



Message From The Principal

Lockdown Drill

Last week we held a lockdown drill. This was our first since the Guidelines to Schools have been altered, following on from the Christchurch Mosques' shootings.

There were considerable learnings for schools based on this tragedy and, accordingly, the Police and Ministry of Education assembled a Taskforce to revise the guidelines.

There are some important need-to-know aspects for parents/caregivers in case of a real lockdown, including:

- In these emergencies the police take command and we are required to lock down our school until this is lifted by NZ Police.
- If the danger is outside of school we will lock our entrance gates.
- Classroom and exterior doors will be locked.
- Whānau not arriving en masse and standing/parking outside our gates. In some cases, in Christchurch, there were dozens of parents/caregivers standing outside of schools, making them easy targets.
- Our students will be able to send a text message home to parents/caregivers to explain that they are in lockdown and then they are to stay off their phones. Again, in the Christchurch crisis, the cell network crashed due to the volume of calls, at a time when the network was needed for the emergency services.
- Parents/caregivers will be given updates/lifting of lockdown information via school website or text message.
- Please trust that, as a school, we will do everything that can be done to keep your whānau safe.

Shelter in Place

In the emergency space there is a new category called 'Shelter in Place'. This is activated by our College intercom system and requires everybody on our campus to go inside and stay there until the danger has cleared. There are many possibilities for this activation - including toxic smoke, a hail storm, a bee swarm or any other localised danger.

My thanks for your understanding in these matters.

Consultation Hui – NCEA Level 1

Please note the dates and times of our NCEA Level 1 consultation hui, elsewhere in this newsletter. We are genuinely keen to get your input into the future of NCEA Level 1 at Ashburton College, so please come along.

Two Forthcoming Events for Tuesday 14 June

There are two events worth noting for Tuesday 14 June.

These are the second round of **parent-student-teacher interviews**, that had been rescheduled due to our number of unavailable staff. We are delighted to be able to provide these face-to-face updates.

Our online booking system closes at 9:00am on the morning of 14 June.

My thanks to the significant number of parents/caregivers who attended our first afternoon/evening on Thursday 19 May.

The second significant event on this day is our **first sports exchange for over two years**. We have traditional sports exchanges with Lincoln, Rangiora and Burnside High Schools but, due to COVID, these haven't occurred in 2020 or 2021.

Our students are really eager to resume these exchanges and my thanks go to all our parents, caregivers and staff who are supporting our teams over the winter season.

Many thanks.



Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaiki

Information

COVID – Reminders of Requirements and Good Health Practices to Lessen Infection Spread

Although COVID restrictions have been relaxed to a degree, and all year levels are now back at College each day as from Friday 27 May, COVID is still very prevalent in our environments and communities, and is affecting many people.

We do continue to strongly encourage good health practices to limit infection spread, as follows:

Face Masks

- Although masks are no longer mandated on school grounds, **we strongly encourage them to be worn when inside.**
- Masks are still required to be worn on all school transport** (buses, mini vans etc) and in our First Aid rooms.

Good Hygiene Practices

- We ask that everyone continue with the good hygiene practices of handwashing, use of hand sanitiser and staying away if you are unwell.

If Unwell

- As above, please ensure your child remains at home if feeling unwell. Staff are required to follow this approach also.

We thank families for the co-operation and understanding shown around the rostering home implemented last week. Naturally, keeping students at school is of the utmost importance. While we cannot say with certainty that we will not need to roster home again in future, this is a last resort and will be used as sparingly as possible.

Information

New Date – Second Day of Parent/Student/Subject Teacher Interviews and Early Closure

Second day – rescheduled for Tuesday 14 June
(transferred from Tuesday 24 May)

2:30pm – 8:00pm, Hotel Ashburton.

The interviews are for all year levels.

For Year 9 students, interviews are with subject teachers only, (not option teachers).

The length of each interview is five minutes.

It is expected that students attend with their parents/caregivers, in order to be part of the three-way conversation.

Bookings: will be automatically transferred over from those made for 24 May.

If your proposed booking time no longer suits you can alter your appointment time/s in SchoolPoint or, alternatively, please contact the College Office.

As previously, if you do not have an online facility, you are able to book by contacting the College Office on 3084193, Ext 0.

College will close early on this day - from 1:20pm.

The closure is Board of Trustees approved.

Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1: Remaining Hui Dates

Ashburton College is undertaking a comprehensive consultation process to consider if our College will retain NCEA Level 1 as a primary focus for our Year 11 students.

As part of this process we are seeking the input of current and former students, whānau, employers and our staff. Refer remaining meeting dates below.

We are reviewing the role that this qualification plays in supporting the best outcomes for our students, and asking related questions like:

- What are the benefits and limitations of NCEA Level 1?
- Do all of our students need to complete NCEA Level 1?
- Are we supporting student well-being?
- How does NCEA Level 1 support our Vision?

While our focus is very much on Ashburton College, this is a conversation which is taking place in secondary schools and their communities around New Zealand.

As part of this process we will host several hui, with the remaining dates as follows:

• Thursday 02 June	10:00am	Hakaterere Marae
• Thursday 02 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium
• Thursday 02 June	7:00pm	Hakaterere Marae
• Friday 03 June	10:00am	College Auditorium
• Saturday 11 June	2:00pm	College Auditorium

If you are interested in hearing more, we invite and strongly encourage you to attend one of these hui to gain information and to provide feedback to us at College.

It is anticipated the hui will be for approximately one hour.

An opportunity to share your thoughts will also be made available via a survey in the near future.

Consultation Process – NCEA Level 1: Hui specifically for Employers and Business Community Stakeholders

We are very interested in our community's employer/stakeholder thoughts and perspective with regard to the place of NCEA Level 1.

At College we are focused on producing graduates who can thrive in the future, and we know that there are a different set of skills and dispositions required for future employment than in the past.

If you would like input into this process, which we would welcome, or want to hear more; we invite you to attend either of the employer-focused sessions in the College Auditorium, on:

- Wednesday 08 June, 9.30am - or
- Wednesday 08 June, 7.30pm

All interested community business members welcome.

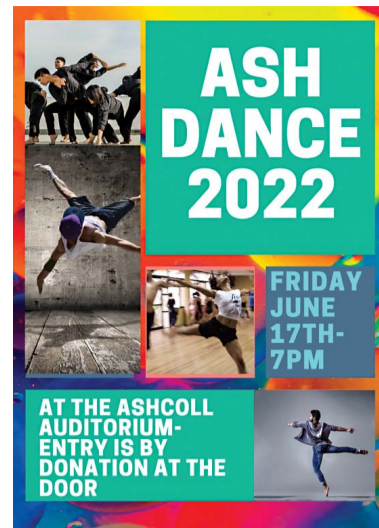
Forthcoming Events

June

03	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 and B, Senior Boys' B, Southern Trust Event Centre, Timaru
	Basketball – Senior A Boys' and Girls', Thomson and Whelan Trophy Competitions, Christchurch
	NCEA Level 1 Community Consultation, AshColl Auditorium, 10:00am
06	Queen's Birthday Monday, Public Holiday.

Cultural Programme Events Return

Put these in your calendar, if you can join us in the audience to enjoy the talents of College students.



Remember Also
Lip Sync 2022
07 July, 7:00pm,
Auditorium

Congratulations

Mid Canterbury Sports Awards –

College Student Nominees and Staff Awards

A number of College students were nominees to this annual event held at the Hotel Ashburton on Friday 13 May 2022 and, in this newsletter, we acknowledge them and their achievements; plus recognition of two College staff members.

In addition, we acknowledge the hard work, commitment and focus which takes these students to high levels of success in their chosen fields. The impressive achievements also highlight the national and international capabilities of a significant number of Mid Cantabrians, quality coaching, and the support of families.

Achievement Format

Achievements recognised covered the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

As for 2021, in line with Sport New Zealand's promotion of 'Balance is Better' philosophy, there were no named section winners in the junior categories of Outstanding Junior Sportsman and Team. Instead, all nominees were presented with the traditional koru trophy, as recognition of their achievements.

Sport New Zealand promotes 'Balance is Better' as an evidence-based philosophy to support quality sport experiences for all young people, regardless of ability, needs and motivations. It is about young people staying involved in sport for life, and realising their potential at the right time.

College Student Nominees were:

Outstanding Para Athlete

Delta Taeauga - Rugby League

In 2021 Delta was selected for the New Zealand Physical Disability Rugby League Team, and travelled to Auckland and Christchurch for training camps. Delta was the only school-aged player to be selected into the National team.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the team was unable to travel to Warrington, England, where they would have played for the Rugby League World Cup against England, Wales, Australia and Scotland.

(Pictured right): Delta Taeauga



Isabel Wall – Rowing

Isabel Wall is a member of the Ashburton Rowing Club and Ashburton College Rowing teams, competing at the 2022 Rowing Championships for her club, and for College at the Aon Maadi Cup New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships.

At the New Zealand Rowing Championships, Isabel won the Open Para Singles and was 8th in the Women's Intermediate Single Sculls.

At the 2022 Maadi Cup, Isabel was a member of the Ashburton College Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls which won Bronze, and was 1st in the B Final of the Girls' Under 16 Doubles Sculls.

Outstanding Junior Sports Team Category

Ashburton College 1st X1 Boys' Hockey Team

Members of this team were: Cole Aitken, Zane Cameron, Harrison Doak, Jack Ellis, Archie Glanville, Riley Harris, Lachie Jemmett, Nick Kershaw, Braden Luxton, Hamish O'Reilly, Sam Orr, Will Rollinson, Tom Rosevear, Harry Soal, Nicholas Stringer, Henry Thomas, Dante Vannini, Henry Wallis.

with Coach: Ryan Hampton.

Playing against the school teams of St Bede's College, Christ's College, St Andrew's College, Sharnmore High School and Christchurch Boys' High School the team was triumphant in winning the Christchurch Secondary Schools' Division 1 Hockey League competition.

This was an amazing achievement and the team was also recipient of the Ashburton College Bevan Bain Trophy, which is recognition of a team that brings the most credit to the Ashburton College.



Congratulations

Ashburton College Rowing Under 16 Coxed Quad Team

Members of the team were: Honor Bradford, Sophie Gibson, Isabel Wall, Sienna Skilling, Lily Davidson.

At the Aon Maadi Rowing Nationals the team was placed 3rd in their Heat which meant they then needed to go into the repechage, to earn progression further through the stages towards the A Finals. In the repechage they rowed to a first placing, gaining a place in the semi-final where they placed second, thus qualifying for the A Final.

The team then went on to be placed 3rd in the Final, to come home with a Bronze Medal.



(Pictured above left to right): The successful Under 16 Coxed Quad Team Isabel Wall, Lily Davidson, Sophie Gibson, Honor Bradford.

(Absent from the photo/inset): Sienna Skilling.

Ashburton College Smallbore Rifle Shooting Team

Members of the team were: Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones, Maddi Tourle. This team was winner of Target Shooting New Zealand Schools' Postal Shoot, taking out the Whitcoulls Challenge Trophy.

Sixty-one teams competed in this competition with three members per team; and the same number of students competed as individuals.

As a team they scored 588.30/600.60 meaning that, between the three members, they dropped only 12 points in winning the Mixed Grade.

Team member Charlotte McKenzie was Runner-up Individual Champion overall and Runner-up Female Champion, with **Jack Jones** Runner-up Male Champion.

These results formed another remarkable result from this team.

Mid Canterbury Junior South Island Championship Team from the Sport of Shooting

Members of the team were: Amelia Swan, Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones, Maddi Tourle, Phoebe McKenzie and Tāne Moore.

In winning the Greenleigh Shield at the South Island Under 21 Championships the team won Gold Medals, an outstanding result due to members' ages being between 14 and 16 years. The team won with an excellent score of 1431.40, proving that all members shot consistently and strongly.

A truly deserving young team.



(Pictured above, left to right): Four of the Mid Canterbury team members, listening to the accolades being given: Jack Jones, Charlotte McKenzie (College students), Amelia Swan (Mt Hutt College), Tāne Moore (College student).

College Student Nominees to Outstanding Junior Sportsman

Tayla Davidson – Karate

Not even an interrupted year due to COVID has stopped Tayla Davidson from achieving strong results, across the board, over the past twelve months.

Tayla was selected for the New Zealand side for the Oceania Championships, only for it to be postponed, but selection came off the back of some excellent results including being the New Zealand Champion for the third year running in Kumite.

She also gained the South Island Secondary Schools' Kumite title, as well as finishing second in Kata.

Challenging herself even further, Tayla stepped up a weight division at the annual New Zealand Cup where she came away with a Silver Medal.

As well as her karate achievements, Tayla has also showcased her talents on the Softball Diamond where she was named Most Valuable Player at the South Island Secondary School Championships.

Joshua Eketone – Athletics

Named Ashburton Athletics' Most Moving Senior Competitor, Joshua Eketone is making all the right moves. With his hard training schedule he has shone over the past twelve months, and it all culminated in a huge effort at the annual Colgate Games where he won a Silver Medal in the Discus event with a huge 35.40m throw. This distance meant he only narrowly missed out on the Gold Medal.

At the same event in Invercargill, Joshua also placed fifth in the Shot Put with another big throw, of over 10 metres.

Joshua mixes his Athletics commitments with Rugby where he is a rising star as well, representing both his school and Mid Canterbury in the Under 14 and a half age group.

Hannah King – Swimming

Hannah is a former Ashburton College student, whose achievements were mostly gained while at College.

Hannah has made the water her own over the past year, even if COVID has scuttled many of the meets she had her eyes on attending. Her crowning glory for the year came at the National Age Group Championships where she smashed all her previous best times to become a national title holder in the 15-year-old 200 metre Breaststroke with a remarkable swim.

She added to her tally at those championships with a Bronze Medal in the 1500m Freestyle as well.

A tireless worker both in and out of the water in her training, Hannah is determined to continue to improve her skill-set with more than 15 hours a week of training as she looks forward to, hopefully, an uninterrupted campaign this year.

Rishaan Kumar – Athletics

There's a lot to look forward to on the athletics track for Rishaan Kumar. The talented athlete has produced excellent results over the past twelve months as part of the Ashburton Athletics team, including a Gold Medal at the Canterbury Championships in the illustrious 100 metre sprint event. This was followed up with a Silver in the 200m and a Bronze in the Long Jump.

Rishaan also claimed a Bronze Medal at the pinnacle of athletics events for young athletes, the Colgate Games, in the 200 metres. Ashburton Athletics Champion for his age group, Rishaan is a hard trainer and an inspiring athlete to his peers.

Charlotte McKenzie – Smallbore

An exciting young New Zealand shooter, Charlotte continues to clock up positive results on the range, gaining selection into national teams and competing well beyond her years against peers with decades of experience on their shoulders.

A member of the New Zealand Smallbore Under 21 side this year, Charlotte finished runner-up in the National Schools' Postal Championships, from 168 competitors, bettered by just one point in the overall standings.

Charlotte has also been a part of the National Champions Ashburton College Whitcoulls team and the Target Shooting Mid Canterbury Junior and National District teams, which were South Island and National Champions respectively.

Jake Parsons – Tennis

With a ranking of No.3 in New Zealand for the 15-year-old age group, Jake Parsons is a tennis player on the rise. The past twelve months have seen a real progression for the young ace as he's advanced his game. He has earned major titles in Wellington and Canterbury this past year, as well as competing in National representative events with great distinction and success.

A determined and passionate player, Jake also lends his talents towards helping as much as he can at the Mid Canterbury Tennis Centre, with training and in local competitions.

Riley Sa – Basketball

Riley Sa is a name to keep an eye on for the future. He is a young basketballer with a huge amount of talent and is making a name for himself across the country.

A Canterbury age group representative, he can lay claim to being part of a National Championship winning side and with that has come selection into New Zealand sides, including attending the National Under 18 selection camp earlier this year.

He has also been identified for the future by the Canterbury Rams, who compete in the National Basketball League, and took part in their training squad for the first stage of the season this year.

Outstanding Coach

Justin Wall – Rowing (Ashburton College and

Ashburton Rowing Club Coach)

Under the coaching of Justin Wall the Ashburton Rowing Crews have achieved outstanding results.

At the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships seven crews rowed into the A Finals. The Girls' Under 16 Sculls, the Girls' Under 16 Quad Double Sculls and the Coxed Quad Sculls all placed 5th. The Boys' Under 18 Coxed Quad Sculls and the Boys' Under 18 Double Sculls were each placed 4th respectively, while the Girls' Under 16 Coxed Four were placed 6th and Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls placed 7th.

At the Aon Maadi Cup New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships, in the A Finals, Justin was coach of the Girls' Under 16 Coxed Quad Sculls who, impressively, gained a Bronze Medal. At this same meet both the Girls' Under 16 Single Scull and the Girls' Under 16 Double Sculls qualified for the B Finals, both winning their event.

Outstanding Senior Sportsman

Ged Wall – Rowing

Former College student Ged is a member of the Canterbury Interprovincial Rowing Team and New Zealand Development Squad.

At the Aon Maadi Cup New Zealand Rowing Nationals Ged was placed second in the Men's Double and achieved another Silver Medal in the Men's Club Quad. Ged was placed 6th in the A Final in the Men's Single Sculls.

At the South Island Club Championships Ged won Gold with the Quad Crew. He has had solid performances this past season, winning at Provincial Championships and the New Zealand Nationals.

Ged is recognised by his club as their most accomplished male rower to date.

Kimberley Bird – Equestrian

Kimberley is also a former College student, and is a member of the Equestrian New Zealand Development Squad.

Kimberley has competed at the World Equestrian Centre Winter Jumping Festival in Ocala, Florida, winning in the 1.45m section on two occasions and once in the 1.40 m section.

She gained two 6th placings in two Classic Events and was awarded Reserve Champion in both the 1.40m and 1.45m for the week's overall performances.

Kimberley was not able to be at the Events Evening due to her still being overseas in her quest for Olympic selection.

Two College Staff Members Deservedly Recognised at the Evening

Outstanding Official

Tania Rule – Netball

Tania Rule is a Bench Official for Mid Canterbury Netball, gaining her National Technical Official's qualification in 2020. This enabled her to officiate at national tournaments and for the Beko National League and ANZ Premiership games.

In 2021 Tania made her debut as a Bench Official on her first National League match and, later in the season, Tania was allocated her first ANZ Premiership game, between the Mainland Tactix and the Northern Stars. In 2022 Tania has officiated at Synergy Hair National Netball League games in Mainland.

At a local level, Tania is an integral part of the Mid Canterbury Bench Officials' team. Additionally, Tania travels to Christchurch fortnightly to be on the bench at their Premier games. Tania volunteers every Saturday in Christchurch and operates their new Game Day App scoring system.

To add to her busy schedule, Tania manages the Ashburton College A Netball team in the Mid Canterbury Premier Competition and the Christchurch Premier Secondary Schools' Reserve Supernet Competition.

(Pictured right): Tania Rule, having received her koru and award.



Sport Canterbury, Mid Canterbury Legend - Induction

Angela Mitchell – Netball

Angela Mitchell (née Evans) was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, and was educated in Ashburton.

An Ashburton College Netball A Team member when a student, Angela progressed to playing domestic netball in the National Bank Cup for the Canterbury Flames from 1998–2002, for the Otago Rebels from 2003–2005, and then again in 2007.

Angela retired from playing in 2008, at the time when the National Bank Cup was replaced by the ANZ Championship. Angela did come out of retirement to return to the Canterbury Tactix as a shooter for the 2009 season.

Angela's key achievement was her selection for the Silver Ferns, playing five tests for New Zealand from 2001 to 2004, making her on-court debut against Jamaica in 2002.

(Pictured right): Angela Mitchell in front of her newly presented banner.



Former Ashburton College Student

Lauren Ellis – Cycling, was also an Inductee

Lauren Ellis enjoyed an outstanding career, at both junior and senior levels in the sport of Cycling. As a junior, Lauren won Silver Medals in the Individual Pursuit in Belgium in 2006, and again won Silver in Mexico in 2007.

Lauren was coached by Hayden Roulston in her early career, competing on the road for the New Zealand-managed Jazz Apple pro-team in 2008 and 2009 in the USA.

Lauren rode in the Team Pursuit at the 2008–09 UCI Track Cycling World Cup Classics in Beijing with Kaytee Boyd and Alison Shanks; becoming the fastest qualifiers. They then went on to take the Gold Medal in a time of 3:24.421, setting the second fastest time in the world behind the 3:22.425 world record set by Great Britain at Manchester in 2008.

Lauren represented New Zealand at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi in the Points Race, winning a Silver Medal.

At the World Championships held in Pruszkow, Poland in 2009, Lauren won Silver in the Team Pursuit and, in 2010, won Silver in the Points Race in Ballerup, Denmark, alongside a Bronze Medal in the Team Pursuit race.

At the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, she rode the Women's Team Pursuit. The New Zealand team placed 5th and set the current national record at