



Deputy Principal Message

Restorative Practice - Living the AshColl Way

One of the positive shifts I have noticed in education, from when I attended high school, is how conflict is resolved within a school context.

Specifically, the shift from predominantly correcting behaviour through punitive interventions: eg: detentions, stand-downs and suspensions; towards the more holistic approach that is restorative practice.

The 'restorative' process is a way of **building, maintaining, restoring** and **sustaining relationships**, and is dependent upon a social climate that is reparative rather than punitive.

We, at Ashburton College, continue to strive to apply Restorative Practice through our every-day interactions with students/staff to deal with conflict within our kura.

Although punitive interventions remain active in school contexts (ie: for serious misconduct), we apply restorative practice as our default method of resolving conflict. This is because we see our students make positive changes to behaviour when we resolve issues **with** them, rather than **to** them or **for** them (Wachtel, 2005).

We are now seeing restorative practice adopted in various areas such as workplace disputes, family mediation and human rights advocacy, to name a few.

By 'living' restorative practice in school, students will benefit in being able to deal with conflict long after their time at AshColl.

Manaakitia te tangata, ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa no hea.

Treat people respectfully, irrespective of who they are, and where they come from.

Tama Mai Saute Dance Academy at Ashburton College

We are very fortunate to have the services of Albany Peseta Seumanutafa and Mercy Seiliu from Tama Mai Saute Dance Academy, who come to Ashburton College to tutor thirty-plus of our students through Pacific dance.

Tama Mai Saute Dance Academy is based in Christchurch with a purpose to 'uplift the well-being of Pacific Peoples and instill a sense of belonging through cultural connectedness'.

This opportunity couldn't have come at a better time as Polyfest, which is held in Hagley Park, Christchurch, was cancelled for this year due to COVID restrictions.

Albany and Mercy tutor our students every Thursday for one hour and, from what I have seen, our students are thoroughly enjoying the ability to connect with their culture through dance.

We are now at a point where we have a consistent group of students attending who are working towards performing at 'Sau la-fest' which is an event held by Tama Mai Saute Dance Academy. The details of how and when this event will be run are yet to be confirmed, but Ashburton College's presence at 'Sau la-fest' remains a goal for the group.

Hannibal Ikahihiho

Deputy Principal • Tumuaki Tuarua



Board of Trustees News . . .

'New Normal?'

In my newsletter at the end of last year I mentioned that we were looking forward to a 'new normal' 2022. Well, it looks like disrupted schooling is the new normal. Once again, we have had COVID at the forefront of our minds as we start the new year.

I would like to commend the students for their compliance with the new rules that go with the 'new normal' this year. We all know that wearing masks all day is not the ideal in a classroom but, hopefully, it has kept some of us a little safer from COVID.

Student Achievement

One of the first agenda items the Board has included, at the beginning of each year, is to review the NCEA results from the previous year. The achievement results from last year were very pleasing, especially in light of the disruptions at the end of the year.

I believe our students became very focused on what they needed to do to achieve their NCEA level and did it successfully. The only part of this that wasn't as ideal was the number of *Merit* or *Excellence* endorsements gained. These are not where we would like them to be and reviewing how to achieve an increase will be a focus for the Board and Staff this year.

New Staff

We have a number of new staff who have joined us this year. We welcome them all to AshColl and hope that they enjoy their time here. It is always great to get new people with new ideas into our school.

Our teaching and support staff are obviously a huge part of our school and we value all the backgrounds and experiences they bring with them. We also welcome Deputy Principal Hannibal Ikahihiho to our Senior Leadership Team.

Cellphones

A topic that has been under media spotlight recently is the place of cellphones in schools.

Options are currently being considered by our Board but we are taking our time compiling the information we need, so that we make the right decision for our school. We are aware that there are other schools that have removed them completely. However, every school has different make-up and different challenges. Therefore, it is important we ensure that, by making a decision, we are not going to be disadvantaging students.

I wish all our students a fantastic 2022, with the hope that we have seen the last of the education disruption for this year (or will that be famous last words!)

Ngā mihi nui



Jen Muir

Board Chair

Congratulations



Team members (pictured left, back row left to right): Arlina Smith, Ashlein Lyttle, Edelma Kelsall, Rose Vannini, Jamila Jimenez.

(Front row, left to right): Sivaloa Teomavui (Captain), Irish David, Tiffany Agacer, Zari Jimenez. Manager was College Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray.

AshColl Senior Girls: Runners-Up

Darion said that the girls flew through their first three matches, but knew facing Craighead Diocesan School would be the tough game in pool play.

Round Robin Results were:

- AshColl v Waitaki Girls' High School 25-10; 25-8
- AshColl v Mountainview High School 25-17; 25-14
- AshColl v St Kevin's College 25-7; 25-7
- AshColl v Craighead Diocesan School 25-15; 24-26

With superb service deliveries and powerful work at the net, AshColl took out the first game against Craighead (25-15); but Craighead then bounced back, taking the second game 26-24. This resulted in a nail-biter of a play-off with AshColl emerging the eventual winners.

Semi-Final

In the semi-final, Roncalli College put up a good fight, with an extremely close second game eventuating. However, after winning the first game 25-14, AshColl won the second by the close margin of 26-24.

Final

The College team worked hard and persevered in the final, but sadly ran out of puff against Craighead, who triumphed to take the spoils, winning both games by 25-21.

(Pictured below): Craighead Diocesan School and Ashburton College celebrate having played the final.



AshColl Senior Boys: Runners-Up



Team members (pictured left, back row, left to right): Ethan Santich, Assistant Coach (from Rakaia), Steve Terekia, Dave Pio, Boaz Drye, Redict Teves, William Makutu, Jonah Drye (Coach).

(On the ground, left to right): Jim Reyes, Nick Tajojo, Beaver Touli (Captain), Pedro Collins.

Coach Jonah Drye said that the team played really well throughout the whole day, achieving the majority of the day without losing a set.

Unfortunately for the boys, they didn't have the energy to keep up this level of performance for the last game.

However, during the day, all of them played to their strengths and performed at a level that the school should be proud of.

Pool Play Results were:

- Game 1:** AshColl vs Mountainview High School 25-15, 25-23 (2-0 win).
- Game 2:** AshColl vs St Kevin's College 25-22, 25-21 (2-0 win).
- Semi-Final:** AshColl vs Mt Hutt College 25-21, 25-22 (2-0 win).
- Final:** AshColl vs St Kevin's College 18-25, 22-25 (0-2 loss)



(Pictured right, left to right): Pedro Collins, Boaz Drye, Nick Tajojo, Jim Reyes (background), in the final against St Kevin's College.

Congratulations

Successful Year 9/10 College Boys' Cricket Team

Playing in the Canterbury Country Cricket Association Year 9/10 Competition, the Ashburton College Year 9/10 Boys' Cricket Team has gone through the first part of the season unbeaten and won their final at home against Lincoln High School, on Saturday 19 March, at the Ashburton Domain.

Coach Kevin Urquhart said that some highlights for the season would have to be Toby Grant's 144 not out and 56; Joel Moffett's 77 and 59; along with Liam Elliott's 55 in the Final.

He also said that all the bowlers performed well and wickets were shared throughout the team, but Neil Thacker and Quinn McDowell led the way with the new ball; and Alex Urquhart, Liam Elliott and James Reid put pressure on and picked up constant wickets throughout the season.

Final Match

The Final was an all-round team effort with everyone playing their part with bat, ball and in the field.

AshColl won the toss and elected to bat first. Openers Joel Moffett (40) and Liam Elliott (55) got the side off to a great start with a 95-run stand. Following this, George King (17) added a 50-run stand with Liam Elliott. After a flurry of wickets Guy Ward and Ethan Marriott, batting at 9 and 10, added some valuable runs to get the team through to 194 for 8.

Quinn McDowell got an early breakthrough when he removed Lincoln's opener for a duck, but then Lincoln put a 68-run partnership together. James Reid came to the bowling crease and removed three Lincoln batters in the space of two overs. From there, AshColl picked up constant wickets, with Harry Hayman bowling in the middle overs to put pressure on and keeping the run rate low. This helped produce 2 runouts for Lincoln to finish their 35 overs at 157 for 9. Bowling achievements were Quinn McDowell (1 for 11), James Reid (3 for 13), George King (2 for 11) and Shean Nathan Caramonte (1 for 13).

Kevin concluded that, overall, this was a great first half of the season especially considering all but one team member are Year 9 students. This augers well for the next season.

Appreciation

A big thank you goes to Hayman Fencing for sponsoring the team's hats, and to everyone involved with helping the team.



The team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Kevin Urquhart (Coach and Manager), Joel Moffett (Captain), Harry Hayman, Quinn McDowell, Toby Grant.

(Middle row, left to right): Neil Thakar, Liam Elliott, Shean Nathane Caramonte, Ethan Marriott, Alex Urquhart, Guy Ward.

(Front row, left and right): George King, James Reid.

Runners-Up at Senior Students Aoraki Secondary Schools' Volleyball Tournament

With cancellations outweighing 'happening' events, it was a real pleasure to have this event go ahead in Timaru on Thursday 17 August; with a very big thank you to Shaun and Amanda from Sport Canterbury Aoraki for enabling this tournament to come to fruition.

College Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray said that, under under Red CPF (Covid Protection Framework) our AshColl players were extremely fortunate to travel to the Southern Trust Events Centre for this tournament. It was evident from the number of entries that there was an appetite for the championships to take place.



Congratulations

Good Results at 2022 South Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Champs

Information provided by Year 12 student Lily Davidson

Over the weekend of the 11-13th March, Ashburton College travelled to Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, to compete in the above championships.

This regatta is an important event for the rowers, as it is the last chance to get out racing before the pinnacle of the rowing season, Aon Maadi Cup taking place currently, running from 28 March – 03 April.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Matt Pearce, Ashton Brook, Ruby Leverton, Chloe Braas, Jordy McGillen, Isacc Carr, Mia Chambers, Laura Jensen.

(Front row, left to right): Zane Cameron, Isabel Wall, Honor Bradford, Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Charlie Howden, Lily Davidson.

Half of the heats took place on Friday, and the second half on Saturday morning followed by finals taking place in the afternoon and Sunday.

Overall, there were some pretty good results from the weekend with many crews making A and B Finals.

Rowing conditions were challenging on the Friday and part of Saturday, with winds creating choppy waters, although regatta officials decided to push through with the programme as best they could. Winds cleared on Sunday which meant calm waters for finals.

Results were as follows:

B Finals

- Girls' Under 16 Sculls** 1st: Isabel Wall
- Boys' Under 18 Novice Double Sculls** 2nd: Ashton Brook, Charles Savage.
- Boys' Under 18 Single Sculls** 3rd: Matthew Pearce.
- 4th: Zane Cameron
- Boys' Under 17 Double Sculls** 4th: Izacc Carr, Jordy McGillen.
- Girls' Under 17 Coxed Quad Sculls** 7th: Ruby Leverton, Laura Jensen, Honor Bradford, Sienna Skilling, Chloe Braas (Cox).
- 7th: Izacc Carr, Jordy McGillen.

A Finals

- Boys' Under 16 Double Sculls** 4th: Zane Cameron, Ashton Brook, Matthew Pearce, Izacc Carr, Lily Davidson (Cox).
- Boys' Under 18 Double Sculls** 4th: Zane Cameron, Matthew Pearce.
- Girls' Under 16 Sculls** 5th: Sophie Gibson.
- Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls** 5th: Isabel Wall, Sophie Gibson, Sienna Skilling, Honor Bradford, Lily Davidson (Cox).
- Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls** 5th: Sophie Gibson, Isabel Wall.
- 7th: Sienna Skilling, Honor Bradford.
- Girls' Under 16 Coxed Four** 6th: Mia Chambers, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Chloe Braas, Sienna Skilling, Honor Bradford (Cox).



The two College Double Sculls rowers (pictured above, front boat, front and back): Sienna Skilling and Honor Bradford; (boat behind, front and back): Isabel Wall and Sophie Gibson.



(Pictured above, left and right): Boys' Under 18 Double Sculls pairing of Matthew Pearce and Zane Cameron.

(Pictured below, front to back): Girls' Under 16 Coxed Four: Mia Chambers, Isla Connelly-Whyte, Chloe Braas, Sienna Skilling, Honor Bradford (Cox).



Events

Boyle River Experiences – and a Huge Thank You to Rotary Clubs' Sponsorship

Six Ashburton College 2022 student leaders – Head Students Jorja Roulston and Jack Brown; Deputy Head Girl TC Trusler-Clark; Orange House Co-Captain Anna Gray; Red House Co-Captain Gemma Tapurau; and Student Executive Member Caendal Harris took part in the Boyle River Potential Leaders December 2021 Programme.

This residential course is held for Year 12 and 13 students who are considered to be potential leaders. The aims of this active five-day event are to begin to turn leadership potential into reality; through the teaching, discussion and leadership opportunities provided. Development of communication skills, skills of briefing and debriefing, self-confidence, initiative and self-reliance were to be the outcome.



Ready to get underway (pictured left, back row, left to right): Gemma Tapurau, Jack Brown, TC Trusler-Clark, Caendal Harris.

(Front row, left and right): Jorja Roulston, Anna Gray.

Appreciation – Plains and Ashburton Rotary Clubs

A very real appreciation is given to both of these Rotary Clubs for their sponsorship of this opportunity, which benefits each attendee and, in turn, Ashburton College as the students bring additional skills into their roles.

Jack Brown presented to the Ashburton Plains Rotary Club on Wednesday 16 March, while a written report from Anna Gray on behalf of herself and Jorja was forwarded to the Ashburton Rotary Club.

Course Experiences and Responses

From both of these reports we give an outline of the students' experiences and responses. Joining the College students were two students from Marian College, Christchurch.

Information provided by Anna Gray, to the Ashburton Rotary Club

Photos mainly provided by Jack Brown

A massive thank you was given for sponsoring the students to go on this amazing trip, one that they have said they will remember forever.

Anna said – 'Let me take you through the amazing experience we all had while being at the Boyle River Leadership Camp.'

The first day we spent getting to know one another and earning each other's trust, through doing a series of low ropes activities. We learnt that we are all different in many ways but not to judge each other by what is on the outside. We also learnt that, in the outdoors, you should always leave everything exactly how you found it.



(Pictured right): Swamp team-building activity.

The first night we did an activity called night-line, where we were blindfolded, with helmets on. We had to walk through a forest in a single line with one hand on the person in front of us and the other hand on a rope that led us around an almost obstacle-like course. It was very scary, but enjoyable, and we really had to work together to get around, taking around forty minutes to complete.

On day two we set off on an overnight tramp through the Nina Valley (pictured left) to spend the night at Nina Hut. After around five hours walking through mud, water and seeing amazing views we arrived at the hut, which had a long drop loo. On arrival we settled in and made dinner, which was comprised of freeze-dried meals. This was very interesting and definitely a big learning experience, as most of us added too much water and our roast chicken turned into soup!

I spent the night in a tent with two others, while everyone else slept in the hut. But, little did we know, the tent was pitched in a very bad place and, due to the heavy rain, the tent leaked and I woke up at 3:00am with a puddle in my sleeping bag. We packed up our things and spent the night freezing on the hut floor.

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The walk out from the Nina Hut was a lot of fun. We got to see even more amazing views, bushwalking as there was no track, and crossing a handful of rivers. These rivers were quite fast-flowing so we learnt how to do river crossings. One of them was so deep and fast we had to cross in a group of four, but luckily all of us were able to make it across pretty much dry and without getting swept away with big heavy packs on our backs.

That night we spent time recovering from our big walk!



(Pictured left): Embarking on the river crossing.

Day four was by far my favourite. We spent the whole day rock climbing and abseiling. Climbing on a rock face was challenging, but so much fun. Jorja and I both jumped straight into the hardest climb. I definitely know that, when I got around three quarters up to the top, I really felt like giving up, but I had to learn to trust my body and myself. You really had to trust your feet were supporting you to use what upper body strength you had to try and find a spot to grab onto. We both made it to the top, and the view from the top was amazing.

(Pictured right): Rock face for climbing and abseiling.

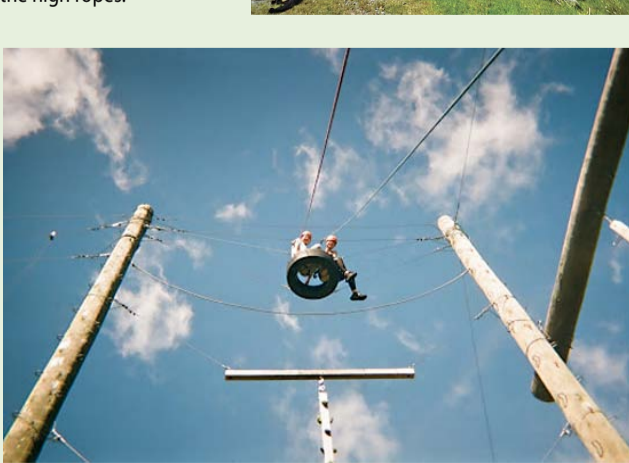
Next was abseiling, where we climbed up a massive hill to get to the top of a cliff that we abseiled down, 40 metres over water. This is something we all definitely talked about everyday as it was terrifying, but the feeling of getting to the ground was so amazing and we all felt so accomplished.

That night we had dinner and listened to music and all had a great time singing along together.

That brings us to the last day where we spent the day doing high ropes.

Jorja and I both conquered a course called the virtual jungle gym. This was very challenging and required working with someone else to get to the top, but we both made it up. We also both did the leap of faith and completed it.

(Pictured right): Preparing for the high ropes.



Overall the five days we spent away was absolutely amazing, and we still talk about it every day and about how much we miss it!

In their appreciation to Rotary, the course was described as an amazing adventure.

Jack concluded his presentation summarising what he had learnt –

- Personal Leadership:** 'Reaching my own goals and pushing myself out of my boundaries.'
- Peer Leadership:** 'Helping others reach their goals, and reaching a goal as a team.'
- Positive Attitude:** 'How much an attitude/outlook can affect a situation outcome.'
- And, as a Head Student:** 'Using my experience in my life, in real situations.'