



Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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News

Deputy Principal Message

Subject Selection/ Career Pathway Planning

It is at this time of year that students and their whānau begin to look ahead to the subjects or pathways they intend to pursue in 2024. It is an exciting time that can also be daunting.

In selecting subjects, students need to consider factors such as possible career pathways and, more importantly, what they enjoy.

With many options available, it is important that in selecting subjects, students speak with their parents or caregivers and make use of the opportunities for advice that exist within the College.

Careers Co-ordinator

Our Careers Co-ordinator Jess Bennett (bn@ashcoll.school.nz) is available to meet with students and provide advice to help in their subject selection or planning for the next step.

Additional Support

In addition to our Careers Co-ordinator students are also able to access help and support from their Ako teacher, Dean, Head of School and Subject Teachers.

Course Information Evening – Wednesday 09 August

Our Course information evening is being held on 09 August at the Hotel Ashburton in the evening. This is an opportunity for students and parents to have a conversation with staff from any of our learning areas and get more information to help in the decision-making process.

When thinking about what subjects to study, it is important for students to bear in mind that, while they may have a clear idea of what they would like to pursue, this may change. There are also many opportunities beyond school that they are unlikely to have ever heard of or may not even exist yet!

We do not know what the future will bring with regard to the workforce but we do know that change is a certainty. The best advice I can give to students is that, whatever subjects you pursue, do your best, as motivation and determination will be valued wherever the future takes you.

Open Night and Enrolment Week

It is also at this stage that we start the transition process for our students starting in Year 9 2024. We are very excited to meet and welcome our future students and their whānau over the coming fortnight.

Open Night – 27 July

Open night on 27 July is an opportunity to visit the College, hear from the Principal and get an introduction to some learning areas while also meeting some of our staff.

Enrolment Week: 31 July – 04 August

Open Night is followed by Enrolment Week from 31 July to 04 August, where each student enrolled for 2024 will meet with a caregiver and senior staff member for an enrolment interview. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the school and for us to learn more about our students. School visits then happen in Term 4, providing an induction for our Year 9 2024 cohort.

College Production

The College production of *Oliver!* is on stage next week. A huge amount of time, effort and commitment has been put in by all involved. The experience of being part of a production is an amazing learning opportunity for those involved and supports all of the skills, values and attributes that we work to promote with students. All the best to the cast – 'break a leg'.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

Jono Hay
Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua

Staff – Farewell

Fisto Poulose Chattukulam

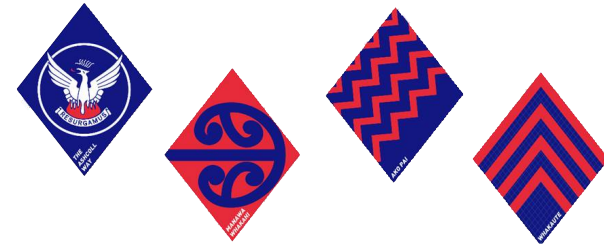
Fisto has worked on-site at College, since the beginning of 2022 as our New Era IT ICT Technician.

This is a demanding and busy role; with multiple, varied, unplanned and time-critical requests being the order of each day.

A very likeable person, Fisto has been unfailingly accommodating and patient in his responses and collegial connections, and willing to give extra time to assist with issues.

We hope that moving from one country which has snow to another country with snow will be manageable, despite this being a weather feature he has admitted to not enjoying! We sincerely wish him well in his new life ahead as he leaves New Zealand.

The AshColl Way



Information

AshColl/Alumni Variety Concert

Once again we are delighted to have former Ashburton College Alumnus Simon O'Neill giving of his time and talent to perform in Ashburton, for the benefit of Ashburton College through the College Alumnus.

Simon is acknowledged internationally as one of the finest heldentors on the international stage and we are very privileged to be able to hear him as we do.

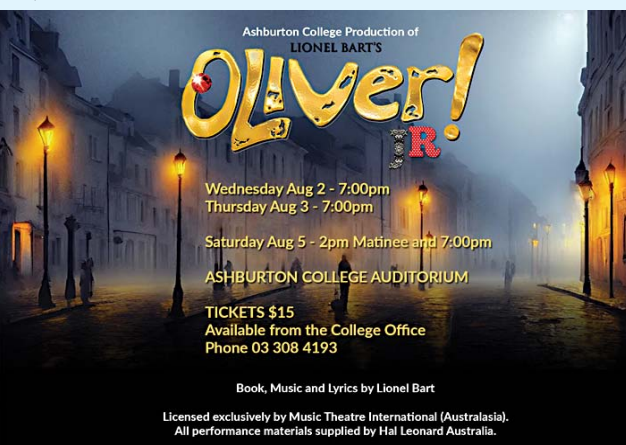
This will be a wonderful variety concert, also featuring former and current talented Ashburton College former students.

If you are available to attend, put this in your diary, and book your tickets.



Ashburton College Production

A great show is building up. Come and enjoy the talents of our students, staff and tech crew, and put one of these performance dates in your diary.



Former College Head Student, Tainui Kuru Returns to Ashburton to Perform

Tainui Kuru is returning to his hometown of Ashburton to sing the songs you know and love, with the lads from Cabernet and former College student Joe Danielson.

Tai will take concert-goers on a musical journey of his life: from singing with the Mid Canterbury Choir as a young twelve-year old, shows he has performed in Ashburton, his time at NASDA and his world-class tours from his base, now in Canada.

Tainui Kuru sings the songs you know and love
Sunday 30th July 2023 at 2:00pm
Ashburton Event Centre
Guests: The lads from Cabernet and Joe Danielson



Ticket Prices:
Adults \$30; Gold Card Holders \$28; Students \$10;
Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$70

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



Events

Former Student Josh Lowe is Guest Speaker to Junior Boys' Basketball Players

The AshColl Junior A Boys' Team of Liam Elliott, Reihana Harrison, Gian Ramos, Jacob Robinson, Jack Spicer and William Woods, with Paul Robinson as Coach, is now near the end of the Grocott Trophy, Canterbury Basketball Association competition.

The Grocott Trophy is a new Junior High School Basketball competition, established this year in honour of the late John Grocott who gave exceptional service to the sport of basketball.

Former Ashburton College student, Josh Lowe, came to the team's late June training, offering some inspiration to the boys, plus information about how to carve a pathway to play basketball in the USA.

Josh is currently on his summer break from his University in Tennessee where he plays his basketball and is studying for a Masters in Business Administration.

While at College, Josh played for the AshColl Junior A team through to the Senior A team, and played in the Christchurch Under 23 competition for Lincoln.

A United States College representative came to New Zealand and selected him for their camp, where he made the selection to attend College in Florida. He has now been in the USA for five years and plays and trains for basketball six-seven days every week.

The coaches and players greatly appreciated Josh giving up his time to come and talk with the players, run part of the training and give some tips and pointers.



(Pictured left): Josh Lowe speaking with the AshColl Junior A and Senior A Basketball boys at their training.

(Left to right):

Paul Robinson (Junior A Boys' Coach), Reihana Harrison, William Woods, Logan Bradford, Liam Elliott, Gian Ramos, Jack Spicer.

Congratulations

Basketball News – Aoraki Championships

Continued

In this newsletter we look at the balance of the basketball results from the Aoraki Championships and the guest visitor to the boys' basketball practice (above).

The boys' competition was held on Wednesday 21 June, and the girls' competition on Tuesday 20 June, at the Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru.

The AshColl 2 Boys' Team – Winners of the Boys' B Grade Competition

AshColl 2 - B Grade Semi-Final

This saw AshColl 2 vs AshColl 3 fighting for the honours, with AshColl 2 winning by 32-21.

Team 3, coached by Riki Philpott, came to within 2 points (21-19) with six minutes to go, but Team 2 then pulled away to win 32-21.

Team 3's Logan Bradford did a lot of work as ball carrier, and Harry Hayman's lay-ups were going in, with his height allowing him to get numerous rebounds. Harry was supported by Dallas Richardson, under the hoop, getting offensive rebounds then putting them in, and there was good team work with 'screens'.



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Team 2 had the strength of Toby Grant with his presence being dominant in defence and attack. He cleaned up rebounds and had confidence to take the ball through defenders to the hoop.

Coach of Team 2, Nick Tajojo, said that 'all players contributed to the score and played as a team'.

B Grade Final – win to AshColl 2 (46-31)

A strong showing by AshColl 2 reaped their win over Waitaki Boys' High School 2.

B Grade – Play-off for 3rd Placing

The AshColl 3 team played Waimate High School 1 for this placing. AshColl was leading 11-9 at half-time but, in the second half, Waimate got a run of goals to put them 8 points ahead by the middle of the second half. However, AshColl rallied to gain the win 33-23.



Winners of the Junior Boys' B Grade Aoraki Championship: AshColl 2 Team
(Pictured above, left to right): Dante Tait, Amwolf Artz, Oakley McKenzie, Hunter Abernethy, Toby Grant, Jack Strawbridge, Year 13 student Nick Tajojo (Coach).

(Pictured right): Hunter Abernethy scoring for AshColl Team 2, with Cedar McCully blocking.



(Pictured above): Riki Philpott in a coaching moment with Harry Hayman of the AshColl 3 team.

AshColl Team 3 Members were -

Ethan Aguila, Logan Bradford, Ashton Cromie, Harry Hayman, Cedar McCully, Dallas Richardson.

Year 10 student Riki Philpott coached the team, due to unavailability created by a broken hand!

(Pictured right): Logan Bradford scoring for AshColl's Team 3, with Ethan Aguila in support.

Appreciation

Appreciation goes to **Jorja Abernethy** and **Jack Strawbridge** for their contributions as referees at this tournament; and to Andrew Shepherd, Head of Basketball, for organisation making for a day which ran very smoothly.

Lisa Elliott noted how well-behaved and helpful the AshColl boys were, saying they were a pleasure to take away on what was a crazy, busy, hectic day.

Win to AshColl 2 Team at the Aoraki

Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' Basketball Championships

The Junior Girls' Basketball Championships were played at the EA Network Centre, Ashburton, on Tuesday 20 June, with College represented by three teams.

Team members were –

Team 1: Kate Cochrane, Shantelle Giles, Lydia Hosken, Tessa Jones, Macy Lewis-West, Isla Moffett, Georgia Scammell; with Eva Kelly as Coach.

Team 2: Sophie Braas, Tia Double, Isla Gilbert, Tegan Marriott, Ruby Patterson, Chloe Prendergast, Lily Rosevear, Ally Thomas; with Summer Anderson as Coach.

Team 3: Pearl Arrowsmith, Abby Aubrey, Abby Cochrane, Emma Doig, Aliyah Larry, Kaley Levy, Tolu Sa Ngutu, Sylvie Thompson-Hart; with Kristine Marriott as Coach.

Manager was Lisa Rosevear.

Referees: Logan Bradford, Gian Ramos and Jack Strawbridge, with appreciation for their contributions.

Pool A Play

Two pools were played initially, with AshColl 2 in Pool A against Waimate and Waitaki Girls' High Schools, and Ophihi College.

Pool B Play

Pool B held two AshColl teams (Teams 1 and 3), up against Craighead Diocesan and Timaru Girls' High Schools.

Results

In Pool A AshColl 2 had three wins, against Waitaki Girls' High School (27-18); Waimate High School (33-7) and Ophihi College (52-24).

Semi-final play:

In the cross-over semi-final AshColl 2 played Timaru Girls' High School, gaining a 34-21 win to put them into the final against Craighead Diocesan School, who gained a 41-23 win in their semi-final, over Waitaki Girls' High School.

In Pool B:

AshColl 1 had two reasonably close losses and one win, against Timaru Girls' High School (16-23); Craighead Diocesan (32-26); against AshColl 3 (44-15 win).

In the 5 v 6 play-off against Waimate High School the result was a 37-18 loss.

AshColl 3 had losses against Craighead Diocesan (5-41), Timaru Girls' High School (17-39), and in the 7 v 8 play-off against Ophihi College the team went down 55-10.

Overall Results

1st - Ashburton College 2
2nd - Craighead Diocesan School
3rd - Timaru Girls' High School
4th - Waitaki Girls' High School
5th - Waimate High School
6th - Ashburton College 1
7th - Ophihi College
8th - Ashburton College 3



(Pictured above): Team 2's Tegan Marriott (#5) shoots the jumper, with teammates (left to right): Chloe Braas, Ally Thomas and Chloe Prendergast watching on.



(Pictured above, left to right): Team 3 member Pearl Arrowsmith in support of Sylvie Thompson-Hart taking a shot, while Kaley Levy, Tolu Sa Ngutu and Abby Aubrey watch on.

Final: Ashburton College v Craighead Diocesan School

After a long day of basketball the AshColl girls got off to a slow start. Down by 6 points early in the first half, it took some inspiring words from Coach Summer Anderson to fire the girls up.

By half-time the AshColl girls were four points in front, maintaining the lead throughout the second half.

However, Craighead rallied in the final minutes to get within a shot of taking out the title. Fortunately, some solid team defence saw the AshColl girls hold on for the win by the slimmest of margins at 17-16.



The Aoraki Junior Girls' Championship Winners: AshColl 2 Team

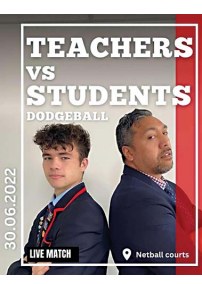
(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Summer Anderson (Coach), Ally Thomas, Ruby Patterson, Isla Gilbert, Chloe Prendergast.

(Front row, left to right): Lily Rosevear, Sophie Braas, Tia Double, Tegan Marriott.

Dodgeball Student Executive v Staff Duel, with a Win to Staff

The second of this year's Student Executive v Staff sports challenges fittingly was held on the last day of last term, and was a festive occasion held on the courts area by Middle Road.

The invitation to encourage staff to take part was Sports Facilitator Cheyenne Parris' subtle line 'if you're not in the Phys Ed Department and have always wanted to throw balls at students, here's your chance'.

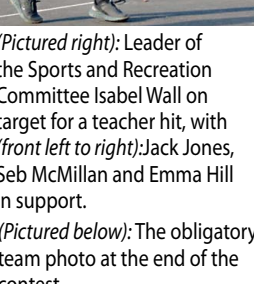


(Pictured left): The event was well-advertised with Head Student Henry Thomas and Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihifo going head-to-head! As a careful approach, time was allowed before the start of the game to give everyone enough time to 'really' stretch.

There was a sausage sizzle going and some great music pumping, so it was a great environment. The challenge was answered, with Staff again victorious, 2 sets to 1.



(Pictured left, left and right): Ben Ward having his last charge before leaving Ashburton College for the Navy, and Pete Lee on the run to catch an unwary student.



(Pictured right): Leader of the Sports and Recreation Committee Isabel Wall on target for a teacher hit, with (front left to right): Jack Jones, Seb McMillan and Emma Hill in support.

(Pictured below): The obligatory team photo at the end of the contest.



Coming Events

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

July	
27-07 Aug	Tokoroza Kita High School (College Sister School visit)
28	Year 12/Year 13 Te Ara Pukenga trip, Christchurch
	Mid Canterbury Combined Hockey 2nd XI, Forster Park, Rolleston
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Boys'/Girls' Basketball
	Winter Competition, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' A Basketball
	Competition, Pioneer Sports Complex, Christchurch
30-05 August	Cook Island Language Week
31-04 August	Ashburton College Enrolment Week, at College
August	
01	Otago University course planning
	* Smallbore Postal Challenge, tbc
	Basketball – Senior Boys and Girls, Junior Boys, Christchurch
	10X Litter Intelligence Beach Trip, Wakanui Beach and AshColl
02	College A Netball, SuperNet Competition, Christchurch
	Aoraki Math Competition, Timaru Boys' High School
	Rugby Girls' 1st XV vs St Kevin's College, Pleasant Point (4:45pm)
	Rugby Girls' Under 15 vs St Kevin's College, Pleasant Point (6:00pm)
02, 03, 05	College Production, <i>Oliver!</i> Ashburton College Auditorium (four performances, two on Saturday)
02-04	Year 11 Outdoor Education, Mountain Biking, Hamner Springs
03	Aoraki Girls' Football, Timaru
	College Tucker Trophy, Mt Hutt Skifield
04	Mid Canterbury Combined Hockey 2nd XI, Forster Park, Rolleston
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Boys' A Basketball
	Winter Competition, Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru
	South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Girls' A Basketball
	Competition, Pioneer Sports Complex, Christchurch
05	* Equestrian One Day Horse Trials, McLean's Island, Christchurch
06	Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Ashburton
08	UC visits for course planning
	* Aoraki Girls' Badminton Championships, Timaru
	Basketball – Senior Boys and Girls, Junior Boys, Christchurch
09	Year 12 Business Studies Market Day
	Course Confirmation Year 9-Year 12, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Hotel Ashburton
	College A Netball, SuperNet Competition, Christchurch