



Deputy Principal Message

Celebrating Pasifika Culture: le Faitaga/Tupenu Joins Ashburton College Uniform

Last year, TC Trusler-Clark, a Deputy Head Student at the time, approached me with a proposal to integrate the le Faitaga/Tupenu into Ashburton College's official uniform.

This request was driven by a desire to embrace the rich cultural heritage of our Pasifika students. The le Faitaga (in Samoan), also known as the Tupenu in Tongan, is a traditional Pacific Island garment, akin to a lava-lava, characterised by its wrap-around design.

This initiative aligns with a growing trend in schools across Canterbury and the North Island, where the le Faitaga/Tupenu has found a place within the official uniforms, primarily benefiting male students.

Consultation

Initiating a robust consultation process, we organised an assembly last year, during which our Pasifika students were introduced to the proposal. We sought their feedback and consensus on pursuing this endeavour. We are pleased to report that all of them provided their wholehearted support, igniting the journey toward this significant addition.

Groundwork

It is essential to acknowledge the groundwork laid by individuals and groups before my tenure at the school. Prior efforts to include the le Faitaga/Tupenu in our uniform made it easier to engage in constructive discussions with various stakeholders within and beyond the school community.

Sample Garments

To provide students with a tangible representation of the le Faitaga/Tupenu, a sample was created for the school. TC used this sample to illustrate how the garment would look and fit, facilitating a better understanding among the students.

Input

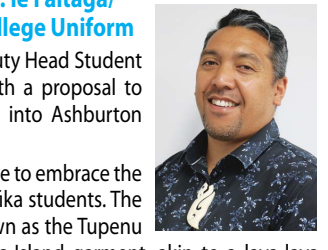
We valued the input of our Pasifika parents and, last year, a survey was distributed to them. The results of this survey played a pivotal role in informing the decision of the Ashburton College School Board to incorporate the le Faitaga/Tupenu into the official Ashburton College uniform.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the teachers, parents, and students who have played a significant role in paving the way for this meaningful integration of Pasifika culture within Ashburton College.

Additionally, a sincere thank you goes to our School Board for their decision. This decision not only enhances the pride of attending Ashburton College but also provides our students with a unique opportunity to emphasise the importance of their identity, language, and culture.

For those students interested in wearing the le Faitaga/Tupenu, these garments are available for purchase at the College Office. Each garment is priced at \$60, and we offer a range of sizes from Small to XXL to cater for individual preferences and needs.

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Hannibal Ikahiho
Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuarua

Information

Get on Board! Nominations Now Being Called For:

ASHBURTON COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD MID-TERM PARENT ELECTION – 2023

The option of parent elections every eighteen months has been taken by this Board to allow for continuity of membership.

NOMINATIONS ARE THEREFORE INVITED FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

The College Board's total parent composition is six elected parent representatives.

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE ISSUED BY FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER If you are on the College Electoral Roll a Nomination Form, Eligibility Criteria, Candidates' Guide and a copy of this information will be emailed to you, and posted to those without email.

Otherwise, forms may be obtained from the Ashburton College Office or from the Returning Officer at the College (details below).

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT
Candidates may provide a brief statement (up to 400 words) supporting their nomination. This can include a photograph.

This must be enclosed with the nomination form, when it is returned.

ELECTORAL ROLL
The voting roll will be open for inspection at the Ashburton College Office, from Thursday 21 September, and can be viewed or enquired about during normal College hours.

CANDIDATES' NAMES
There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, available for inspection at the College.

VOTING PAPERS, WITH CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS
Will be posted to eligible voters by Wednesday 18 October 2023.

ELECTION DAY: VOTING CLOSURES AT 4:00PM, WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023.

TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023.

Note: Anyone can stand for election as a parent representative. A candidate does NOT need to be a parent of a student enrolled at school.

A person on the electoral roll may nominate themselves. A community member not on this roll must be nominated by a person who is on the roll.

Both parts of the form must be signed. (Ineligibility clauses are listed on the reverse of the nomination form).

Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer
Phone: 027 247 8003; or (03) 308 4193, Ext 812; Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz

Congratulations

Mathematics Competition Results

Two recently-arrived Mathematics Competition results highlight some sound outcomes and knowledge levels.

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

This was an on-line problem-solving competition organised by the University of Otago for Year 9 to Year 11 students. This took place in March. The highest achieving students were then selected to attempt the second part of the competition in May.

The second part was a written assessment that was graded on the workings and explanations given by students in support of their answers.

Students successful in moving through to Part Two were -

- Aidan Collison (Year 9)
- Aryan Saluja (Year 10)
- Ben Jurd (Year 11)

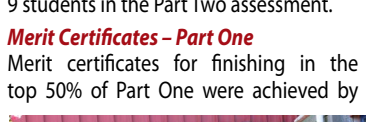
The results from Part Two have now arrived, with Aryan Saluja the most successful of the group.

(Pictured right): Aryan Saluja with his Merit and Excellence Certificates.

Merit Certificates - Part Two
Aryan Saluja's result placed him in the top 30% of the students who progressed to Part Two.

Aidan Collison also gained a Merit Certificate for being in the top 40% of Year 9 students in the Part Two assessment.

Merit Certificates - Part One
Merit certificates for finishing in the top 50% of Part One were achieved by



Audric Chai and **Callum Tait** (Year 9 students); **Isabel Wang** (Year 10) and **Ben Jurd** (Year 11).

(Pictured left): Otago Junior Mathematics Certificate recipients (back row, left to right): Ben Jurd, Aryan Saluja, Callum Tait.

(Front row, left to right): Aidan Collison, Isabel Wang, Audric Chai.

Kiwi Mathematics Competition

This competition is an on-line problem-solving competition organised by the University of Canterbury for Year 9 and 10 students.

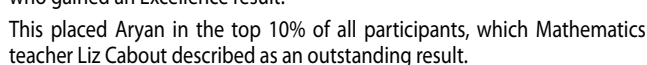
This took place in June, with four Year 9 and seven Year 10 students participating.

Top Result - Excellence Certificate, Top 10%
The top result for Ashburton College went to Year 10 student **Aryan Saluja** who gained an Excellence result.

This placed Aryan in the top 10% of all participants, which Mathematics teacher Liz Cabout described as an outstanding result.

Merit Certificate - Top 25%
Year 9 student **Callum Tait** gained a Merit Certificate, meaning he finished in the top 25% of participants.

Achieved Certificates - Top 50%
These were awarded to students placed in the top 50% of entrants and, from AshColl were - **Theo Vannini** (Year 10); **Georgia Scammell** and **Audric Chai** (Year 9).



(Pictured left): Kiwi Mathematics Competition certificate recipients. *(Back row, left to right):* Callum Tait, Aryan Saluja, Audric Chai.

(Inset): Georgia Scammell, Theo Vannini.

Congratulations

Students of the Week Award, Week 8

From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have the five Student of the Week Awardees, who have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Behaving appropriately in all scenarios and making good decisions.'

The recipients this week are:

Hope Peters Year 9
Ally Thomas Year 10
Jess Wells Year 11
Seb van Rooyen Year 12
Olivia Pearce Year 13

Coming Events

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

September
23-25 * Skoda National School Road Cycling Championships, Manawatu

25-06 Oct Student Holiday Term Break

October
01-07 Tuvalu Language Week

03-04 South Island and National Cycling Track Championships, Invercargill

03-07 Mountain Bike National Schools Championships, Blenheim

08-14 Fijian Language Week

15-21 Niue Language Week

19 Final Assembly, Chessboard, 10:00am

20 End-of-year Chess Match - Staff v Student Executive (Chessboard)

22-28 Tokelau Language Week

23 Labour Day Public Holiday

24 Blues Assembly, 12:30pm
German A1 exams
28-29 * SIS School's Rugby 7s, tbc

November
03 Aoraki Sports Awards, Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru
03-05 * Volleyball Canterbury Secondary Schools Junior Tournament, Christchurch

Term Dates 2023 -
Term Three Friday 22 September
Term Four Monday 09 October - Friday 26 October (Year 13)

06 NCEA Exams start Thursday 27 October (Years 11/12) - Tuesday 12 December (Years 9 and 10)

Congratulations

Winter Sports Tournament Week

As has been outlined in previous newsletters, College had eleven teams competing across the above timetable, in venues throughout the South Island.

In this and next newsletters we will look at the various results.

Ashburton College Under 15 Boys' Rugby - Plate Semi-Finalists

This team travelled to the Rural Livestock Tournament, held in Alexandria from Monday 28-Wednesday 30 August.



(Pictured above): Team members post-tournament.

(Back row, left to right): Taumea (Manager), Josh Sim (Coach), Mosese Loloma, Joe-Joseph Gaymaose, Alex Urquhart, Kalyan Chalmers, Elima Soalii, Alex Kenure-Blackler, Quinn McDowell, Kayden Smith-Ackerley, Joel Moffett (Co-Captain), Kash McMillan, Curtis Bayston, Sekali McGoon, Damen Shaw, James Urquhart (Coach), Year 13 Oliver Hobbs (Assistant Coach).

Front row: Brodyn Cooper, James Fakateli, Matangisinga Afu, Ma'a Lene, Kymani-Cruz Pupuke (Co-Captain), Mei Vaelia, James Reid, Maxton Rowlands, Ethan Marriott, Tesi Penisoni, Year 13 Fletcher Hobbs (Assistant Coach), Year 13 Eddie Galbraith (Assistant Coach).

Division 1

The College team played in Division 1, which held a total of thirteen teams, while Division 2 had twelve teams contesting that competition.

Coach Josh Sim provides a run-down of the three days' activities and events

He said that the boys had a blast down south. After a long and loud bus trip down, that included an interesting haircut session roadside at Tekapo, the boys checked into their accommodation and headed off to the Highlands Motor Park for some hot laps in the go-karts. In a hotly contested race, Co-Captain Joel Moffett came away with the fastest lap time, followed closely by one of the Year 13 Assistant Coaches, Fletcher Hobbs.

Monday - Game 1:
First up on Monday was the match against last year's runners-up, Dunstan High School.

While the boys produced some 'great footy' in patches, overall they struggled with the pace of an experienced Dunstan side, losing 38-5. The speed and physicality of the shortened tournament games were an initial shock to the boys, and the ball-running of Ma'a Lene (out with concussion) was severely missed.

Game 2:
The boys turned it around in their second game against Christchurch's St Andrew's College. A fire had been lit under them after the earlier loss, and they were determined to produce an exciting brand of rugby.

Co-Captain PJ Taumaose was rock-solid on defence, quickly shutting down the StAC backline attack. **Hooker Mosese Loloma** and **First-Five Kymani-Cruz Pupuke** were phenomenal on attack, dotting down for some excellent 7-point tries. **Winger James Reid** came up with some clutch turnovers and was strong in contact. The boys came away with the win 40-35, ending the day in good spirits. A quick dip in Lake Dunstan to cool off and the boys were ready for the next day.

Tuesday, Game 1:
This game brought a similar experience to Day 1 where the boys' first game of the day, against Cashmere High School, brought with it some key learnings in ball security, working together and physicality at the rucks.

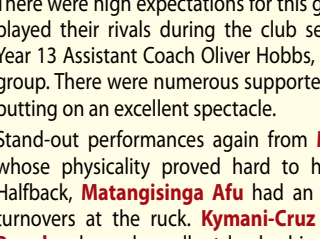
While the boys took a loss (56-24), there were some awesome performances overall. **Maxton Rowlands** came on and had an excellent game at First-Five, making a number of key tackles and kicks in play. **Matangisinga Afu** and **Elima Soalii** were a handful for the opposition on attack, making significant metres up the field, while **Mei Vaelia** led the defensive line.

The final game of Pool Play saw AshColl come up against Rangiora High School.

There were high expectations for this game, with a number of boys having struggled with their rivals during the club season. After a stirring speech from Year 13 Assistant Coach Oliver Hobbs, energy was high within the playing group. There were numerous supporters on the side-line, with both teams putting on an excellent spectacle.

Stand-out performances again from **Mosese Loloma** and **Elima Soalii**, whose physicality proved hard to handle. Laying out of position at Halfback, **Matangisinga Afu** had an excellent game, with some strong turnovers at the ruck. **Kymani-Cruz Pupuke** showed excellent leadership to rally the boys at half-time while down, and **James Reid** looked to push the pace with some excellent quick-tap penalty plays. **Joel Moffett** and **Quinn McDowell** were outstanding at set-piece, with a number of in-line steals. The final score ended in a 19-14 draw.

(Pictured right): Co-Captain Joel Moffett comes up with a key in-line steal against Rangiora High School.



College Haka

Later on Tuesday afternoon, the leadership group decided that they would like to learn the school haka to perform in their plate semi-final against Lincoln High School. The three 11th XV members, Eddie Galbraith, Fletcher Hobbs and Oliver Hobbs, held a six-hour practice session for the boys, who showed tremendous respect and dedication to learn it.

Led by **Kymani-Cruz Pupuke, Ma'a Lene and Brodyn Cooper**, they performed this haka with pride twice on Wednesday: in the pre-game against Lincoln High School, and once more to thank the Ashburton College supporters.

The final plate semi-final game resulted in a close 36-28 loss against Lincoln High School. Tired, sore and bruised, the boys rallied to produce another excellent game and cap their tournament off with their heads high. Strong performances from front rowers **Curtis Bayston, Mosese Loloma** and **Kayden Smith-Ackerley** provided a solid platform for the team to work off. Tries to **Brodyn Cooper, Sekali McGoon, Matangisinga Afu** and **Elima Soalii** led the boys in front for most of the game.

Year 9 boys **James Fakateli** and **Kash McMillan** had shown tremendous growth throughout the tournament, displaying strong signs of leadership in the midfield. Unfortunately, two quick tries to Lincoln in the last few minutes put the game out of reach for our boys, but spirits were high.

Appreciation
All boys behaved excellently and represented Ashburton College with pride, and they were extremely appreciative of the hard-work and support from all parents, sponsors and management team.

Huge thanks go to Gayle and Dave Smith, and Natasha Rosanoski who were awesome as camp parents; Kevin Urquhart for organisation and dedication as Under 15 Coach; Bus driver Mark Cook for transporting the boys around; Darion Gray for her work as Kaiuru Haka Sports Co-ordinator; and 1st XV players: Year 13 students Eddie Galbraith, Fletcher Hobbs, and Oliver Hobbs who shared their rugby knowledge and were excellent role models for the boys. Many are already looking forward to 2024's tournament.

And, Ashburton College thanks Josh Sim for his sterling work also.

Results over the week are summarised, which gained an overall 7th placing:

- Game 1: 38-5 loss against Dunstan High School
- Game 2: 40-35 win against St Andrew's College
- Game 3: 56-24 loss against Cashmere High School
- Game 4: 19-19 draw against Rangiora High School

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Golf Final

Held at Pleasant Point on Sunday 27 and Monday 28 August, Ashburton College had a team of three players competing.

Coach/Manager Liz Cabout said that all teams qualified for this tournament from their New Zealand region. The AshColl team was invited to the event due to the Aoraki Region Winners, Timaru Boys' High School, being unavailable due to other commitments.

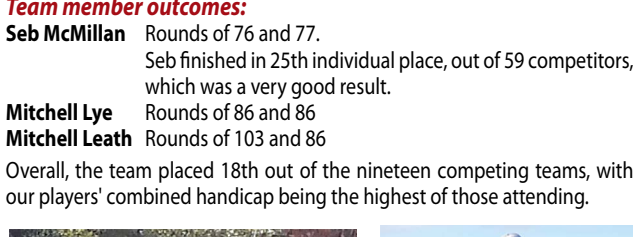
Liz said that the team performed very well.

Team member outcomes:
Seb McMillan Rounds of 76 and 77. Seb finished in 25th individual place, out of 59 competitors, which was a very good result.

Mitchell Lye Rounds of 86 and 86

Mitchell Leath Rounds of 103 and 86

Overall, the team placed 18th out of the nineteen competing teams, with our players' combined handicap being the highest of those attending.



(Pictured above, left and right): Seb McMillan and Mitchell Lye in action.

(Pictured left): Mitchell Leath contemplating his shot.

Excellent Results at the South Island Secondary Schools' Equestrian Championships

Written by Year 10 students Macy Lewis-West and Kate Rickard

The Ashburton College Equestrian Team took part in the South Island Secondary School Equestrian Championships held at the National Equestrian Centre at McLean's Island, from 28-31 August. This is the first year that Equestrian has been included in Winter Tournament Week.

This was a four-day event consisting of CTR (Competitive Trail Riding), Dressage, Arena Eventing and Show Jumping/Show Hunter. Riders could select how many classes and what level or heights they competed in.

This was a huge event with about 200 riders from thirty schools from the South Island represented.

The seven students who participated were Taylah Ward (Year 12);

Ella Richardson (Year 11); Macy Lewis-West, Lily Jessep, Chloe Foster, Olivia McFarlane and Kate Rickard (all in Year 10).

Macy and Kate said they all had an awesome time at the event and that there was a huge amount of team spirit and support shown by all team members. They had heaps of fun as well as coming home with some awesome results!

These students gained top six placings in their selected events:

Olivia McFarlane
Level Three Dressage - 3rd, 4th, 6th, and **4th overall** for Level Three.

65cm Pony Arena Eventing - **1st placing**.

60cm-70cm Pony Show Jumping and Show Hunter: Show Jumping - **3rd**; Show Hunter - **1st**.

Top Year 9 and 10 Rider
Olivia did exceptionally well at this event and, as well as gaining all of these outstanding placings, Olivia won the award of 'Top Year 9 and 10 Rider' out of a group of almost ninety riders from all around the South Island.

We are very proud and pleased for Olivia and her amazing achievements.

(Pictured right): Olivia McFarlane and Mr Silver with their haul of ribbons from the event.

Chloe Foster
Level Two Dressage - 3rd, 5th, **6th placed overall, Level Two.**

Kate Rickard
CTR (Competitive Trail Riding), 65cm Pony Arena Eventing, 80cm Pony Arena Eventing - **2nd placing in each event.**

(Pictured right, left and right): Kate Rickard and Chloe Foster ready to compete in the 10km Endurance Ride, in which Kate placed 2nd and Chloe 10th out of over 50 other competitors.

South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Championships

Seventy-four teams gathered in Invercargill for this year's event, from 28-31 August. Thirty-two of these teams contested A Grade, the grade Ashburton College is ranked within.



The team (*pictured above, back row, left to right*): Emma Silva (Head Coach), Makeleta Ula, Cecillia Vaelua, Meg Lill, Sophie Gibson, Penny Marriott, Olivia Pearce (Co-Captain), Grace Hyslop (Assistant Coach).

(Front row, left to right): Denise Mae Jerao (Co-Captain), Milla Overend, Amelia Harris, Marnell Vaelua, Sera Ula.

Coach Emma Silva was the Manager (photographer!).

Coach Emma Silva gave a bear to each player at the start of tournament. They spent their week attached to team members' sports bag. Apparently, players also had a small rubber duck each. Said ducks were able to be 'stolen' at any time, except when leaving to go to and returning from the stadium. There was quite a bit of inventiveness re 'stealing' and hiding the duck!

Tania tells us that Ashburton College finished 24th in A Grade, and that it was 'great to see such a high calibre of netball across the four days, with some very close competition.'

Game 1 was the team's toughest game, against St Hilda's Collegiate School. During this game, one of our senior players suffered an injury which put her out of play for the next three games.

The team's next two pool games to secure a position in the coveted Top 16 were lost by small margins (4 and 6 goals), but Tania said the girls played well and put up a good fight.

The next aim for the team in the bottom 16 cross-over pool play was to secure a position within the Top 8 of the bottom 16. The first game was against fellow Supernet Competition Rangiora High School where AshColl lost by 12 goals.

However, on Day 3 the players did enough to secure their next off for 20-24. Both of these two games ended with narrow losses.

Overall, girls put their best foot forward. Tania said the netball was just one part of the amazing six days they had away, which also included exploring Invercargill.

Results over the week were:
St Hilda's Collegiate School (23-50 loss); Rangi Ruru Girls' High School (30-34 loss); Central Southland College (33-39 loss); Rangiora High School - (loss by 12 goals); Mt Aspiring College - (32-31 win); Burnside High School - (43-39 win); Kaiapoi High School - (41-44 loss); Wakatipu High School - (30-33 loss).

The two wins placed the team 24th at the end of the week.