



Message From The Principal

A Busy Very Busy Year

It's been a very busy term now that the lifting of our COVID restrictions has enabled a return to 'business as usual'.

This term our staff and students have wrapped up internal assessments, carried out subject selections and Ako interviews, prepared for NCEA external exams, and staff have written a full round of senior reports.

In addition, we have had the welcome return of sporting and cultural events such as Winter Sports Tournament week, the College production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Music Evening. It feels great to be our normal hectic selves again. However, these holidays are welcome.

Media

As we are all aware there has been considerable media interest in our place, generated by TVNZ. We acknowledge the upset that such stories create for staff, students and our community.

In our case, some of the alleged bullying dated back to 2013, and most incidents were via social media which is outside of a school's direct control.

Bullying is a reality in all schools and is a matter which every school deals with, because we all want the best for our students.

We do, of course, review our systems and practices and adjust them accordingly - because we want all our students to thrive in their time at Ashburton College. The true test of leadership is how a leader responds when you encounter squalls and rapids. Leadership is easy when its smooth sailing. My thanks to the many people who have taken the time to support our school.

New Build

It's fantastic to see the diggers in full cry at our new build site on Walnut Avenue. The first stage for our new block is to remove all the fill from the former swimming pool site and then the building will begin.

Late in Term Four we will also begin a complete refurbishment of Menorlun which will involve an exterior paint of the building and the roof. Additionally, we are building new Gymnasium changing rooms which will be very welcome.

Forthcoming Key Events

Some key events for next term are our Year 13 Graduation Ceremony in the Ashburton Event Centre on Monday 31 October, and our Year 11/12 Prize-giving that same week, on Thursday 03 November.

We look forward to celebrating the students' achievements at these ceremonies.

We also know that the end of year is looming when we start the process of selecting Head Students and students to attend Leadership Camp. Enjoy the balance of the student holiday break, for those who can, and enjoy some Spring weather.



Ross Preece
Principal • Tumuaki

Homestay Families Being Sought for International Students

Within College's international student programme, we are delighted to be welcoming students back to College, and to Ashburton.

As a result we are now able to increase our Homestay Family numbers.

Placements can be for a few weeks, a few months, or longer - we work around what works best for you.

Generally there is only one student in the home but there are occasions when two students wish to be in a home together.

Although our focus is on 2023, we may also need homestay families in Term 4.

A weekly payment is made for these placements.

If you think that you would be able to welcome a student into your home, and/or want to find out more information

please contact our International Department personnel:

Michelle Hosking (Director) - hg@ashcoll.school.nz or Tania Rule (Administration) - tr@ashcoll.school.nz

Michelle or Tania can arrange to talk or meet with you.

Many families have made life-long connections with the students they have hosted.

If you think you may be interested, we would love to hear from you.

Ashburton College Year 9 Academic Scholarships for 2022

Criteria and application forms will be available from your child's school early Term Four.

The Closing Date for applications is Monday 14 November 2022, 3:30pm.

The academic examinations will be held at Ashburton College on Monday 21 November from 9:00am-11:15am.

Enquiries and applications to be made to Sheena Tyrrell, Management Administrator, Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz

Phone: 308 4193, extension 812; 027 247 8003.

Please note that these Scholarships are Academic Excellence Scholarships.

Information



Ashburton College Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A Casual Vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an Elected Parent Representative.

The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989, to fill the Vacancy by Selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the College Roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a By-Election to fill the vacancy, then a By-Election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a By-Election should advise this, in writing to:

Email: ts@ashcoll.school.nz;

or write Ashburton College Board of Trustees, P O Box 204, Ashburton 7740

On or by: Thursday 03 November.

Speed Limits – Consultation, Including Limits Around Schools

Draft Interim Speed Management Plan

The way we deal with speed on New Zealand roads is changing.

We want your feedback on a new plan that proposes three key principles for how we approach speed management on Mid Canterbury roads.

- 1 Keeping our kids safe by lowering speed limits around all schools in the District.
- 2 Having the flexibility to lower speeds around the fringes of our towns as they grow and become more developed.
- 3 Lowering speeds in areas where we have a lot of active users, such as walkers and cyclists.

Feedback closes 5pm, Sunday 16 October.



We want to hear from YOU!
ashburton.govt.nz/haveyoursay



NetSafe – Webinar Available for Families/Students



Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation, which provides online safety support, expertise and education to people in New Zealand.

Netsafe have an unrelenting focus on online safety, with the organisation working to keep people of all ages safe online by providing free support.

Ashburton College is offering a Netsafe Webinar to Parents/Caregivers and Students.

Tuesday 08 November, 7:00pm

This can be undertaken from your home, and provides an opportunity to learn more about staying safe online, for all users; and how to manage online use and behaviours.

More details will follow and a link to join this Webinar will be emailed to College families closer to the date.

Forthcoming Events

October

- 01-03 National Schools' Road Cycling, Fielding
- 02 Smallbore Interscholls Shoot, Rangiora
- 02-08 Fijian Language Week
- 03-08 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Basketball 'A' National Championships, Palmerston North
- 11-12 South Island and National Cycling Track Championships, Invercargill
- 13-16 National Schools Mountainbike Championships, Bluff
- 17 First day of Term Four
- 16-22 Niue Language Week
- 20 School Assembly, Chessboard, 10:00am
- 21 Winning House Assembly, Auditorium, 9:00am
- Chess – Staff vs Student Executive, Chessboard, lunchtime
- 23-29 Tokelau Language Week
- 24 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 27 Sporting and Cultural Blues Assembly, Chessboard, 12:30pm
- 28 Red Carpet Evening, Auditorium, 7:00pm
- 29-30 South Island Schools' Rugby 7s, Timaru
- 30 Aoraki Athletics (all age groups), Timaru

Events

Visit to College from Writer David Riley

While at AshColl, writer David Riley shared his love of reading and writing with a large group of students, then ran writing workshops for each of a group of junior students and senior students.

This took place on Friday 09 September, involving sixteen Year 11-13 students, and eighteen Year 9 and 10 students.

Librarian Delia Achten said that David is a children's writer who publishes books for young readers. As well as being a prolific writer and self-publisher, David tours New Zealand with ReadNZ.

Read NZ Te Pou Muramura's Writers in Schools programme has been at the core of Writers in Schools work for over forty years. It inspires tens-of-thousands of children and teenagers to develop a love of reading and writing by bringing a writer or illustrator into their classroom.

English teacher Amy Dean said David had visited last year but was only able to be with College students and staff for a one hour session.

This year College was most fortunate to be able to host him for almost the whole school day, which meant each group of students was able to have two hours with David.



(Pictured above): David Riley working with a group of Year 9 students (clockwise from David's left): Elton Eclipse, Amosa Tuvale, JJ Tupa, Mei Vaella, Pedro Masino, MJ Akatapurua.



(Pictured left, left to right): David Riley with Year 9 students, Lily Kwan Wing, Yumi Cabalse, Sarai Faalavai.

David's writing is inspired by the experience of living and growing up within multicultural and vibrant South Auckland and, as such, publishes resources that encourage students to learn about their own culture, support literacy achievement, and inspire through stories of positive cultural and sporting role models. He has written over fifty books for young people, with many having won awards.

For this visit, students signalled their interest and, where the number of students was too many for the workshop, a priority selection process was operated. This applied only to the junior student group, as the senior group was within the number cap. The balance of spaces at this level were generated through a number selector.

(Pictured right, left to right): Another group of Year 9 students, looking pleased with their session, with David Riley.

Georgie Prouting, Macey Lewis-West, Alyssa Skevington, Mariska Walsh, Kate Rickard.



Congratulations

College Music Evening Makes a

Welcome Return

Music Evening was made possible this year for the first time in three years, following COVID interruptions, and thanks to the hard work of many people.

Staging such an evening, which is of real benefit to students and the development of their performance skills, encompasses significant time and groups of people.

With appreciation we thank –

Audition Panel: Angie Cresswell, Jenny Crouchley, Amy Dean, Stephen Diedricks, Alistair Emerson.

Vocal Tutor/Accompanist: Jo Castelow.

Staff House Leaders: Julia Bell, Georgia Keenan, Pete Lee, Stacey Monk.

Stage Manager/Posters: Claire Bubbs.

Tech Crew: Mark Calzada, Rebekah Clarke, Ron Cresswell, Hayden Duffell, Alistair Emerson, Alastair Kilgour, Jared Munn, Conner Stewart.

Front of House: Marg Macpherson.

Our two judges this year: Libby Higson (performances); and Jayne Cornelius (House Fest).

Head of Music Stephen Diedricks said staging the evening was a tremendous effort, and gave his sincere thanks to all who made this possible. It was a very successful, enjoyable evening showing superb talent on display.

Head Student MCs, Jack Brown and TC Trusler-Clark, got the evening underway and entertained the audience between performance groups with their subtle repartee, and promises of developing their own musical skills further!

Results from the evening were:



Junior Vocal Solo

- 1st - Isabel Wang, with *Change In Me*
- 2nd - Molly Harrison, with *Peter Pan*
- 3rd - Chloe Graham, with *Easy on Me*
- Highly Commended – Harriet Hill, with *When You Were My Man*

(Pictured left): Isabel Wang.



Instrumental

- 1st - Max Lambert-Lane, with *Bohemian Rhapsody*
- 2nd - Kasey Higson, with *Skyfall*
- 2nd equal - Maria Lawn, with *Make You Feel My Love*
- 3rd - Imogene Felton, with *Habanera*
- Special Mention - Rachel Hokstra, with *All That Jazz*



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Duets – Vocal

- 1st - Kasey Higson and Molly McKenna, with *Valerie*
- 2nd - Laura Bogdan and Isabel Wall, with *Killing Me Softly*
- 3rd - Maria Lawn and Tamsin Cartney, with *Loyal, Brave and True*

(Pictured right, left to right): Molly McKenna and Kasey Higson.



Bands

- 1st - Second Soul: Mae Patterson, Boaz Drye, Caendal Harris, Tielu Iakopo, Eddie Galbraith, with *Happier Than Ever*
- 2nd - Suspended Seconds: Imogene Felton, Marc Calzada, Conner Stewart, with *Fallen Skyward*



(Pictured above, left to right): Second Soul Band members Eddie Galbraith, Tielu Iakopo, Caendal Harris, Mae Patterson, Boaz Drye.

- House Fest 1st - Blue House 2nd - Green House
- 3rd - Orange House 4th - Red House



(Pictured above): In the always hotly contested House Fest part of Music Evening, winning Blue House going through part of their routine.

Exciting and Top Results from New Zealand Secondary Schools' Shooting (Triple S) Championship

This is a postal shoot competition, and Manager Nina McKenzie said that teams are made up of four-five members, shooting across a four month period, with 'single' (1x10 shot match) for the first three months. These happen once a month, followed by a final 'double' card round (1x20 shot match) in the final month.

In each round the top four scores for the team are taken, to make up the team's total.

Nina described this as a great match that builds results across the season, culminating in the very demanding final round.

Record Number of Teams for College

Ashburton College had a record (for the school and the competition) four five-person teams entered, totalling twenty students.

College Teams were:

Ashburton College 1: Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones, Madi Tourle, Phoebe McKenzie, Tāne Moore.

Ashburton College 2: Bree Greer, Imogene Felton, Jack McIntosh, Luke Rhodes, Sama Soialo.

Ashburton College 3: Alastair Kilgour, Bailey May, Jonathon Kilgour, Nate Woods, Taylor Doyle.

Ashburton College 4: Adam Avnit, Hal Twiname, Lillian Snowden, Sabrina Cassineri, Sophia Clifford.

Ashburton College Team 1 – NZSSS Repeat Champions

The AshColl 1 team put in a mighty performance in the double card round to take the win. The students were trailing Darfield leading into the final round and knew that they would all need to shoot above their grades to get the win.

What they produced was phenomenal, with all five team members being between 196-194 for their double cards, putting them 16 points clear of the second-placed Darfield team. Nina said that this level is Master and A Grade shooting.

Their final total completely blew the competition away, and they took a very deserved win, being a just reward for diligence and excellence.



The winning team (pictured right, back row, left to right): Madi Tourle, Phoebe McKenzie. (Front row, left to right): Jack Jones, Charlotte McKenzie, Tāne Moore.

History Made for College in this Competition and Bronze Medal

For the first time in the history of the competition a school has had two teams in the medals, with AshColl 2 taking the Bronze!

Sama Soialo – Gold in her Grade, and Bronze Overall Individual

This team was spear-headed by a perfect final double round of 200.10 from Sama Soialo, which is a remarkable feat, and catapulted her into Gold in her grade and Bronze overall individual. Sama was shooting in D Grade.

This team's final double round team score was beaten only by AshColl 1 – again, showing the capability of these shooters.

(Pictured right, back row, left to right): Imogene Felton, Sama Soialo.

(Front row, left to right): Luke Rhodes, Jack McIntosh.

(Inset): Bree Greer.



There were many excellent team and individual efforts throughout the competition

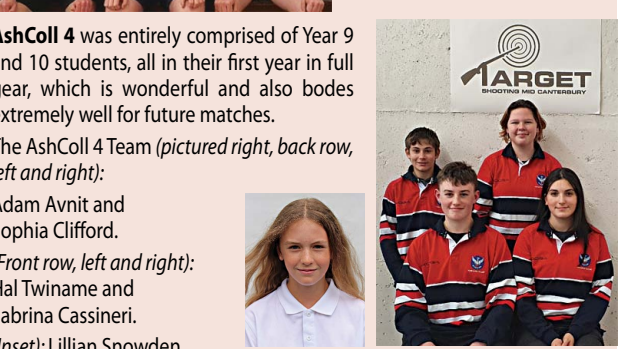
AshColl 3 finished in 8th place and AshColl 4 12th, which was excellent work and ahead of many other schools' number 1 and 2 teams.

These teams were comprised of shooters very new to competition and they can be very proud of their efforts.

AshColl3 included Taylor Doyle, who shot all her targets early (with dispensation) before she left for surgery in Germany, producing amazing results – an extraordinarily courageous effort.



The AshColl 3 team members (pictured left, back row, left to right): Nate Woods and Taylor Doyle. (Front row, left to right): Jonathon Kilgour, Alastair Kilgour, Bailey May.



AshColl 4 was entirely comprised of Year 9 and 10 students, all in their first year in full gear, which is wonderful and also bodes extremely well for future matches.

The AshColl 4 Team (pictured right, back row, left and right): Adam Avnit and Sophia Clifford.

(Front row, left and right): Hal Twiname and Sabrina Cassineri.

(Inset): Lillian Snowden.

Individual Results of Significance

Sama Soialo Bronze Medal - overall individual; Gold Medal - D Grade.

Madi Tourle Silver Medal - A Grade

Phoebe McKenzie Silver Medal - C Grade

Multiple top 10 finishes in grades, including Charlotte McKenzie, Jack Jones, Tāne Moore, Bree Greer, Jack McIntosh and Luke Rhodes.

College Highest Winning Grade Throughout the Competition

Ashburton College has a very proud tradition in this match, being the school that has won it the most times, as well as being the school that holds the record.

However, winning it requires higher and higher scores each year as we are continually seeing secondary shooting improving year-on-year.

To win multiple individual medals and especially to have four teams in the top 12, with two medalling, has definitely drawn the attention among our sport, around the country.

Nina, rightly, noted that these young people should be commended on their efforts; saying they are also very grateful to the clubs and coaches who have supported them to achieve to this level. Clubs, coaches and families are very proud of their impressive outcomes.