# **Head of Junior School Message**

New Entrants' Morning and Arrangements for 2023 On Friday 25 November, we hosted 259 pupils from our Year 9 cohort for 2023 at Ashburton College for their New Entrants' morning. Pupils experienced a snapshot of what it is like at AshColl with time in Ako classes as well as lessons

met with our Head Student team for 2023.



During the morning, the Year 8 pupils were given a New Entrant booklet and we hope that this has now been seen by parents and caregivers. This pack contains information about uniform, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), and communication including the College SchoolBridge App. The Year 9 stationery list is included on a pull-out page at the end of the booklet. From speaking with pupils, the most popular pages in the booklet contained the canteen menu, and plans were already being made for lunch purchases in 2023! Please Contact the College Office if you haven't received a Booklet

Entrant booklet has not made it home to you, please contact the College

Office. We currently have 282 students enrolled and for those Year 8 students who missed the New Entrants' morning, an email has been sent to whanau with an invitation to attend at another opportunity and the booklet will be given to them at this time. Transitional Visits from Contributing Schools/College Ambassador **Visits to Schools** 

As well as our New Entrants' morning, we have welcomed pupils from several contributing schools in for additional transition visits, and our

Year 9 Ambassadors have been visiting their previous schools to speak with Year 8 pupils about AshColl. For most of our new pupils, there will be a healthy mix of nerves and excitement at the thought of coming to a new school. However, for a

few, an extra visit or two, or the chance to chat with a former pupil from their old school, can give a little 'insider knowledge' that helps to lessen **GOT (Get Out There) Day** Excitement is building amongst our Year 9 and 10 students as GOT Day

Activities vary from year-to-year depending on the expertise and interests of our wonderful staff.

This year, we have twenty two activities including ice-skating, cake decorating, clay bird shooting, surfing, esports, sea kayaking, craft, white

cloud and a pleasant temperature of 18°C, so it looks like everyone is in for a wonderful day. Our thanks to Karen Stockdill in the College Office for her efficient co-ordination of GOT Day. **Forthcoming Prize-Givings** We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 9 and 10 students with prize-givings on the final day of term, Thursday 08 December. We acknowledge the hard work and determination of our

their whānau who have nurtured learning and supported them along the way. **Farewell Commentary** This is my final commentary for the Ashburton College Newsletter as I am leaving College at the end of the year. It has been my great pleasure to

have been a part of this school and I will continue to support Ashburton College from outside the gates in 2023 and beyond. He hono tangata e kore e motu; ka pa he taura waka e motu. Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed.

**Carolyn Clough Head of Junior School** Staff - Farewell

District but, for most of the time, was based at Ashburton College. Jawad has been a welcome addition to our small team and was an absolute asset to us, despite it being an extremely difficult year with ongoing COVID

We are very grateful for Jawad's input this year and appreciate the long days for him as he commuted from Christchurch. We wish him all the very best as he returns to study at Canterbury University.

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# **Events**

# **Remaining Language Weeks Held for** the Year at College

Information provided by Lucas Vainerere, Head of Cultural Committee 2022

In previous newsletters we have covered a series of Language Weeks celebrated at College. With this information from student Lucas Vainerere we now give information on the final three Language Weeks held in 2022, with a huge acknowledgement to the Cultural Committee's organisation and to students within the College who supported their work. In September, Ashburton College celebrated the indigenous cultures of Tonga and Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Tongan Language Week** The first celebration in September was Tongan Language Week which washeld from Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 September. Year 12 Tongan student Sera Ula raised the red and white flag of Tonga on Monday morning to

open the week and raise awareness of their culture. The following day, a group of Tongan girls performed at Hampstead School, showcasing their beautiful culture to the next generation. There, they also quizzed representatives from each class on their knowledge of Tonga before

closing with a dance battle between students. On Wednesday, students and staff were given the opportunity to try some local delicacies from Tonga such as Keke Isite (Banana Pancakes) and Otai (Fruit Drink). Each item was sold for \$2.00 and the stall managed to sell out

within the first twenty minutes of opening. A popular food item was the Keke Isite and the mangoflavoured Otai. On Thursday, as there was no school due to it being Ako

interviews day, there was nothing planned. (Pictured right, clockwise from front left): buying and selling Otai are Jas King,

Donna Dandin, Nuku Penisoni, Mia Manoa.

Language Week with a dress-up in Tongan attire. A group of Tongan girls also performed that day in a full school assembly. A final summary was posted on the Student Executive face book page to wrap up what happened throughout the week. (Pictured left, back row, left to right): Siasini Satui, Sera Ulu, Selaima Loloma (front row left to right): Mia Manoa, Gelaeya Hadfield, performing

Finally, on Friday, the Tongan students celebrated the last day of Tongan

students celebrating the last day of Tongan Language Week in traditional cultural attire.

at the College full-school

(Pictured below): A group of

assembly.



On Monday morning, the Tino Rangatiratanga flag was raised by Lucas Vainerere and Ngahuia Maeva. Following this was the set-up for a Library display and a small quiz, with a Chocolate Prize to be given out at the end of

Therefore, from Monday 19 - Friday 23 September, the Cultural Committee

came together to perform the Waiata 'E Minaka Ana' in front of the rest of the staff in the early hours of the morning. Following that was a Junior Ako Class quiz held in the Auditorium for Years 9 and 10. On Thursday during the lunch break, Ngahuia Maeva, accompanied by some members of staff and Foundation Studies teacher Liz Carrick's class, held a food stall where the student body was given a chance to taste authentic

On Wednesday, a few of our staff members

the week.

the week after in lieu of the College Exams.

held small events to help celebrate this week.

Māori Kai. Such dishes were food like Boil Up (\$5.00), Steamed Pudding (\$4.00) and Sausage Sizzle (\$2.00). The most popular dish was the Sausage Sizzle. The stall ended up making a profit of \$240.50.

**Ashburton College** Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

(Pictured right): Year 13 student Ngahuia Maeva with kai for sale. Ngahuia and her whānau made and sold Boil-Up and Steamed Pudding with custard.



Supervisor) and a few other students had joined up on the field to set up a traditional game of Ki O Rahi, with many other students taking part. Following this, a final video summary was put up on the Student Executive pages to wrap up the events and the importance of the week.





Saturday 08 October which is the first week of the school holidays. Knowing this, the College postponed the celebration until the first

with the raising of the flag. The Fijian flag was raised on a cold, windy day and flew proudly throughout the week. For each day of the week, a Fijian

As per usual, the week opened

week of Term 4.

student would give the word of the day and how it is used in everyday conversation. For example, students could use the word 'vinaka' in place of 'thank you.'

At the end of the week, we had our Fijian students come to school in their beautiful cultural attire.

(Pictured left, left



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to right): In their

Emori Balenaisa,

cultural attire

May Penjueli,

Cakaunitabua,

Vena Naitoga.

Mereani



6:00am with a blessing for the new building/whare.

to-Ashburton retail outlet.

of the new people into the building

welcome haka pōwhiri.

occasion even more special.

pupils and staff at St Joseph's.

outstanding!

School pupils.

ropū via some games and a haka.

Three Day Wānanga

off at 10:00pm, with our attendees mixing with adults and youth from all over the region. He said that our rangatahi were exemplary, and assisted considerably in helping the entire group reach the ultimate

A follow-up day is planned in Ashburton during this month and another wananga planned for next

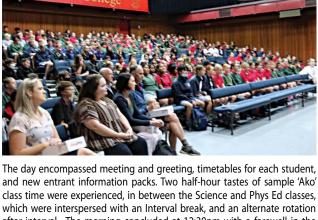
(Pictured right): The group on the

goals of the organisers.

year in January 2023.

shoreline.

# Successful New Entrants' Morning at College



Ako classes and experienced two subjects, Science and Physical Education.

On Friday 25 November it was our pleasure to welcome approximately 260

students, who enjoyed a full programme of activities following on from their

welcome, from Head of Junior School Carolyn Clough, in the Auditorium at

left to right): Enjoying the interval break are a group of Ashburton Borough School students.



(Pictured right): Students in their Science class rotation, undertaking a practical experiment with chemicals

and bunsen burners, creating



word', and a kigo, or seasonal reference. Similar poems that do not adhere to these rules are generally classified as senryū.

AshColl Writers' Club – Haikus

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Below are four examples of Haikus, written by Year 9 students: **Ashburton Winter by Macy Lewis-West** Sit in front of fires The prospect of winter snow

Below is a selection of Haikus written by the AshColl Writer's Club

junior students. Junior students have been able to join on Wednesday

Haiku is a type of short form poetry originally from Japan. Traditional

Japanese haiku consists of three phrases that contain a kireji, or 'cutting

lunchtimes in A4, with English teachers Alice Clark and Amy Dean.

But it never comes. **Untitled by Kate Rickard** 

for the weak and malnourished the start of the end. **Emotion by Georgie Prouting** The tears down her face

The season of death

she cries in her space she's isolated. **Phoenix by Chloe Graham** Look above up high

that's where flaming wings lie

it dazzles us all. **Senior Dance Students at** 

At the end of October College Senior Dance Students embarked on a collaboration project at Ashburton Borough School over two days. Teacher of Dance Dana Dawson said that both of the College's senior dance classes travelled to Ashburton Borough School to help share their love of

the moment.

dance with new entrants and Year 1 students. The students had carefully planned and prepared a few fun games to break the ice, and then a good warm-up before teaching them 'The Continental Drift' from the film Ice Age. Our students were specifically asked to learn

this dance in order to connect with what the children are learning about at

Ashburton Borough School





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Assembly Held on Wednesday 23 November.



and the overall winners.

Ollie Bubb

**Kavne Johnston** 

**Jack Jones** 

Maddi Lowry

**Jack McIntosh** 

**Charlotte McKenzie** 

**Phoebe McKenzie** 

**Madi Tourle** 

TC Trusler-Clark

**Jack McIntosh** 

Tāne Moore

Riley Sa

**Charlotte McKenzie** 

Phoebe McKenzie

Ripena Umaga Vaeila

# (Pictured above): Kayne Johnston. **Contribution to School Sport** and expertise of coaches and family members. **Recognition Award** Jack Jones, Smallbore Rifle Shooting Without a doubt, all are winners, and a big well done is given to all nominees Sports Team of the Year

**Ashburton College Smallbore Rifle** 

(Pictured right, back row, left and

Shooting, Team 1:

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

Future Champion and Sports Team of the Year -Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 1 Future Champion and Sports Team of the Year -Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 1

> Ethan Marriott, James Reid, Jacob Robinson, Neil Thakar, Alex Urquhart; with Kevin Urquhart and Wayne McDowell as Coaches.

> AshColl got off to a great start with an 80 run opening stand between Joel Moffett and Liam Elliott. Once both openers departed, with the score

> by and this showed with Sheane Nathane Caramonte running out the Timaru Boys' other opener. From there, Neil Thakar removed three Timaru Boys' batsmen in the space of two overs. AshColl was outstanding in the field with James Reid leading the way with some sharp fielding and a catch of the season effort to remove their last

> stage of the knockout Tournament, through virtue of a 79 run win. Ashburton College 221/7 – 40 overs; with Toby Grant on 81, Joel Moffett 35, Liam Elliott 27. For Timaru Boys J Honeybone took 2 for 18, and J Houston Timaru Boys' High School 132 All Out – 27.1 overs, with Leo McNair on 69

> 1 off 2, Toby Grant 1 off 8, and Quinn McDowell 1 off 20. This was a super win to the College team, who will now move on to play the winners of the Canterbury Country round.



**Term Two Term Three Term Four** McDowell (Coach), Neil Thakar, Quinn McDowell, Joel Moffett, Toby Grant,

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Ashburton College Basketball Coaches -Caleb Ede, Liam Elliott, Olly Prince. Ashburton College Basketball Referee -Jorja Abernethy, Joel Moffett, Riki Philpott, Jack Spicer, Jack Strawbridge.

In this newsletter we acknowledge eight further recipients, with

certificates for six of these available for presentation in the Year 9

Olly Prince and Jorja Abernethy are Year 10 students and will receive their

(Pictured above, left to right): Liam Elliott, Joel Moffett, Caleb Ede, Jack Spicer. (Inset, below, left to right): Olly Prince, Jorja Abernethy, Riki Philpott,



December Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm,

Year 10 final day. Prize-giving, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Auditorium Year 9 final day. Prize-giving, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Auditorium

Some Key 2023 Early-Year Dates Year 13 Leadership Camp (for confirmed students),

> Peer Support Training, selected Year 12 students. Course Confirmation. For selected Year 12 and 13 students only by appointment.

Te Whare Manaaki – all students start. Pōwhiri, 11:25am Year 10 and 12 students first day Waitangi Day public holiday

Year 11 students first day

Thursday 02 February (Years 9 and 13 start, Kōhanga and Te Whare Manaaki) - Pōwhiri (Years 10 and 12 start)

Friday 30 June



in Science and Phys Ed. They met with key staff, were taken on guided tours of the College, and

If you have a child who attended New Entrants' morning and the New

approaches. GOT (Get Out There) Day was first established in 2013 and offers students the chance to get out and try something new.

water rafting and ziplining. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, GOT Day was

unable to proceed in 2021, so places in activities this year were hotly contested. At present, the GOT Day forecast is for a fine day with light

students who will receive awards this year, but also their teachers and

serve the College and community for the past twenty five years and I am very sad to be moving on. Ashburton College is a great school with passionate staff who go the extra mile on a daily basis for students and their whānau. I am proud to

Tomorrow we farewell Jawad Deljo, our Bilingual Support Worker. Jawad had the challenging task of being Ashburton College's very first support staff member working with our former refugee students. Jawad has spent time with all the former refugee students in the Ashburton



Teacher-in-Charge of Māori, Tiipene Philip, said the rōpū started the day at

Following this it was time to wait for Tinwald Primary School students to

arrive, to have the opening at 8:00am. Tiipene said that the Tinwald pupils

performed a very nice bracket of waiata, and were supported by the College

The College Kapa Haka rōpū then presented a haka pōwhiri to welcome all

(Pictured above): Ashburton College's Kapa haka ropū presenting the

Tiipene highlighted the importance of this occasion, and the benefits of the

employment it offers here, with some of our former students now working

It was a real pleasure to work with Tinwald School akonga, making the

A further community involvement saw the College Kapa haka rōpū visit

St Joseph's Primary School at the end of term, in acknowledgement of

Te Wiki o te reo Māori, and also to celebrate waiata and haka with the

College gathered at the Sinclair Centre where the College ropū performed and, in reply, St Joseph's pupils and staff sang a waiata to us in what was

a beautiful performance. Tiipene Philip said that St Joseph's pupils were

(Pictured above): The College Kapa haka group performing to St Joseph's

Following this, the College students worked with the St Joseph's Kapa haka

Another valuable event involving a number of our young people was

a three day wananga, held over Labour Weekend. So, while some of us

had some days off, these participants were involved in long days and

The purpose was to raise awareness about the issue of Youth Suicide and Prevention, how to establish networks to help each other, and how to build

The wananga was held at Te Aitarakihi Centre in Te Tihi-a-Maru/Timaru.

Tiipene Philip said that each day was full; from rising at 6:00am until lights-

for College Students

Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 1

Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2

Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 1

Rugby League

Everyone had a great time and both schools enjoyed the event.

positive relationships to help attend to the issues.

College had twelve representatives attending on our behalf.

**College Kapa Haka Group** 

Kmart is thanked sincerely for the invitation and opportunity.

Visit to St Joseph's Primary School by

# There have been a number of positives in the latter part of this year and **Community Involvements** one of these was being able to hold our 2023 New Entrants' morning as Ashburton College's Kapa haka rōpū attended the opening of Kmart on one occasion, without limitations on student numbers. Thursday 20 October, as a part of the blessing and opening of this new-These mornings are an ideal way for incoming students to experience a taste of what it will be like to be an AshColl student. They were divided into

9:00am (pictured below).





and asking really good questions about life at AshColl. Staff are looking forward to working with the students from the start of next year.

various coloured flames dependent on the chemical (Pictured below): One group of students underway in their Phys Ed class. A series of events took place for different 'classes' on the courts and on the field.



# **Ashburton College**

Additional Principal's Commendations In our 03 November newsletter we acknowledged the students presented with a Principal's Commendation Award.  $These \, Awards \, give \, acknowledgement \, and \, appreciation \, for \, outstanding \,$ contribution to College life and personal achievement.

## **Nicholas Collie** Future Champion - Snowboarding **Imogene Felton** Sports Team of the Year -Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2 **Bree Greer** Sports Team of the Year -Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2

College nominees and the categories they were nominated for, were:

Future Champion - Powerlifting

Future Champion – Ski Racing

Future Champion - Cycling Track and Road

Sports Team of the Year -

Sports Team of the Year -

**Tane Moore** Sports Team of the Year -Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2 Luke Rhodes Sports Team of the Year – Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2 Future Champion – Basketball **Riley Sa** Sports Team of the Year -Sama Sooialo Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Team 2

Sports Team of the Year -

From our seventeen nominations, Ashburton College students featured

Future Champion – Rugby Union

Future Champion - Rugby Union and

highly across the categories of award acknowledgements and winners: Acknowledged for their New Zealand Honours were -Ollie Bubb Powerlifting **Imogene Felton** Smallbore Rifle Shooting **Bree Greer** Smallbore Rifle Shooting **Jack Jones** Smallbore Rifle Shooting Maddi Lowry Smallbore Rifle Shooting

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Smallbore Rifle Shooting **Luke Rhodes** Basketball Smallbore Rifle Shooting Smallbore Rifle Shooting Rugby League

Smallbore Rifle Shooting (now a school leaver)

Sama Sooialo **Madi Tourle** Ripena Umaga Vaeila set batsman. Alex Urquhart ended Boys' High's hopes of a come-back by removing their last three batsmen to ensure AshColl advanced to the next **Winners in the Future Champions Category** Future Champion, Powerlifting Ollie Bubb **Nicholas Collie** Future Champion, Snowboarding **Kayne Johnston** Future Champion, Ski Racing Maddi Lowry Future Champion, Cycling **Charlotte McKenzie** Smallbore Rifle Shooting - Sports Team of the Year Smallbore, Team 1

- Future Champion - Smallbore Rifle Winner Sports Team of the Year Smallbore, Team 1 Phoebe McKenzie Tāne Moore Sports Team of the Year Smallbore, Team 1 Future Champion, Basketball - Boys Riley Sa **Madi Tourle** Sports Team of the Year Smallbore, Team 1 TC Trusler-Clark Future Champion, Rugby Union - Girls Future Champion, Rugby League Ripena Umaga Vaeila





at 93 for 2, Toby Grant and Alex Urquhart put a 58 run partnership on to get them through to 151. The middle and lower order combined with some good hitting and sharp running to finish up 221/7. The boys knew they needed to start well with the ball and so they did, with Quinn McDowell removing Hamish Peck for a Duck in the first over. Constant pressure from **Quinn and Neil Thakar** made runs hard to come

The team went into the unknown against Timaru Boys' High School, at

AshColl's home pitch at the Ashburton Domain, as Ashburton has been

Traditionally, Timaru Boys' High School has been the team that stops

AshColl's run to the Canterbury Schools' playoffs but, so far this season, they

are currently unbeaten so went into the match with 'a wee bit' of confidence.

playing in the Canterbury Country Year 9/10 Saturday competition.

For College, Alex Urquhart took 3 off 5 balls, Neil Thakar 3 off 8, George King

(Front row, left to right): James Reid, Ethan Marriott, George King,

Alex Urquhart, Sheane Nathane Caramonte, Liam Elliott, Jacob Robinson.

Harry Hayman, Kevin Urquhart (Coach).

**Term Dates 2023 Term One** 

> Friday 03 February Tuesday 07 February Wednesday 26 April Monday 17 July

Monday 09 October -

(Year 11 start)

seated at 7:00pm Te Whare Manaaki prize-giving, Te Whare Manaaki, 12:15pm-1:15pm

31 Jan-01 Feb Teacher Only Days **February** Year 9 and 13 students first day.

Friday 22 September Thursday 26 October (Year 13) Tuesday 31 October (Years 11/12) Monday 11 December

Mt Hutt Retreat

- Thursday 06 April

(Years 9 and 10)

1 December 2022

Isla Watt

(foreground)

the activities.

leading part of

certificates at a different time.



09-11 NZSS Track, Field and Road Champships, Inglewood 2022 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the Prize-givings.

**January** 25-27 26-27 26, 27

Kōhanga students first day.