



Ashburton College

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News

Message From The Principal

NCEA Level 1

After much consultation we have decided to retain NCEA Level 1 for the majority of our students, for 2023 and from 2024 onwards when national changes are scheduled to be implemented for NCEA Level 1.

This decision was made after a six-month consultation process that took in the views of staff; students (both current and former); parents; our Māori community and some employers.

With national changes in place for 2024 we will take that opportunity to remodel what our Year 11 courses have on offer. My thanks to everyone who contributed to this decision and to the five staff who led this mahi.

Māori Language Week

This week we are celebrating Māori Language week. Nationally, it was scheduled for last week, but the combination of the Queen's passing and our seniors being away on exam leave made it logical to delay these celebrations until this week.

These language week acknowledgements are arranged by our Student Cultural Committee members working with our students to celebrate our increasing diversity. At Ashburton College we embrace this diversity, which reflects the trend of our community and our nation.

Whilst we are a multi-cultural society, we also need to remember that New Zealand, as a nation, has a commitment to our bi-cultural partnership. This recognises the partnership of Māori (as Tangata Whenua). This is enshrined in our legislation and reflects the commitment made at the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Last year I was fortunate enough to go to the Waitangi Museum and Treaty grounds. It shames me to say that this was my first visit but it is certainly worth the wait. If you and your family have never been to Waitangi I would highly recommend this experience.

New Build

Our new build has begun with the fencing of the entire building site. This first block incorporates: Science, Mathematics, Art, Drama and Te Whare Manaaki. After so long with no visible sign of progress, even the erection of the fences around the site was welcome.

This block is due for completion in Term Four next year. This will enable those subjects to transfer to their new rooms, and also allow for the existing S Block to be demolished, over the Christmas break next year.

As I pointed out to our students at a recent celebration assembly; if they are currently in Years 9,10 or 11 they will get use of these new facilities.

Queen Elizabeth II

Most of us would be full of admiration for Queen Elizabeth and, particularly, her devotion to duty. She certainly lived up to her Coronation pledge of a 'life-time of service'.

As I pointed out to staff, many of our students will have grandparents who were born after Queen Elizabeth had been crowned. King Charles has certainly had a lengthy apprenticeship for his role. Upon reflection, being born into this family as a first-born certainly carries a weight of expectation. These are historic times to be remembered.

Many thanks



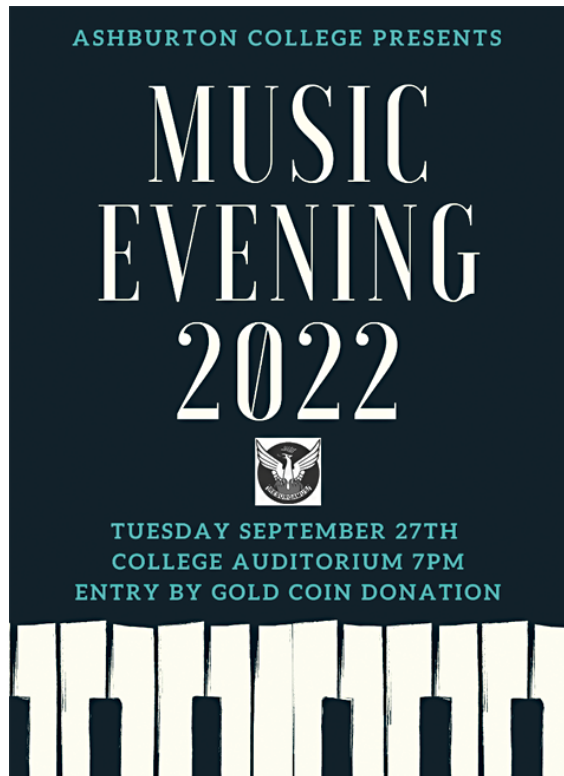
Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaki

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College Music Evening

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.



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ASHBURTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 2022



DECLARATION OF PARENT AND STAFF ELECTION RESULTS

Parent Representatives Votes:

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| Mark Aguila | 24 | Adi Avniti | 95 |
| Matt Cassineri | 125 | Jane Kelly | 164 |
| Jen Muir | 153 | Coby Snowden | 102 |
| Invalid Votes | 9 | | |

I hereby declare the following elected:

Matt Cassineri
Jane Kelly
Jen Muir

Staff Representative

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare **Michael Clark** duly elected.

Sheena Tyrrell
Returning Officer

Congratulations

Winter Sports Tournament Week

As outlined in last week's newsletter we now look at the balance of sports reports from Winter Tournament Week.

Boys' 1st XI Hockey: Johnson Cup Runners-Up

The Boys' Hockey team played in Christchurch from 28 August-02 September, at the Ngā Puna Wai Hockey Turf.

Manager Jason Vannini said there were nine teams contesting the Johnson Cup this year, with College in the pool of five teams, therefore having four pool games.

With a strong team, and a large number of Year 12 students this year, the team and management were hoping to do well.

Team Captain was Henry Wallis, with Hamish O'Reilly as Vice-Captain.

Game Reports

In the first game against King's High School (Dunedin) the team went behind to a goal in the 23rd minute, despite having the better of possession and territory. However, the players continued to press during the game and finally scored through Riley Harris with two minutes to go for a final score of 1-1 against a strong team from our pool.

In the second pool game College played Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ruamata, a Māori immersion school from Rotorua, and very much an unknown. College started very well with a goal to Devon Flannery after only three minutes. The opposition, though, was very skilled and strong on the ball and scored two quick goals in the second quarter to take the lead 2-1 at half-time. However, another goal to Devon Flannery on the stroke of half-time brought the score to 2-2. The last half of the game was closely fought with Ruamata scoring with four minutes to go, to win the game 3-2.

Some good saves by Goalie Archie Glanville kept the game close but he just couldn't stop the last one.

Remaining Pool Games

AshColl needed to win their remaining two pool games to progress to the semi-finals, and they started well against Roncalli College (Timaru). Devon Flannery scored a goal literally from the start of the match, having College up 1-0 after 26 seconds! Hamish O'Reilly scored after thirteen minutes to bring the score to 2-0 at half-time. Two goals to Nick Stringer in the second half finished the game off at 4-0 to College.

The last pool game was against Burnside High School, with College again needing to win to make the semi-finals.

Burnside had beaten King's High School earlier in the week, so a tough game was expected. AshColl dominated early, with Lachie Jemmett scoring after 5 minutes. Unfortunately, right at the end of the first quarter Burnside scored to even it up at 1-1. In the second quarter a see-saw battle saw the half-time score remain at 1-1.

In the third quarter College dominated possession and Hamish O'Reilly scored twice from penalty corners, followed by a field goal to complete his hat trick!

In the final quarter Harrison Doak scored twice and a consolation goal at the end by Burnside brought the final score to 6-2 in College's favour.

Pool Cross-Over Play

As College played second in their pool they had to play the top team from the other pool, Shirley Boys' High School. The game was very even with good defence from Henry Wallis and Zane Cameron keeping the Shirley attackers out. College then scored in the 24th minute, with Harrison Doak scoring a classic striker's goal, tapping the ball in at the far post after a great pass across the face of goal.

The third quarter was hard fought with no goals scored and although both sides had chances in the 4th quarter, no more goals were scored so a 1-0 victory sent College into the final.

Final

The final was against Ruamata, with both teams fatigued from a tough week of hockey. The first quarter was dominated by Ruamata with a lot of attacking but no goals scored. They started very well in the second quarter and scored two quick goals before we replied with one to Hamish O'Reilly. Ruamata then scored on the stroke of half-time to take a 3-1 lead.

The game opened up in the 3rd quarter with chances at both ends, and Ruamata scored again. In the last quarter another goal was scored against

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College, before Devon Flannery finished the game, with time up, by scoring a goal off a penalty corner to make the final score 5-2 to Ruamata.

Silver Medal

College gained the Silver Medal, completing their best finish at Johnson Cup for more than twelve years.

Jason said they are looking forward to having a strong team next year and getting to the 'pointy end' of the tournament again.

The boys learned a lot during the week, and over the season, from Coach Ryan Hampton and were well fed and watered for the week by Manager Jason Vannini.



(Pictured left): The Year 13 students following the final, and their final game for College, with the team's coach and manager.
(Left to right): Ryan Hampton (Coach), Riley Harris, Zane Cameron, Devon Flannery, Jason Vannini (Manager).

Team members during the week were – Zane Cameron, Harrison Doak, Jack Ellis, Devon Flannery, Archie Glanville, Riley Harris, Lachie Jemmett, Nick Kershaw, Braden Luxton, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Will Rollinson, Tom Rosevear, Nicholas Stringer, Henry Thomas, Henry Wallis.

Appreciation

Both the Coach and Manager would like to thank the parents who baked, transported, cheered for and supported their boys and our team this year... see you next year!

Boys' 2nd XI Hockey, Ashburton Combined Team

To prevent a bye in the draw, this team was invited into the Boys' South Island Tier 4 Competition, played in Ashburton from 29 August-02 September, bringing the draw to eight teams.

The Combined Team was made up of players from Ashburton and Mt Hutt Colleges, Ashburton Christian School and a home-schooled student; collectively brought together by College teacher Jason Vannini. This team had been playing together in a weekly competition.

Manager Lucy Ellis said this was a great introduction for the team to a full hockey tournament. The team competed extremely well to gain a draw and one win. Appreciated were the experienced players who were able to support and guide the younger players.

Results

In Game 1 against Taieri College they drew 3-3; with their win coming in Game 5 against West Coast Combined (4-1).

Losses came from Game 2, Logan Park High School (4-1); Game 3, Waitaki Boys' High School (4-0); and Game 4 against Tokomairiro High School (2-0).



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Cody Etheridge (Mt Hutt College); Wessel Blignault (Ashburton Christian School); Jethro Dove and Mitchell Lye (AshColl); Jayden Etheridge (Mt Hutt College); James Reid and Joshua Cannan (AshColl); Rodney Grant (Coach); Liam Walker and Ben Edkins (AshColl).

(Front row, left to right): Nic Dalgety (Goalie, AshColl); Lachlan Adam (Captain, home-schooled student); Toby Grant, Taylor Wilson; Tom Ellis, Riley Trotter, Hamish Ramsay and Nate Woods (All AshColl).

Nate Woods suffered an ankle injury and James Reid a hand injury which took him out of the last three games.

Girls' 1st XI Hockey: 4th Placed

This team played their competition, for the Audrey Timlin Memorial Trophy, in Christchurch from 29 August-02 September. Fifteen teams competed for this trophy.

Coach Jen Muir said that the girls started out a 'bit roughly' against Dunstan High School but took the win.

Top of Pool

The team's second game on the first day was against Roncalli College, and AshColl again came away with a win, leaving them top of their pool.

By the quarter-final against Paraparaumu College the girls were playing some fantastic expansive hockey and making it look easy.

Their semi-final was against St Hilda's Collegiate and, in 22 degree heat, was always going to be tough. Two injuries in the first quarter put the team on the back foot, but they kept fighting and put in the first goal early in the second quarter.

They held it together well and kept pushing but unfortunately St Hilda's scored with seven minutes left to play.



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The game ended as a draw and therefore went to shootouts. Unfortunately this saw St Hilda's take the win 3-0 on shootouts.

Final game for 3rd/4th was against Macleans College, Auckland. After such a tough game the day before the girls fought hard but had nothing left. Macleans got an early goal and it was an uphill battle from there. However, the AshColl girls managed to get a goal back just minutes later. Macleans gained another goal mid-way through the second quarter but, unfortunately, AshColl couldn't find the back of the goal again and the final score remained at 2-1, giving a final placing of fourth from the fifteen teams.

Individual Game Results which led to their commendable 4th final placing were – wins over Dunstan High School (1-0), Roncalli College (3-2) and Paraparaumu College (6-0). The team's 1-all draw was against St Hilda's College with the loss coming from shoot outs 0-3; and the 2-1 loss against Macleans College.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Olivia Muir (Goalie), Leah Doig, Jessie Pitney, Caitlin Collie, Laura Walsh, Emma Lill (Joint Vice-Captain), Lily Davidson, Rose Vannini, Honor Bradford, Bree Greer.

(Front row, left to right): Alia Forrester, Laura Cameron, Holly-Jayne Feutz, Anna Gray (Captain), Amy McLachlan, Sarah Wilson (Joint Vice-Captain).

Skip and Jen Muir were with the team as coaches, and Viv McLachlan as Manager.

Skip and Jen said they were rapt with the hockey the girls played during the week, saying it was fantastic to watch.

Viv also had positive comments, saying they were a great group of girls to be away with. With additional credit to the team, they received comments from officials about their sportsmanship and the motel owners commented on their manners, saying they would recommend them to other motellers in the future.

South Island Secondary Schools' Equestrian Championships – 2nd Placed Overall

This event was held at the National Equestrian Centre, McLean's Island, Christchurch, from 29 August-02 September, with twelve teams competing.

Coach/Manager Genevieve Kirwan said that the event was run by Equestrian Sports New Zealand, being the first time this has been included in Winter Tournament Week.

She advised that the event was very successful, with teams travelling from as far afield as Marlborough and Central Otago.

The championships were run over four days with different disciplines running each day. Points from each discipline counted towards each team's overall score.

Team members were – Caendal Harris (Captain), Taylah Ward (Vice-Captain), Ella Richardson, Olivia McFarlane, Charlotte Bota.

Second Placing Overall

The AshColl team had a very successful week gaining individual placings in each discipline, and placing particularly well in the Arena Eventing.

Each rider placed individually which earned the team 2nd placing overall.



(Pictured above, left to right): The team with their second-placing ribbons in Arena Eventing – Olivia McFarlane, Taylah Ward, Ella Richardson, Caendal Harris.

Specific Results were –

Individual Dressage – 4th Placings:

Caendal Harris riding Something Good and Olivia McFarlane riding Mr Silver.

Individual Arena Eventing – with the team placed 2nd Overall:

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| Olivia McFarlane | 3rd and 6th placed | Riding Painted Poppy and Mr Silver respectively. |
| Caendal Harris | 5th placed | Riding Something Good. |
| Ella Richardson | 5th placed | Riding Forest. |
| Taylah Ward | 6th placed | Riding Holmslee Pocket Rocket |

Individual Show Jumping:

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| Taylah Ward | 4th placed | Riding Holmslee Pocket Rocket |
| Charlotte Bota | 3rd placed | Riding Grant |
| Caendal Harris | 5th placed | Riding Something Good |

Individual Show Hunter:

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| Caendal Harris | 3rd placed | Riding Something Good |
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(Pictured right): Olivia McFarlane on Painted Poppy after the Arena Eventing.

Genevieve said that all team members represented the school and supported each other very well throughout the competition, which was a pleasure to watch. Many thanks are given to the parents who also helped make the week a success.

Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships

Selection for Ollie Bubb

Year 12 student Ollie Bubb has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2022 IPF (International Powerlifting Championships) Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships.

These Championships are to be held in Auckland from 28 November-04 December, which is exciting for all after COVID-cancellation in 2021.

Ollie will compete in the 74kg Sub-Junior Men's Classic Powerlifting competition as part of the New Zealand A team.

His selection comes as a result of winning Nationals in Christchurch this August, which he reported on in an earlier newsletter. At this event he achieved a personal best across all his lifts - Squat 150kgs, Bench 95kgs and Deadlift 207.5kgs. This combined total of 452.5kg was a 30kg improvement on his previous performance where he took out the Regional title in April.

Ollie has been powerlifting for just over a year and trains up to six times a week. His dedication and tenacity have seen him gain much success in this short time and he hopes to continue this form when he represents his country.

His family have said they are, understandably, very proud of him and can't wait to see him perform on the international stage.

(Pictured right): Ollie Bubb in action in the Squat at the Nationals.



The Commonwealth Powerlifting Federation currently serves this major Powerlifting event for Commonwealth nations, the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships, with championships held bi-annually.

So far, the Commonwealth Powerlifting Federation has successfully run seven Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships, with the first being in 2005 in Northumberland, England. The most recent event was held in Newfoundland, Canada, in September 2019, hosting 416 lifters.

Success at Annual Oskar Quiz for

Students of German

Two AshColl Year 10 teams competed at the Annual Oskar Quiz at Lincoln High School on Monday 12 September.

Team members were:

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| Team 1 | Ryan Heal, Tristin Wills, Amalia Worsfold, Ashleigh Clarke. |
| Team 2 | Gabby Rodgers, Sophia Aguila, Bella Dawson, Caitlin McSorley. |



(Pictured left, left to right): pondering their answers are Tristan Wills, Ryan Heal, Amalia Worsfold, Ashleigh Clarke.

The quiz categories included: The Berlin Wall; Chaser questions from the show 'The Chaser'; Identifying famous German brands/logos/people; Mapping; Facts and figures; and a Video round.

Teacher of German Tom Kitchen said that both teams presented themselves really well, and had experts assigned to each category mentioned above.

First Overall – Trophy Retained

The team of Gabby, Sophia, Bella and Caitlin finished first overall to retain the Oskar Trophy for Ashburton College; while the team comprised of Ryan, Tristin, Amalia and Ashleigh finished 4th.

Tom said that the winning College team was sitting around the middle at the half-way mark, but gained quite a high score in an exercise between rounds, where the teams had to identify aspects on a massive map of Germany.

Altogether, there were seven teams competing; from Lincoln and Burnside High Schools, and Ashburton College.



(Pictured right): The winning team, back at College with the trophy, Gabby Rodgers, Caitlin McSorley, Sophia Aguila, Bella Dawson.

Ken Pow, former teacher of German at Ashburton College, was the MC for the night and did a fantastic job of motivating everyone involved; and had the College van load all singing on the way home! Tom said that it was great to catch up with him again - and he had a 'special moment' when one of the current students said that he had taught their mother!

Tom concluded by saying a great evening was had by all, with all looking forward to defending the trophy again next year.

Forthcoming Events

September

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| 19-23 | Māori Language Week, being celebrated at College: |
| 23 | Year 12 Geography Research, Ashburton |
| 25-01 Oct | Tuvalu Language Week |
| 26 | Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Public Holiday |
| 27 | Year 12 Antarctic Centre trip, Antarctic Centre, Christchurch |
| | Year 12 Geography Research, Ashburton |
| | StudyLink Tertiary Evening, College staffroom, 7:00pm |
| | Music Evening, Auditorium, 7:00pm |
| 28 | Year 11-13 Foundation Studies Field Trip, Christchurch |
| 29 | Non-Uniform Day |
| | Year 12 Geography Research, Ashburton |
| | Year 13 Classics Field Trip, University of Canterbury, Teece Museum trip, Christchurch |
| 30 | Lincoln University Course Planning |
| | End of Term Three |
| 30-16 | Student Holiday break |

2022 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events

Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome at the Awards Ceremony and Prize-givings.

October

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| 31 | Year 13 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. |
| | Year 13 Awards Ceremony, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:30pm. |

November

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| 03 | Year 12 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. |
| | Year 11 final day. Students finish at 3:05pm. |
| | Year 11 and 12 Prize-giving (Combined), Ashburton Event Centre, 7:00pm. |

December

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| 04 | Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm, seated at 7:00pm. |
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Year 9 and 10 Prize-giving dates and times.