centre; Denise from Balloons and Flowers for the decorations; DJ Boogie Beats; the team at Somerset Grocer for the food; photographer Tony Stewart from Photoshots, Christchurch; Luke Rhodes and Connor Duffell for standing in the cold to open the doors of the vehicles as they arrived; Anna Raukawa for announcing the names of students as they arrived; Spray Marks Ashburton for traffic management of the event; Neumann's Tyres for allowing their yard to be the right-of-way for the Ball attendees' vehicles; Rural Transport Ltd for moving the tiered seating for spectators to have a grandstand view of the event; Colin Sweetman for loaning his 50-plus year old classic car to add to 'The Decades' Display; and the many AshColl staff for giving up their time to supervise the event.

#### Best Dressed Couple and Students:

Towards the end of the evening 'Best Dressed Students' were announced, chosen by the Ball Committee, Executive Committee and Staff.

#### Best Dressed Couple

(Pictured right, left and right): The best dressed couple recognition went to Freedom-Lee Gleave and Johnny Kennard.



**Best Dressed Year 13 Students**  
(Pictured above, left and right): Skyla Cramond and Lusungu Mbambo.

#### Best Dressed Year 12 Students

(Pictured right, left and right): Kasey Higson and Oliver Davies.



### Congratulations

#### Academic Blues and Performance Awards Ceremony

This full-College assembly was held on the Chessboard, on Wednesday 29 June, to recognise the academic achievement of students who were in Years 11 (Level 1) and 12 (Level 2) during 2021. The College is proud of the academic achievements of our students and values the opportunity to acknowledge their successes.

Principal Ross Preece welcomed visitors, students and staff to the occasion and acknowledged the hard work and diligence of students, families and staff, which brought about positive results. This was particularly pleasing in a year acknowledged as challenging, and especially so due to remote learning during the COVID lockdown period.

#### Three categories were celebrated - Academic Performance Award

To receive a Performance Award Certificate a student achieved a total of 46 or more Excellence and Merit Credits combined.

#### Academic Blues Award

To receive a Blues Award Badge a student had achieved 46 or more Excellence Credits. They receive an Academic Blues Certificate and a Blues Badge, but do not also receive a Performance Award.

#### Top Scholar Award

The top scholar is the student who achieved the greatest number of Excellence Credits in the Level 1 or 2 2021 NCEA results. Top Scholars also receive a Top Scholar Certificate and a Colours Badge.

#### Awards were presented to – Level 1

Performance Award Recipients			
Kaimana Acidera	Laura Cameron	Lily Cameron	Riley Campbell
Andrea Ciora	Kyle Dickson	Jordis Double	Anna Ford
Simone Forster	Lobato de Faria	Alyssa Gilbert	Jessica Hayman
Kasey Higson	Fletcher Hobbs	Alice Homer	Laura Jensen
Denise Jerao	Eva Kelly	Jonathon Kilgour	Ruby Leverson
Emma Lill	Braden Luxton	Molly McKenna	Charlotte McKenzie
Sean McQuillan	Hayley McQuillan	Ross	Molly Meehan
Jack Middleton	Erin Murray	Cedrick Orena	Mykel Pascual
Princess Pureza	Hershel Ranay	Jim Reyes	Sam Roberts
Sifala Sagaga	McLeod Sherratt	Orpah Sildo	Arina Smith
Sophie Smith	Maddy Soal	Sama Soialo	Rere Strickland
Jack Templeton	Henry Thomas	Jess Thomas	Lloyd Tuhao
Luis Varais	Joelle Watson	Lily Williams	Alexia Wilson
Jacob Wilson	Laura Winchester		



(Pictured above): Level 1 Performance Award recipients.

#### Academic Blues Recipients

Ollie Bubbs	Gianna Butler	Angela Ciora	Emma Cochrane
Janelle Galos	Amelia Harris	Maria Lawn	Seb McMillan
Laura Mihailescu Bogdan	Lyn Militante	Sam Orr	Olivia Pearce
Lara Shierlaw	Isabel Wall	Sarah Wilson	



Level 1 Academic Blues Award recipients (pictured above, back row, left to right): Sam Orr, Seb McMillan, Janelle Galos, Maria Lawn.

(Front row, left to right): Gianna Butler, Emma Cochrane, Isabel Wall, Olivia Pearce, Lyn Militante.

(Absent from the photo): Ollie Bubbs, Angela Ciora, Amelia Harris, Seb McMillan, Laura Mihailescu Bogdan, Lara Shierlaw, Sarah Wilson.

### Forthcoming Events

July 15	Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
16-17	Basketball Junior A Girls', Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
19	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball – Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
19	NZ Secondary Schools' Karate Championships, Christchurch
19	Basketball – Senior A Boys' and Girls', Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch

20	Supernet Reserve 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
20	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Rugby Girls' Under 18, Point Domain, Ashburton Celtic and Geraldine
22	Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
22	Basketball Junior A Girls', Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
22	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball – Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
24	South Island Cycle - Cross Championships, Cycling South Canterbury, Timaru