



# Ashburton College

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## News

### Message From The Principal

#### Term Three Activities

As a large secondary school we are used to having busy weeks with multiple events running at once, and this week has been especially frantic.

#### Enrolment Week Enrolments

Following on from our Open Night, we have a week plus of enrolment interviews with our 2024 Year 9 students and their parents/caregivers.

With at least 280 students starting in Year 9 next year, we use these meetings to get to know the students and hear from their parents as to how we can support their learning at AshColl.

These 15-minute interviews provide us invaluable information and involve all members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Junior Pastoral Teams.

These interviews are followed up by a meeting with the students' Year 8 teachers, for further information.

#### Tokorozawa Kita High School Visit

We also have twenty-five students from Tokorozawa Kita High School with us for twelve days. This is our sister school in Japan and is their first visit for four years, so it is fantastic to have these opportunities opening up again.

Many of our senior students studying Japanese will be hosted by their families when our group visits Japan in September of this year.

#### Oliver!

We also have our College Production of *Oliver!* happening this week, with four shows starting from yesterday. This is the result of months worth of work involving 100+ students and many staff. There may be tickets left but, if you want to attend, remember that the season finishes on Saturday evening.

So, all told, a very busy week.

#### Polynesian Panthers

We were fortunate, yesterday, to host four members of the Polynesian Panthers who formed as a result of the infamous dance raids. They are speaking to our senior history students and it is fantastic that our students get a chance to hear from history makers themselves, rather than reading about their actions or looking at material online. This group is visiting as part of a national tour.

#### Weather Impacts

Last week we faced the result of a deluge due to 36-40 hours of heavy rain. As you are aware we made the decision to close the school on Monday 24 July. On the Sunday night we were advised that the buses would not be running (this call is made by the bus company), and there was also no certainty that the Tinwald Bridge would open in the morning. At school there were several leaks and pools of water in our corridors plus, of course it was still raining heavily at 6:00am on the Monday morning, so we decided to close. Such calls are never easy but are made with the information available at the time.

#### Mid Canterbury Combined AshHutt 1st XV Boys' Rugby

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the stellar season our 1st XV Boys' Rugby team has had to date.

The Canterbury Rugby Union reorganised the Toyota Championship into a two-tier competition of Premiership Grade (mainly 'sex' boys' schools) and Championship Grades. There are ten teams in each grade.

Our Mid Canterbury Combined team has finished high enough in the Championship this year, to give them the right to gain entry into the Premiership Grade for 2024, if we choose to exercise this right. We don't have to make that decision yet and we need to carefully consider our player stocks for next year before the coaches make their decision. An existing Premiership team will be relegated if we choose that option.

Our team had a home semi-final against Rangiora High School on Saturday 29 July, which they won 23-20, and this will now be followed by a final against Christchurch Boys' High School 2nd XV this coming Saturday.

Well done to all concerned with this team for an amazing season.

Ross Preece  
Principal - Tumuaki

### College Principal Appointment Timeline

The process towards appointing a new Principal for Ashburton College is now underway, with staff, whānau and student consultation on the qualities sought in a new Principal now completed, and the advertisement placed in the Education Gazette.

#### Dates are:

Friday 01 September	Applications close
Tuesday 05 September	Shortlisting
Friday 15 September	Meetings with key groups in the College, during the day. Presentations later afternoon.
Saturday 16 September	Interviews
By end of Term Three	Staff and wider community advised of appointment

The Board has engaged an external consultant, Neil Wilkinson, to facilitate the process.

### Staff – Best Wishes

#### Harmony Hodges

Harmony is a Learning Support Assistant in Te Whare Manaaki, having started with us at College in January 2019.

Teacher-in-Charge Cheryl Hardy says ka ngaro koe (you will be missed) as Harmony commences her parental leave.

A very genuine, caring person who has built excellent relationships with students and staff, Harmony's inputs will be a loss, but she and the family are wished well for the arrival of their addition to the family and Te Whare Manaaki members look forward to meeting their new baby in time.

### Information

### Course Information Expo

To consider subject choices/selections for 2024

**Wednesday 09 August 2023**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**  
(Hotel Ashburton, entrance off Racecourse Road)



This evening is for current Ashburton College students in Years 9-12, and for any students enrolling in Years 10-13 in 2024.

Throughout the Expo, staff will be available at their subject displays to talk with.

We look forward to meeting with you.

For further information please feel free to contact with the College office – (03) 308 4193

### Event

### New Build Progress and 2023 Time Capsules in Place

Tuesday 18 July saw another stage in the life of the College's new build, when four students placed time capsules into a cavity in the wall of what is to become the Rangitata Block.



(Pictured above, left to right): Quantity Surveyor Brett Turner, Students Melissa Wilson, Danielle Hill, Rachel Clement, Jack Halford, on-site Project Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor and Project Manager Andrew Hamers.

The four Year 12 students above were representatives of an approximately twenty-strong group of Year 11 and Year 12 students, whose end of Term Two cross-curricular passion project was preparing the time capsules.

The students first undertook some research about College across different decades, with groups assigned to different years, commencing in the 1980 decade through until 2010-2020. As part of this mahi, previous Phoenix Magazines were trawled through for information and photos which could be copied, laminated and placed in the capsules.

The metal tube capsules' coloured ends represent the four House Colours of Ashburton College. Included in the capsules were a range of items including badges representative of each year since the inception of Ashburton College in 1965. These covered the range of leadership, house, sports, academic and culture badges, plus ties.

Additional items included Phoenix magazine, newsletters, newspapers, photos of the school through the eras, information around Covid and masks, signs from around College advising helpline numbers, groups, events and other information.

A list of all who participated in the time capsule project has been placed inside the tube.

Three of the four students were able to give their views of what being involved in the project meant to them, with **Melissa Wilson** saying it showed her more about the history of what the school used to look like, and how it has changed over the years.

**Rachel Clement** agreed with this, adding though that their work uncovered changes to the culture of the school and a more culturally diverse population.

### Event

**Jack Blackford's** first response was that he didn't know the chessboard used to be black and white! (Given the pending rebuild a re-colouration hasn't taken place as it did in previous years). Jack enjoyed finding out about the history of the school and really enjoyed looking at old badges and how designs have changed.

Also enjoyed by all was seeing teachers in school photos, some of whom are still here; finding out that English Head of Faculty Michael Clark was Head Boy back in 1991, and noting previous Phoenix Magazines were more wordy with fewer pictures and less colour than more recent publications.

All said they thoroughly enjoyed working on the project and the opportunity to collaborate with students they don't normally get to work with.

#### Appreciation

The students acknowledged the input of Michael Clark who suggested the idea to the Passion Project Class, to Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor who helped with starting information/ideas and the office staff for preparing a number of the time capsule items.

(Pictured right): Rachel Clement indicating the capsules safely placed in the wall cavity.



#### Rangitata Block New Build Progress

Forward momentum is taking place inside the Rangitata Block, which will house the Science, Mathematics and Art/Drama Faculties, plus Te Whare Manaaki.



(Pictured above, left to right): Discussing aspects of the interior are South Island Area Manager Ian French, Deputy Principal Helen Shore-Taylor, Brett Turner and Andrew Hamers.

(Pictured below): The external part of the building and surrounds taking shape.



Simultaneously under renovation, and linked to the rebuild, is the Category C Historic Places Trust Menorlue building which will house the Music Department when completed.



(Pictured above and left): The Menorlue building under renovation and internal renovations underway, showing the use of recycled material which is being repurposed wherever possible.



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### Congratulations

### Ashburton College Girls' Rugby News – 2degrees Mentorship and Rugby Cap Presentations

In this article we look at two different season highlights, with the 2degrees Mentorship information provided by Year 13 student Chloe Robinson.

Ashburton College Girls' Rugby teams were given the opportunity, through the 2degrees mentorship programme, to learn from and train with Matatū players.

At the end of May, sixteen players made up from the College Girls' 1st XV and the Girls' Under 15 team travelled to Lincoln University to gain more rugby experience from four Matatū players - Amy Reel, Grace Brooker, Kendra Cockedge and Atlanta Lolohea - whilst meeting the Matatū Managers' team and Assistant Coach Tony Christie.

The AshColl girls, along with players from Kaiapo College and Haeta Community College, were welcomed with kai and started the day with a history talk about how Matatū became a team and the values they hold.

Players were then given the opportunity to ask questions of each player and listen to their journey of how they became the players they are today. They then split into multiple groups and took part in an Amazing Race which consisted of different little challenges throughout the buildings and field.

Tony Christie then spoke about the importance of maintaining te whare tapa whā (haoua) and the group all reflected on what they could do better to enhance their own well-being.

The group was also able to get a tour of Matatū's headquarters, walking around Managers' Offices, Physio and Doctors' rooms whilst experiencing what it was like to be in the common room of the players.

After having another kai break the girls completed a skill session with the Matatū player that was most familiar with each position. Tight five worked on strengthening their line outs while the loose forwards nailed down their bridge and clean outs. The backs worked on new combinations to create space for them to get to the try line.

The Ashburton College Rugby Girls are beyond grateful for the opportunity 2degrees and Matatū blessed us with. We all took away some new knowledge that we have been able to show off during our season.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Chloe-Lyn Edwards, Atlanta Lolohea (Matatū Squad), Ebony Manuel-Hayes, Abby Aubrey, Eleanor Ross, Roaness Derek Fata Sale, Meliana longi, Ripena Umaga Vaeila, Shila Savage, Janice Milo, Tony Christie (Coach).

(Front row, left to right): Chloe Robinson, Harriett Sullivan, Chloe Hill, Amy Reel (Matatū Squad), Sara Sheppard, Briar Clark, Grace Brooker (Matatū Squad), Kendra Cockedge.

#### The Matatū Squad

The Matatū squad features some familiar faces and the addition of some exciting international players, who will help to mentor emerging talent in the South Island and set their teams up for the future.

Head Coach Blair Baxter said that, when building this squad, they focused on putting the best possible group together to compete in a professional competition.

Alongside this, was the goal of inspiring young females to be the best they can be and, ultimately, setting young players up on a viable pathway in the professional rugby environment.

The Super Rugby Aupiki, now in its second season, reflects on the competition being a crucial stepping stone between the Farah Palmer Cup and the Black Ferns, with Aupiki translating to mean 'the ascent to the uppermost realm'.

Matatū competes in Super Rugby Aupiki and represents the South Island regions of the Crusaders and Highlanders. It was founded ahead of the inaugural 2022 competition and is governed by the Crusaders' off-field team.

The name Matatū translates to represent the mana of Aoraki being the watchful guardian of all those who reside in Te Waka O Aoraki (South Island).

**'Matatū and Super Rugby Aupiki is not only about rugby and winning, it's about inspiring young females to be the best they can be, to be determined in their efforts, and to follow their passions and their dreams.'**

(Pictured right): The group of players at the 2degrees Mentorship Day.

### Rugby Caps Presented to Six Members of the Mid Canterbury Combined Girls' 1st XV Team

Rugby caps are presented to players who play in ten 1st XV Competition Games in one season, or fifteen games over two or more seasons.

Recipients this season are:

(Pictured right, left to right): Angel Spooner, Chloe Robinson, Eteta Tanunu, having received their caps on 21 June at Hinds, following their game against Geraldine High School, after a 25-10 win to Ash Coll.



### Family Success at Gymnastic and Trampoline Nationals

The Gymnastic and Trampoline Nationals were held at the Trustpore Baypark Arena in Tauranga, in the July school holidays, from 4-8 July.

Nicci Glanville, Head Coach and Owner of Dynamic Gymnastic Sports, was at the Nationals with a team of competitors, including her two daughters, Year 11 College student Jamie Glanville and Year 9 student Finleigh Glanville.

Competition at the Nationals was described as being extremely tough, with huge talent evident throughout the age groups.

#### Jamie

Jamie competed in the 15-16 years women's grade, qualifying for the finals and placing 7th for Trampoline and 10th in the Double Mini Trampoline.

Jamie and Finleigh partnered to place 5th overall in the Synchro in the 15-16 years age group.

(Pictured right, left and right): Jamie and Finleigh Glanville with their 5th overall placing ribbons, gained in the Synchro.



#### National Champion and Proficiency Pin for Finleigh

Finleigh is officially the National Champion for 13-14 years women's grade in Trampoline.

Finleigh also received a proficiency pin for 'smashing' the national score set for her age group. This score was set at 77.6 and Finleigh reached 82.1.



(Pictured above, left and right): Finleigh Glanville by the results board showing her Individual Trampoline result, and with her Gold Medal.

#### National Medal

Nicci also received a significant accolade, being presented with a national medal for coaching an athlete to National Champion standard.

All around, it would have to be said that the Nationals were a win-win for the whole Glanville family!

### Student of the Week Award

One of AshColl's Student Executive Committees is the AshColl Way Committee. This committee is comprised of Gianna Butler, Committee Leader, Alice Homer, Michelle Ranay, Leigha Fletcher, Rachel Hoekstra, Lilly Naughton and Mahalia Scarlett.

Gianna Butler tells us that the committee has, during this year, introduced and embedded a Student of the Week Award.

Each week a theme is set in accordance with the AshColl Way and the focus for that term, with the focus this term being Quality.

Classroom teachers nominate students to receive this award. Of these nominations, one student from each year level is randomly selected each week to be the recipient of the award for their year level.

Each student who is nominated receives a mihi pai, whilst the winners also get a certificate to acknowledge their efforts.

**The theme for the first week of term was 'Showing Quality by being organised and ready to learn', and the winners were:**



Casey Rodgers Year 9 Brock Manson Year 10 Lucy Smith Year 11

Ruby Robinson Year 12 Andreea Ciora Year 13

### Coming Events

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

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| 06   | Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Ashburton<br>Canterbury Secondary Schools' Ski and Snowboard Championships<br>Slopestyle, Mt Hutt Skifield  |
| 07   | Tokorozawa-Kita High School leave Ashburton   |
| 08   | Equestrian One Day Horse Trial, McLean's Island, Christchurch<br>UC visits for course planning  |
| * 09 | Aoraki Girls' Badminton Championships, Timaru<br>Basketball – Senior Boys and Girls, Junior Boys, Christchurch<br>Year 12 Business Studies Market Day<br>Rugby Boys' Under 15 v Darfield, at Darfield High School<br>Course Confirmation Year 9-Year 12, 6:00pm-8:00pm,<br>Hotel Ashburton  |
| 10   | College A Netball, SuperNet Competition, Christchurch<br>Junior Ski Trip, Mt Hutt Skifield<br>Year 11 Outdoor Education and Year 12 Outdoor Education Ski Trip,<br>Mt Hutt<br>Canterbury Secondary Schools' Ski and Snowboard Downhill/<br>Slalom, Mt Hutt  |
| * 11 | Aoraki Boys' Badminton Championships, Timaru<br>Aoraki Girls' Football, Timaru<br>Active As, Sport Mid-Canterbury, Christchurch<br>Mid Canterbury Combined Hockey 2nd XI, Forster Park, Rolleston<br>South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Boys'/Girls' Basketball Winter<br>Competition, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru<br>South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' A Basketball<br>Competition, Pioneer Sports Complex, Christchurch |
| 14   | Non-Uniform Day – House colours   |
| * 15 | Aoraki Secondary Schools' Snowsports, Mt Dobson   |
| 16   | Basketball – Senior Boys and Girls, Junior Boys, Christchurch<br>College A Netball, SuperNet Competition, Christchurch  |

### Our Vision

ENGAGED IN LEARNING FOR LIFE  
COLLABORATIVE  
CONNECTED  
CREATIVE