



Ashburton College

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News

Head of Senior School Message

Looking Ahead to 2023

It's that time of year again when we start to plan and look ahead to 2023, which involves the Year 12 students applying to attend Leadership Camp. This takes place at the Mt Hutt Retreat at the start of next year. During this camp the students work on leadership activities and select students for House Executive Leadership.

House and Student Executives

The House Executive runs the House activities throughout the College, which consist of both sports and cultural activities.

The Head Students and Deputy Head Students are selected each year and lead the Student Executive. The Student Executive consists of six Heads of Committees, a Treasurer/Secretary and Board of Trustees Student Representative.

The Committees are: Ball; Environment and Canteen; Student Welfare; Community Services, Ambassador, Cultural; Sports; and AshColl Way. Each committee is led by a Student Executive member and selected Year 13 and 12 students form each committee.

Student Executive Events

The Student Executive has been working through the term to create events for the school, and to raise awareness for groups around New Zealand. The Blood Drive saw our Student Leaders donating blood to those who are in need. Multiple Language Weeks are held by the Cultural Committee throughout the term to highlight the multi-cultural community throughout Ashburton College; such as Filipino, Cook Islands, Samoan, Māori and Sign Language week.

Rubbish clean-ups are held regularly by the Canteen and Environment Committee, and they work to keep our environment tidy, and conservation alive.

The Student Welfare Committee organised the 40-Hour Famine, held recently to raise money for families and children who are in need of clean and fresh water.

With the end of the year approaching, the Student Executive has the task of leaving their legacy behind at Ashburton College for the future students. They've chosen to create a series of flags representing the AshColl Way Values of Pride, Quality and Respect to be displayed in front of the school for visitors to recognise as they come into Ashburton College.

For the remainder of the term, the Student Executive is keeping busy with DOC's Conservation Week from the 05-12 September; Mental Health Week from 26 September-02 October; selling and promoting Lachie's Laces (funds to Cancer) throughout the rest of the term, and wearing them on 23 September; Student Executive vs Staff Dodgeball; more Language Weeks and tying up all of the loose ends from previous terms as Year 13 students near the end of their time at Ashburton College.

Throughout **Conservation Week**, the Canteen and Environment Committee is organising quizzes which can be played on the Student Executive social media platforms. There are prizes of Beeswax lunch wraps from the Year 13 business group @_beewrapped_ up for grabs for those who answer correctly! They are also organising a whole-school rubbish clean-up to help keep AshColl tidy.



Mental Health Week, led by the Student Welfare Committee will involve a Purple Shirt non-uniform day on 27 September, to tie in with the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation's purple colour. The Student vs Staff Dodgeball is held during lunch time and is usually a very entertaining watch. Fingers crossed the Student Exec can get the win this time!

Lachie's Laces – Monies Raised to Cancer

Kia Ora e te whānau - here at AshColl we are selling Lachie's Laces! Lachie's Laces are vibrant yellow shoelaces that his parents created in memory of Lachie Sutherland, our beautiful, bright boy who died from cancer in 2020, aged 12. Lachie would have been 15 this year on 25 September, which is a day that we encourage people to wear their Lachie Laces. As that's a Sunday this year, here at school we are going to wear them on Friday 23 September (last day of term) to show our support as a school. To get your hands on a pair of these laces just get in contact with one of our Exec members or order via br@ashcoll.school.nz. They are \$5 a pair, with all money we make going back to Lachie's Laces. You can pay by cash or bank transfer, just make sure you get in quick before they are all gone!!!

On Monday 26 September the Student Welfare Committee and Student Executive are joining the nation by hosting a **Mental Health Week** here at Ashburton College. With twenty percent of our youth in New Zealand most likely struggling with mental health, we think this week is crucial for the students to see that it is ok to not be ok, and to speak up. During this week there will be different activities every day, such as an appreciation board where students can come and write positive things about others; on Tuesday we will have a guest speaker coming in; Wednesday there will be a sausage sizzle and social media posts; Thursday will be having a no-uniform day in purple theme, and on Friday a gumboot-throw competition and a wrap-up on the appreciation board. All funds raised will go to local mental health foundations.

Leadership Camp

We encourage Year 12 students to put their names forward for Leadership Camp. For those who are up for a challenge, and want to help us strive to meet our Mission Statement of 'Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment', consider putting your names forward to be a Head Student in 2023.

Approaching Year End

As we approach the end of our school year, many of our students are also approaching the end of our time at Ashburton College. This is a bitter-sweet feeling for many, with a familiar chapter closing and another unknown one opening. Although there are many exciting new beginnings in the near future, there is still a lot of hard work that needs to be put in for all of our senior students, with Derived Grade Exams coming up on 13 September. It's time to focus on putting in the mahi to ensure you get the NCEA credits that you need, and to meet the entry requirements for tertiary education or your new job, career or apprenticeship.

Your future is in your own hands so make the most of it, all the hard work that you put in now will pay off later.

Acknowledgments: To Head Students Jack Brown, Jorja Roulston, Millar Newlands and TC Trusler-Clark for their support in writing this article.

Abbey Bruce
Head of Senior School

Congratulations

(Pictured right): In the game against Cashmere High School – Milla Overend taking the ball towards the goal.

She said that the results were also a massive step-up from their very first game of the season where they went down to Rangiora High School 23-91.

AshColl played Rangiora High School in the quarter-finals, only losing 45-67. Summer said she was very proud of them, and noted the Rangiora coach congratulated them also on their improvement through the season.

Summer concluded by saying it was a 'fabulous season for all', and wished the Year 10 players all the best for 2023.

Senior Boys' Basketball

The Senior Boys' Basketball team took part in the South Island Secondary Schools' Zone Four Championships, held in Invercargill from 31 August-03 September, with twenty four teams involved.

Coach Mark Douglas said that the team lost their first two rounds of pool play, meaning they entered cross-overs for positions 17-24. After two close losses, including one in overtime, they won their last game against Marlborough Boys' High School.

Individual game scores were – against Christchurch Boys' High School (101-110); Rolleston College (78-107); Shirley Boys' High School (60-99); St Bede's College (64-98); James Hargest College (79-75); Riccarton High School (92-104); and against Marlborough Boys' High School 85-71 for their concluding win of the tournament, to finish 23rd.

Farewell to Year 13 Students

At this tournament three Year 13 students signed off their Senior College Basketball careers. **Ethan Reodique, Caleb McNulty-Burns and Riley Sa** are thanked for their contributions to College Basketball. **Team Captain Riley Sa** rounded off an amazing Ashburton College career by scoring 56 points in his final game.



Team members (pictured above, back row, left to right): Ashlin Hala'ufia, Taniela Palavi, Tom Patterson, Riley Sa (Captain), Caleb McNulty-Burns, Jesse Nieman.

(Front row, left to right): Daniel Dittmer, Ethan Reodique, Nick Taojo, Newel Buenafe.

With the team were Coach Mark Douglas, Assistant Coach Ben Dittmer, Manager Julie McGrath and Scorekeeper Paula Strawbridge.

Junior Boys' Basketball – Medal Winners

This team played in Basketball NZ South Island Junior Premiership Zone 4 'A Grade' Championship 2022 - hosted by Nelson basketball, from 27-29 August.

The team is coached by Year 13 students Caleb McNulty-Burns and Ethan Reodique, with Lisa Elliott as Manager.

Lisa said that the Junior Secondary School Regional competitions were held across New Zealand, with 143 teams taking part across four tournaments. While these tournaments do not progress onto the National Championship stage, they are a great chance for young basketballers to experience a BBNZ (Basketball New Zealand) tournament specifically created for junior school teams.

The Zone 4 Junior SSSS Tournament was outlined as an amazing four days of basketball, which kicked off at Saxton Stadium on Saturday 27 August with thirty-six teams competing to be crowned the Junior South Island Champions. It was also touch and go as to whether the tournament would go ahead, as Nelson was in a state of emergency, due to the floods.

Results

Eleven teams contested this grade, with College emerging victors from three of their four Pool A games.

Individual game results were – wins against Middleton Grange (108-49), John McGlashan College (89-71), and a loss to Burnside High School (70-89).

The **quarter final** match brought a win against Darfield High School (104-64), as did the **semi final** game against John McGlashan College (70-55).

A Grade Final - Match Winners

This was played against Nelson's Garin College, after they had a win against Burnside High School in their semi-final. It is notable that Ashburton's only loss was against Burnside during pool play. The final winning score to College was 83-67.

This score came via 28 points from Taniela Palavi, including two 3-pointers; 30 points from Daniel Dittmer – three, 3-pointers, 1 free throw; 10 points from Liam Elliott; 6 points from Riki Philpott; and 4 points each from William Woods and Josh King.

Congratulations

Winter Sports Tournament Week

It was with real excitement and appreciation that teams headed away for this long-awaited week which is a highlight on secondary school calendars. We need no reminding that this normally annual opportunity was interrupted in the previous two years due to COVID.

Appreciation

Appreciation is given to the outstanding mahi given by coaches and managers to our College teams. This support provides ongoing opportunities and experience for so many of our students.

Team Reports

In this newsletter we look at many of these team reports, and celebrate the successes.

Basketball

College had four teams involved in this week; two in Nelson, one in Dunedin and one in Invercargill where snow extended their stay!

Senior Girls' Basketball

The 2022 Southern Schools' Cup (Girls' competition) was held in Dunedin from 30 August-02 September.

Coach Geoffrey Chapman said this tournament provided an excellent opportunity to close out the 2022 season on a high after the 3rd placing achieved in the season's McDonald Thomson Trophy competition. **Team Manager was Fauma Sa.**

At this event, Geoffrey said that the team played 'really good team basketball', and highlighted their improvement with a 67-39 win over Riccarton High School, which earlier in the year, resulted in a close 8 point game.

Game Results were –

Wins over Riccarton High School (67-39), Queen's High School (74-30) and Logan Park High School (96-41).

Losses came at the hand of Columbia College (38-60) and Hagley College (34-63), giving the team a 3-2 record (301 points for, 236 against) for 5th placing from the nine teams in the competition.

The team's 5th placing was a successful send-off for College's Year 13 graduates Claudia Thomas, Gelaya Hadfield and Amelie Robertson as well as an introduction of new Year 9 talent from Lucy Pearce and Year 10 Jorja Abernathy.

Most Valuable Team Player for the Season was Lily Bron Williams averaging 15.3 points and 11.2 rebounds.

Geoffrey said that this year was dedicated to 'development' with full rotating rosters and inclusive plays, adding with coaching staff also developing '..... mental fatigue and high blood pressure!

But - they all made it!



Junior Girls' Basketball

This team competed in the South Island Secondary Schools' Prems Tournament, in Nelson from 27-30 August.

Team members were – Milla Overend (Captain), Yasmin Larry (Vice-Captain), Casey Cousins, Libby Feutz, Grace Johnston, Taylor Lamont, Penny Marriott, Ruby Patterson, Lily Rosevear, Ally Thomas.

Coach and Manager were – Summer Anderson (Coach) and Bridget Overend (Manager).

Overall Results – 7th Placing

Eleven teams contested this competition, with Ashburton College placing 7th from three wins and four losses.

The wins included a significant one over Cashmere High School (67-52), who had beaten the College team 56-35 during their weekly competition. Summer said that the girls' play had improved tremendously throughout the year, with the highlight of the season being the above game result against Cashmere High School.

The team (pictured left, back row, left to right): Laura Winchester, Holly Sa, Claudia Thomas (Co-captain), Amelie Robertson, Gelaya Hadfield, Angel Spooner. (Front row, left to right): Hannah Rose Joyce, Lily Bron Williams (Co-captain), Lucy Pearce, Jorja Abernathy.



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(Pictured right): The coveted winners' medal.

Due to Senior A Basketball Student Co-coaches, Caleb McNulty-Burns and Ethan Reodique, needing to fly to their tournament in Invercargill, they were unable to see their team complete the tournament and claim the championship. Pip Johnston, who had been helping out with the Girls' Junior A team during the week, willingly stepped into the pressure seat to coach the team in the final.



(Pictured left): College in the final against Garin College (clockwise from front) Ranz Buenafe, (number 7), William Woods, Taniela Palavi (shooting for points).

During the final, the Phil Kouka-coached (formerly of Ashburton) Garin team was very physical and had a good start, leading 7-1 until AshColl worked their way into the game.

Lisa said that the game was a good tussle up to 50 points-all, late in the third quarter. Ashburton pulled away after this, as three Garin players were fouled out of the game which Garin couldn't recover from. This was despite a valiant 35 points from their team's Elijah Inwood.

Elijah was wound down by a relentless defensive effort from Ashburton's Taniela Palavi and crafty attacking skills from Captain Daniel Dittmer with Palavi, eventually having Elijah fouled out of the game. Early in the 4th Quarter, Kouka's grandson was also fouled out of the game. Daniel Dittmer was in form with his shooting in the final, after coming from the semi-final against John McGlashan where he scored 50 points.



(Pictured left, back row, left to right): Josh King (Year 10); William Woods and Riki Philpott (Year 9); Taniela Palavi (Year 10); Jack Spicer (Year 9).

(Front row, left to right): Ranz Buenafe (Year 9); Liam Elliott (Year 9); Daniel Dittmer (Captain) and Olly Prince (Year 10).

Appreciation

A massive thank you is given to the Nelson community for helping put together this tournament. Without the help of volunteers for score bench duties and refereeing it wouldn't be able to happen.

College Referees

A big shout-out to the referees over the course of the tournament.

Year 10 student Jorja Abernathy and Year 9 student Jack Strawbridge represented Ashburton College, as referees.

Congratulations to Jack Strawbridge who was selected to referee the Boys' A Grade final.

(Pictured right): Jorja Abernathy on refereeing duties.



(Pictured below): Jack Strawbridge organising matters for his refereeing role.



Balance of Winter Tournament Week Reports

In next week's newsletter we will report on Boys' 1st XI Hockey Johnson Cup Tournament, the Girls' 1st XI Hockey Audrey Timlin Cup Tournament, the South Island Secondary Schools' Equestrian Championships, and the Boys' 2nd XI Hockey.

Boys' Under 15 Rugby Team

This team took part in the South Island Secondary Schools' Rural Livestock Under 15 Boys' Rugby Competition, in Nelson from 29-31 August.

Coach Phil Prendergast said that the College Boys' Under 15 Rugby team participated in the three-day tournament in Nelson, with thirty other Under 15 Rugby teams.

The team played two games each day with great merit and, at times, were unlucky not to get the win. On the final day they did gain a good win over Waimea College Under 15.

All games were played in great spirit and commitment, with some players excelling throughout the tournament.

Game Scores were – against Whakatane High School (5-33); but a very close loss to Mt Aspiring College (28-26); and against Rangiora High School (17-12). The score against Verdon College was a 24-12 loss, followed by the win against Waimea College (19-10).

In the forwards there was tireless work up-front from **Joshua Eketone, Riley Prendergast and Cooper Kelleff**, with the help of the loose forwards **Emmett Rowlands, Ma'a Lene and Joel Moffett**.

Halfback **Alex Urquhart** worked tirelessly throughout the games while **Kymani-Cruz Pupuke, Niko Ulupano and Ihaka Peneha Wehipeihana** were hard ball carriers and evasive runners against the opposition.

College Under 15 Player of the Tournament - Kymani-Cruz Pupuke.



Team members (pictured above, back row, left to right): Jacob Carr, Kymani-Cruz Pupuke, Me'i Vaela, Jaykob Argyle, Emmett Rowlands (Co-captain), Joel Moffett, Jordy McGillen, Kayden Smith-Ackerley, Kingston Culshaw, Isaac Mataiti, Niko Ulupano (obscured), Josh Eketone (Co-captain).

(Middle row, left and right): Kalyrn Chalmers, Alex Urquhart.

(Front row, left to right): Ihaka Peneha Wehipeihana, Vena Naitoga, Riley Prendergast, Ma'a Lene, Suliasi Hala'ufia, Jacob Robinson, Cooper Kelleff, Apai Hala, JJ Tupu.

(Absent from photo): Isaiah Cutthers.

Coach/Managers were Kevin Urquhart and Phil Prendergast.

First XI Girls' Football

This team played at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Gary Sowden Tournament held in Blenheim from 28 August-01 September. Patrick Sandrey was the Coach and Jayne Cornelius, Manager. Ten teams were in this competition, with teams playing in two pools of five teams.

Patrick said that the girls had a tough start to the draw with two losses on Monday and Tuesday. A difficult 5-0 loss began their campaign, against Christchurch's Rangiora Girls' School who would go on to win the tournament.

Tuesday saw a more concerted effort against Marlborough Girls' College, with AshColl keeping them scoreless in the second half.

Rounds three and four saw two smash-and-grab losses to Upper Hutt College and Villa Maria College. These games saw AshColl play some terrific football but ultimately failing to deliver the knockout blows.

The team's final game against Wellington's St Mary's College saw some fantastic attacking play from **Gracie Trotter** and **Hayley Smith**, while support through the midfield and defence gave the team their first and solitary win of the tournament.

Individual game scores were – the losses to Rangiora Girls' School (5-0) and Marlborough Girls' College (4-1); followed by two close losses to Upper Hutt and Villa Maria Colleges (both 1-0). The game against St Mary's College brought about the welcome 2-1 win.

The College team's Tournament Most Valuable Player was **Hayley Smith** who exhibited tenacity and determination throughout the entire tournament.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Taylor King-Ryan, Micaela Gomez, Melissa Mattson, Sifala Sagaga, Zoe Nicholls, Darcy McCully, Gabbie Tindall, Patrick Sandrey (Coach).

(Front row, left to right): Donna Dandin, E-J Elliott, Georgie Poole, Sarah Mattson (Co-captain), Lusungu Mbambo (Co-captain), Katie Ashworth, Gracie Trotter, Hayley Smith, Jamila Jimenez.

Senior A Netball Team

The competition for this team was the South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament held, this year, in Timaru, from 29 August-01 September.

The three regions' netball tournaments (Lower and Upper North Islands) encompass a huge number of teams, who play for the right of entry to the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships, where the top twelve teams in New Zealand vie for the national title. This happens during the second week of the October student holiday break.

Thirty two teams contested A Grade, with B Grade and C Grade competitions also running.

Results

Manager Tania Rule said that the team started the tournament with a 41-38 win against Riccarton High School who play in the Christchurch Supernet Competition.

Securing A Grade for 2023

The tournament ended by playing Riccarton High School again, to secure a spot in the A Grade competition for 2023, winning 51-35.

Individual Game Scores were – as above, the first-up win over Riccarton High School (41-38), followed by losses against Wakatipu High School (25-41), Otago Girls' High School (27-51), Nayland College (26-32), Kaiapoi High School (26-43) and Central Southland (28-43).

The all-important games to retain their place in A Grade for 2023 were against South Otago High School (37-34) and the second game against Riccarton High School (51-35).

Through the week the players met many teams who had plenty of height and were a class above the College team; and an injury to Olivia Pearce did not help College's cause.

However, the team never gave up and left plenty out on the court. Tania said they were pleased to see the final day as illness was starting to appear within the team. Their final day produced two fantastic games and it was great to see that expressed by the players.

Plenty of experience was gained by the players and they were an absolute pleasure, and represented AshColl well on and off the court.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Tania Rule (Manager), Makeleta Ula, Sera Ula, Sophie Gibson, Molly Milmine (Captain), Ruby Gray (Captain), Cecilia Vaela, Denise Jeroa, Olivia Pearce, Meg Lill.

(Front row, left to right): Emma Silva (Coach), Amelia Harris, Poppy Jemmett. Deb Silva was with the team as a helper, and was invaluable.

Information

We welcome the return of another of our key cultural events, after the previous COVID-restrictions.

If you are able to attend, diary this event which showcases the musical talent of many of our students.

