



Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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News

Message From The Principal

Winter Temperatures

It was certainly winter over the break; with rain, wind and flooding supporting some decidedly chilly temperatures.

However, we have something to look forward to with early blossom and daffodils giving us all hope. Please spare a kind thought for our council workers, farmers and everyone else who has to brave the winter elements, and to those adversely affected by the weather impacts.

College Open Evening

This evening is our school's Open Evening for all parents and whānau who are considering enrolling their children for next year.

There are always healthy numbers at these events, with our school on display and guided tours available. To cater for demand we schedule two welcomes (at 5:30pm and 6:15pm) in the Auditorium, and also have two rotations of tour guides available, following the welcome sessions.

We encourage attendees to take the opportunity to engage our students in conversation about our College and the programmes we have on offer. My thanks to all of you for considering our College. There is a 'mix and mingle' time with staff after the tours, so that you can ask individual questions.

As with our neighbouring schools, we have a zone in place, between the Rakaia and Rangitata rivers with a logical boundary with Mt Hutt College. The easy way to establish your eligibility is via our College website (www.ashburtoncollege.co.nz), under 'enrolments' and then check out our school home zone map.

2023 Enrolment Interviews

The Open Evening is followed by 2023 enrolment interviews for current Year 8 students, from 01-05 August at College, between 9:00am-6:30pm Monday to Thursday, and from 9:00am-5:00pm on Friday. Families should now have received information regarding bookings.

Our aim is to ensure that we cater for your child's individual needs by getting as much information as we can, before they begin their College journey. Our Mission Statement of 'Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment', means that we work to support your child to be the best they can be, no matter what their interests or strengths.

College Rebuild

Over the student holiday break the old Phoenix Pre-School was demolished to clear the way for the start of our new build, which should begin in August.

The Phoenix Pre-School has been on-site at Ashburton College for nearly thirty eight years, and we really value having them on campus. Their new location, on the former netball courts area, is north-facing and they are really enjoying having a purpose-built facility.

The first block of our build will have thirty-two classrooms encompassing Maths, Science, Drama, Art and Te Whare Manaaki (our special needs facility). According to the build schedule this block will be ready for the start of 2024. We cannot wait!!

Dance Festival

On the last Saturday of term we had twenty five Pasifika students involved in a dance festival at Burnside High School, Christchurch. This involved students from eight secondary schools and numerous primary schools in what was a celebration of their cultures.

A special acknowledgement was given to College student Alex Gabriel who was given the honour of leading the final dance, which involved all the schools.

Have a great week.



Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaki

Information

Get on Board! Nominations Now Being Called For



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 have been 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, WEDNESDAY 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.

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).

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Events

Te Whare Manaaki Students Celebrated Matariki

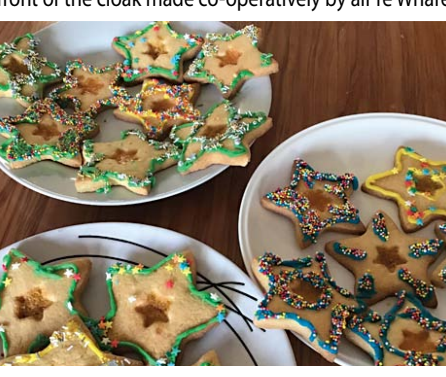
Te Whare Manaaki students have celebrated Matariki for the past three years but teacher-in-charge Cheryl Hardy said they were very excited this year about having a day off school!

Students learnt the Māori legends relating to Matariki and decorated feathers to make a cloak to hang on the wall.

They also baked star-shaped biscuits that were decorated with melted boiled sweets and icing.



(Pictured above, left and right): Raglan Patrick and Kaleb Moodie standing in front of the cloak made co-operatively by all Te Whare Manaaki students.



(Pictured left):
The Matariki biscuits decorated and ready to share and eat.

Congratulations

Lip Sync 2022

With information from Claire Bubb
Lip Sync Organiser and Stage Manager

The house lights were dimmed, the LED LIP SYNC sign was twinkling, and a capacity crowd were in their seats waiting for the ever-popular event to begin.

In COVID times, when so many performance events have been cancelled, it was really heartening to see so many turn out for Lip Sync 2022 - and they were not disappointed.

The audience was treated to a night of brilliant costume, humour, fun and, of course, some seriously good lip syncing!

Junior Programme and Results

Junior students opened the night's programme, starting with Maddie Page, supporting full moustache, in her performance of 'The Show Must Go On'.

Maddie took out third place, with the show-stopping Chloe Graham in second place with 'I Don't Want To Show Off'.

Top spot went to the very talented duo of Luke Rhodes and Nate Woods in their guitar-wielding, spoon-tapping version of 'When The Rain Tumbles Down In July'.



(Pictured right, left and right):
Luke Rhodes and Nate Woods.

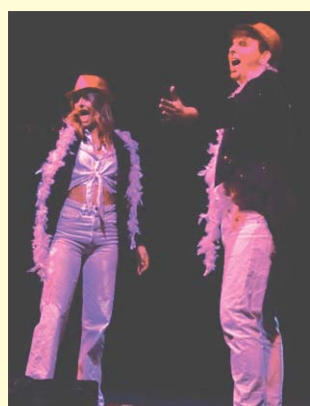
Senior Programme and Results

Not to be outdone, the senior students also put on an amazing show with joint third awarded to Sama Soaila and Georgia Hart for their High School Musical piece and Rachel Hoekstra, Lucy Smith, Amalia Worsfold and Chloe Lovett for their spirited La Vida Loca - Shrek Edition!

In second place was the brilliantly funny 'You're The Reason Our Kids Are Ugly' performed by Amalia Worsfold and Rachel Hoekstra.

Top spot belonged to the brilliant Jorja Roulston and Jack Brown who performed a number of 'Disney Duos', complete with multiple costume changes!

(Pictured right, left and right): Jorja Roulston and Jack Brown in full performance mode.



House Fest

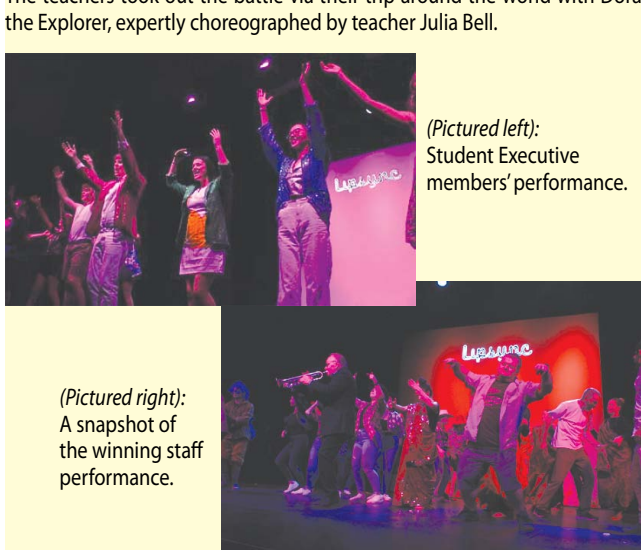
Next came the hotly contested House Fest with Green House winning, with their Aladdin-themed piece, Blue in second, Orange in third followed by Red House.



(Pictured above): Winning Green House in action.

Student Executive v Staff

Of course, Lip Sync wouldn't be Lip Sync without the fierce Student Exec versus the Staff battle and this year's competition didn't disappoint. The teachers took out the battle via their trip around the world with Dora the Explorer, expertly choreographed by teacher Julia Bell.



(Pictured left):
Student Executive members' performance.

(Pictured right):
A snapshot of the winning staff performance.



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Appreciation

The on-stage performers received wonderful recognition on the night, but none of the fun would have been possible without the superb Tech Team of teacher Ron Cresswell and students Jared Munn, Rebekah Clarke, Ashleigh Clarke and Hayden Duffell.

Appreciation also goes to our Head Student MCs and our judges - Anna Raukawa and Madi Wilson for the competition section; and Libby Higson for the House Fest and Students versus Staff performances.

Roll on 2023!



Roncalli Junior Netball Development Tournament

This annual tournament, a build-up to the Junior Netball Tournament which took place in Christchurch from Monday-Wednesday in the first week of the July holidays, was held in Timaru on Sunday 19 June at the Aorangi Netball Courts, Timaru.

Four teams represented Ashburton College at this event.

Ashburton College Year 10A Team: second-placed in their grade
Eight teams contested the Year 10A Grade and the College team started with a comfortable win over Timaru Girls' High School (16-2). Their next game against Craighead Diocesan School provided tougher, although close, competition with Craighead emerging victors, 11-7.

Manager Leisel Lambert said that, determined to come up against them again in the final, the girls pulled out a tight win over Columba College (8-7) to round out the pool match play.

Semi-final

This result placed the team 2nd in the section, from where they came up against St Hilda's Collegiate School, the winners of Section 1, in the semi-finals. The team was down at half-time but fought hard to come away with a two goal win (12-10).

Final

This meant the team got its opportunity for another chance at beating Craighead Diocesan School in the final. At half-time the girls were down 4-6 but continued to fight, with the end result coming right down to the final few seconds, losing by a mere 1 goal (12-13).



(Pictured right): Abby Henderson at Goal Defence doing her very best to put off the Craighead attacking pass, while Wing Defence Marnell Vaelua watches on.

Team management said that overall there was some great netball played, lots of combination changes, and the team adapted to all of these amazingly.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Leisel Lambert (Coach), Abby Henderson, Makeleta Ula, Ashleigh Houston, Meg Lill, Torry Wilson-Brown, Nicky Lamont (Manager).

(Front row, left to right): Milla Overend, Marnell Vaelua, Harriet Hill, Isla Hart, Taylor Lamont.

Ashburton College Year 10B Team

The College Year 10B team is coached by Year 12 student Shylah Johnston with Caron Shanks as Manager.

Six teams contested this grade, with the Year 10B gaining three wins, one draw, and two losses in the Round Robin section.

In the 5th v 6th play-off Mt Hutt College emerged the victors on this occasion, after the two teams had finished with a draw during Round Robin play.



Year 10B team members (pictured above, left to right): Elsie-Marie Vlaanderen, Faith Tait, Grace Johnston, Georgia Shanks, Sabrina Cassineri, Kelly Paterson, Penny Marriott, Pipa Jago, Rongomai Heke, Mereani Cakaunitabua.

Ashburton College Year 9A Team: third-placed in this grade

Seven teams contested the Year 9A Grade, with the tournament providing the opportunity to play teams of the same age group at this tournament, despite the fact that Timaru didn't turn on the weather, being cold and wet underfoot.

Manager Jemma Hurst said that the team got off to a slow start, taking time to get used to playing outside in the cold, as opposed to indoor stadium play. However, they rallied for their second game, gaining a strong win against Craighead Diocesan School, and they continued to build from there.

Individual game results were -

The team's two wins and two losses in pool play led to playing-off for 3rd or 4th place.

These results were: The two losses were against Columba College, Dunedin (3-14 loss) and St Hilda's Collegiate School, Dunedin (9-12); while the wins were against Craighead Diocesan School (11-6) and Geraldine High School (18-2).



3rd v 4th Play-off

In the play-off for 3rd/4th, the players eased into their work and eventually won 13-10, over the Roncalli College team.

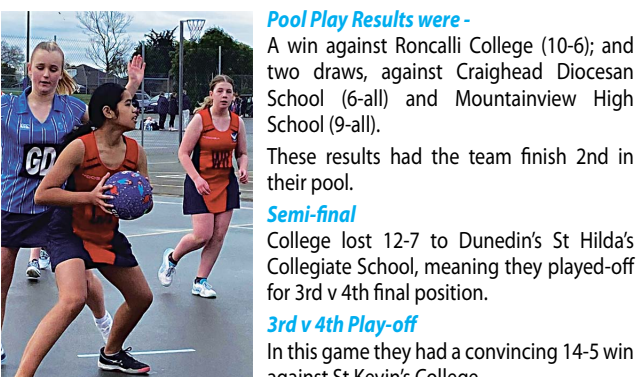


(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Angela Mitchell (Coach), Chanelle Ula, Kalotia Ula, Amelia Mitchell, Ally Thomas, Emma Lowry, Ruby Patterson, Jemma Hurst (Manager).

(Front row, left to right): Lucy Pearce (Co-captain) Lulu Kilworth, Savena Fagalima (Co-captain), Layla Ward.

Ashburton College Year 9B Team - 3rd placed in this grade

Team Coach, Year 13 student Molly Milmine said that the 9B team had a great day at the tournament. They played hard and placed 3rd from the six teams. Jo Harrison is team Manager.



(Pictured above): Goal Attack Sarai Faalavai looking for a passing opportunity around the Roncalli Goal Defence, with Wing Defence Molly Harrison in support.

The Coach, Manager and Team were all very happy with how they played, with Molly saying it was a fantastic day and the team learned a lot.



Team members were (back row, left to right): Summer Jackson, Lucy Boldy, Molly Harrison (Captain), Sarai Faalavai, Skylah Wilson-Brown, Sylvie Thompson-Hart.

(Front row, left to right): Emma Matau, Makenze Boardman, Maddy Thomson, Lily Rosevear, Pipienia Ula.

Rangiora High School - Ashburton College Sports Exchange

This second of our three inter-school sports exchanges was held on Monday 04 July, the last week of Term 2, and hosted by Rangiora High School.

In this newsletter we look at the results, where games were played at 11:00am and 12:15pm. Individual reports will follow in our next newsletter. Rangiora High School is to be congratulated on gaining an 8-5 win, over College.

Individual Sports' Results were:

Sports	Win to Ashburton College	Win to Rangiora High School
Basketball - Junior Boys'		91 - 59
Basketball - Senior Boys		74 - 42
Football - Boys' Junior		6 - 0
Football - Girls' 1st XI		7 - 1
Hockey - Girls' 1st XI	4 - 1	
Hockey - Boys' 1st XI	6 - 2	
E-sports	2 - 1	
Netball - Year 9A		30 - 22
Netball - Year 10A		37 - 13
Netball - Senior B		67 - 05
Rugby - Boys' 1st XV	63 - 0	
Rugby - Girls' 1st XV		31 - 26
Rifle Shooting	89.67; 94.19	

College's Senior and Junior Girls' Basketball teams were unable to travel due to team members being out with injuries and illness.

Forthcoming Events

- July 27-29** Year 13 Geography Field Trip, Kaikoura
- 28-31** NZ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships, Auckland
- 29** German Day, University of Canterbury
- Hockey Boys' 1st XI, Ngā Puna Wai or Marist Park Hockey Turfs, Christchurch
- Basketball Junior A Girls', Pioneer Stadium, Somerfield, Christchurch
- South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Basketball - Junior Boys' A & B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
- 30-31** South Island Secondary Schools' Indoor Bowls Championships, Ashburton
- 31-06 Aug** Cook Islands Language Week