



Deputy Principal Message

Finish Strongly

Mälö le soifua, mälö e lelei, kia orāna, talofa ni, fakaalofa lahi atu, ni sa bula vinaka, tālofa, mauri, noa'ia, kia ora, tēnā koutou katoa, hello to you all.

As the school year winds down, it's crucial for students to channel their remaining energy and focus into finishing strongly.

The final stretch is not just about academic achievement; it's a time for reflection, growth, and celebration of the journey undertaken over the past academic year.

Celebrating achievements, no matter how small, is a key component of finishing the school year on a positive note.

I look forward to seeing our students taking pride in academic accomplishments, extra-curricular achievements, personal growth, and sharing these successes with friends and family in our upcoming Year 9 and 10 Prize-givings to be held at the Ashburton Event Centre.

SPACPAC Pacific Awards

On Friday 03 November, the SPACPAC Leaders' Breakfast took place at Ara Tu Pukenga in Christchurch.

This event was organised to recognise Pacific student leaders from across the Canterbury region who have made notable contributions to their school communities.

Two College Students Selected

We selected two students to attend the breakfast, each celebrated for their distinct contributions to Ashburton College.

Edelma Kelsall received recognition for her leadership within the Cultural Committee. She effectively organised and led a team responsible for promoting Pacific and Filipino Language Weeks, and other events that showcased the ethnic and cultural diversity within our school.

Ripena Umaga Vaeila was acknowledged for her leadership of the expansive Polyfest group, guiding 100 students in creating and performing various cultural dance presentations at the annual Polyfest. Additionally, she led a smaller group that participated in the Sau la Festival in Christchurch.

Notably, Ripena was also recognised as one of the newly appointed Head Students for 2024, a significant achievement for both her and her family.

Moving into 2024

Heading into 2024, I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming year as we gear up to implement and refine several initiatives introduced in the current year.

Cell Phone Policy

Positive feedback has emerged regarding the implementation of our cell phone policy, particularly in terms of reduced student distractions during classes. Notably, we've observed a significant decline in issues related to social media and cell phones.

Ako Programme Revamp

Our focus for the next year includes a comprehensive overhaul of our Ako programme, incorporating online lessons, guest speakers, physical activities, and fostering whanaungatanga through assemblies.

Restorative Practice

The rejuvenation of Restorative Practice is underway among our staff and will remain a fundamental component of our approach to addressing behavioural issues within the school community.

2024 Polyfest

I am also eagerly anticipating the 2024 Polyfest, set to take place in Christchurch, with planning for this event already in full swing.

Hannibal Ikahiifo

Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuarua



Appreciation

Caltex Ashburton - New Zealand Sports Collective

The New Zealand Sports Collective (NZSC) is an organisation focused on helping make sport more accessible to all New Zealanders. Knowing the importance that sport plays in young people's lives, the Sports Collective looks to work with partners to reduce some of the barriers to participation.

As part of that quest, NZSC is extremely excited to partner with Caltex and their locally-owned and operated service station network. Caltex is keen to support local schools, recognising the importance of locals helping locals and how this shapes our communities.

Providing \$1,000 of Fuel Sponsorship

Through their local network, Caltex is looking to help more than ninety secondary schools across New Zealand by providing \$1,000 of fuel sponsorship to each school to help students attend their training and school sports events.

Caltex Ashburton Nominated Ashburton College

The Caltex Ashburton station nominated Ashburton College as a recipient of one of these sponsorship opportunities.

Caltex are proud supporters of many schools across Aotearoa and share their commitment with Kiwis through advertising.

(Pictured right, left and right):

Mark Nicholl, owner of Caltex Ashburton, handing over the \$1,000 StarCash certificate to Ashburton College's Executive Officer Charlie Kelland, at College on Tuesday 14 November.



Ashburton College is delighted to have been nominated, and more than appreciative of the generosity and worthwhile focus of this partnership. College students will certainly benefit from this input, and we thank Caltex Ashburton most sincerely for selecting Ashburton College.

Students of the Week Award

From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have two Year 9 and Year 10 Student of the Week Awardees, from both Weeks 5 and 6 of this term.

In Term Four we are focusing on all three Values of Quality, Pride and Respect.

The Week 5 students have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Having a Positive Attitude'.

The Recipients for Week 5, Term Four were:



Nixie De Vera
Year 9



Emma Doig
Year 10

The Week 6 students have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Caring for the Environment'.

The Recipients for Week 6, Term Four were:

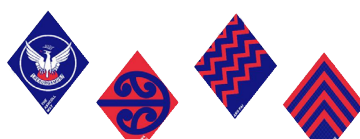


Georgia Scammell
Year 9



Chanelle Ula
Year 10

The AshColl Way



Congratulations

Year 9 Gillette Cup Competition Qualifier

The New Zealand Community Cricket Gillette Cup is the national secondary school boys' competition, for Year 9 and 10 students. Participants compete as Year 9 students in the first stage of the competition during October to December, and then as Year 9 and 10 students in the second part of the competition during Term One of the following year (January to March).

Regional qualifying tournaments and finals are held by each Major Association across New Zealand, with one team from each Major Association qualifying for the finals.

AshColl v Timaru Boys' High School

Ashburton College's Year 9 Boys' Cricket team, as the winner of the Mid Canterbury competition, was drawn against Timaru Boys' High School, winner of the South Canterbury competition, as part of the knockout process to find a winner to ultimately contest games towards the finals play-off.

This game was played in South Canterbury, on the Rectory Wicket at Timaru Boys' High School, on Tuesday 07 November.

Result - Win to Timaru Boys' High School

Timaru Boys' batted first, finishing on 264 for 6 wickets, after 40 Overs; with Ashburton College bowled out for 122 after 35.5 Overs.

College's Kairuruku Hākinakina | Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray said that the game was played in sunny conditions on a superb grass wicket.

Great sportsmanship was shown with Timaru Boys' loaning Ashburton College an extra player so that College could field a full team, after sickness ruled one of College's player out.

AshColl's bowling was led by **Jamie Orr** and **Jake Douglas**, who opened the bowling.

Darion said that **Jamie Orr** was a stand-out, bowling 8 overs and limiting Timaru Boys' to 19 runs and the loss of two wickets.

Callum Begg also took a good caught and bowled and got a run-out.

Alex Forbes bowled three tight overs, and the rest of the team all bowled well.

While batting, the team showed some great fight against a high score to chase, with the team batting over 35 overs. Unfortunately they weren't able to get the runs required.

Callum Begg stood out with a near run a ball for 23 runs, and **Blake Cook** was superb for over an hour, to give the team a platform to bat around. Darion concluded that it was a great game, played in good spirit.

Appreciation

Ashburton College acknowledges, with very real appreciation, sponsors of the team's new playing kit - KFC Ashburton, Cates, Mitre 10, Watlyl and the Braided Rivers Community Trust.



The Ashburton College team (pictured above, back row, left to right): Manager Matt Harris, Sawyer Skilling, Logan Allen, Callum Begg, Blake Cook, Alex Forbes (Captain), Jamie Orr, Caleb Fletcher, Jake Douglas, Coach Richard Orr.

(Front, left and right): Joe Harris and Kinneir Lowe.

(Far left): Timaru Boys' High School player Lyndon Dellow, loan player to Ashburton College. Darion described him as an exceptional young man, both in manner and sportsmanship.



(Pictured above): Team talk with Coach Richard Orr, while Manager Matt Harris watches on.



Congratulations

Celebrations of Success

Celebrations of success involving College students have been significant lately, with newsletter space at a premium, following awards events.

In this newsletter we now acknowledge the students who gained awards and success at events outside of College Prize-givings and Awards occasions.

Aoraki Secondary Schools' Sports Awards -

Awards and Top Successes for College Students

The Aoraki Sports Awards evening has become a key acknowledgement event within the region's secondary schools' sports calendars.

After a four-year hiatus, disrupted initially by three Covid years, it was a real pleasure to have an in-person event with all nominees and supporters in the same venue, in what was described as a fabulous night of celebration. Acknowledgement credit for this evening was given to the Aoraki Regional Sport Director Amanda Everett.

The evening was held on Friday 03 November in the Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru.

Acknowledgements

Acknowledged at the evening were retiring Principals Ross Preece; and Lindy Graham, Craighead Diocesan School.

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

Ashburton College had a stunning forty-two nominees overall, across four categories, including teams and individuals, and with some students across more than one category.

Sports Team of the Year Nominees

Rugby Tipeti Afu, Dale Burgess, Zac Douglas, Joshua Eketone, Eddie Galbraith, Fletcher Hobbs, Oliver Hobbs, Jack Middleton, Taniela Palavi, Nuku Penisoni, Dave Pio, Henry Thomas.

Hockey Rosa Armstrong, Honor Bradford, Laura Cameron, Caitlin Collie, Lily Davidson, Leah Doig, Malaika Dunlea, Holly-Jayne Feutz, Alia Forrester, Bree Greer, Emma Lill, Olivia Muir, Gracie Trotter, Rose Vannini, Laura Walsh, Sarah Wilson.

Smallbore Rifle Shooting

Bree Greer, Jack Jones, Eliza McKenzie, Phoebe McKenzie, Sama Sooiolo, Madi Tourle.

Aoraki Future Champion Nominees

Cricketer Lachie Jemmett

Power Lifting Ollie Bubb

Rhythmic Gymnastics Anna McFall

Rowing Sophie Gibson

Smallbore Rifle Shooting Charlotte McKenzie

Tennis Jake Parsons

Water Skiing Harriet Hill

Outstanding Referee/Umpire Nominee

Netball Leah Reid

Student Nominees Across More Than One Category

Bree Greer Sports Team of the Year, in Smallbore Rifle Shooting and Hockey.

Fletcher Hobbs Aoraki Future Champion and Best All Rounder (Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Golf, Swimming, Squash); Sports Team of the Year (Rugby).

Isabel Wall Aoraki Future Champion and Para Athlete of the Year.

Additionally, were two Nominees to the Community Contribution in Sport Category

These were both nominated, with very sincere appreciation for all they contribute to College sport and the students involved.

Mark Douglas Basketball

Sharon Tourle Smallbore Rifle Shooting

Finalists in their Categories

An impressive sixteen students were nominated as finalists in their categories. These were:

Ollie Bubb, Sophie Gibson, Bree Greer, Harriet Hill, Fletcher Hobbs, Lachie Jemmett, Jack Jones, Anna McFall, Charlotte McKenzie, Eliza McKenzie, Phoebe McKenzie, Jake Parsons, Leah Reid, Sama Sooiolo, Madi Tourle, Isabel Wall.

The award process doesn't name outright winners in each sport, rather an overall winner.

2023 New Zealand Sports Honours Awards Recipients

To qualify for this award the nominated student must either have been selected in a New Zealand team or have been placed first, second or third at National Championships in their sporting code.

Ashburton College, impressively, had twenty recipient students in this awards list.

Those listed represent outstanding achievements at a very high level, which is testimony to their hard work, and that of their coaches and support of their families.

- Riley Breen Tennis
- Ollie Bubb Power Lifting
- Sophia Clifford Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Sophie Gibson Rowing
- Josh Gilbert Tennis
- Finleigh Glanville Trampoline
- Jamie Glanville Trampoline
- Bree Greer Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Harriet Hill Waterskiing

- Jack Jones Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Anna McFall Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Charlotte McKenzie Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Eliza McKenzie Smallbore Rifle Shooting and Cycling
- Phoebe McKenzie Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Jake Parsons Tennis
- Luke Rhodes Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Sama Sooiolo Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Madi Tourle Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Isabel Wall Rowing
- Nate Woods Smallbore Rifle Shooting

Top Awards went to two College Students -



Charlotte McKenzie

Winner: Female Sportsperson Of The Year

Charlotte was unable to attend on the night as she was in Australia competing at the Oceania Championships.



Isabel Wall

Winner: Para Athlete of the Year

Photo credit: Brad Reeve



(Pictured above): Members from the Ashburton College Contingent

(Back row): Jack Jones, Jake Parsons, Ollie Bubb, Lachie Jemmett, Fletcher Hobbs.

(Middle row): Bree Greer, Leah Reid, Madi Tourle, Sophie Gibson, Isabel Wall, Phoebe McKenzie.

(Front row): Anna McFall, Harriet Hill, Sama Sooiolo, Eliza McKenzie.

Coming Events

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

December

01 Te Whare Manaaki Prizegiving and Afternoon Tea, Te Whare Manaaki, 1:30pm-3:00pm

03 Year 13 Graduation Dinner (refer below)

05-06 Year 10 Outdoor Education Bike Trip No 3, Ashburton River Track, Hakatere

07 GOT (Get Out There) Day

08-09 *NZSS Track, Field and Road Championships, Ngā Puna Wai, Christchurch

11 Year 9 and Year 10 final days and prize-givings (refer below).

2023 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-givings, Events

Parents, caregivers, family/whānau, friends and interested community members are most welcome to attend the remaining two 2023 Prize-givings.

December

03 Year 13 Leavers' Graduation Dinner, Hotel Ashburton, arrive at 6:30pm, seated at 7:00pm.

11 Year 9 and 10 students' final day. Year 9 Prize-giving, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Ashburton Event Centre. Year 10 Prize-giving, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Ashburton Event Centre.

Some Key 2024 Early-Year Dates

*Note - a full notification of dates for the start of 2024 will be published in The Ashburton Courier mid-January 2024.

January

24-26 Year 13 Leadership Camp (for confirmed students), Mt Hutt Retreat

26-27 Peer Support Training, selected Year 12 students.

29 Course Confirmation, 10:00am-5:00pm. For Year 11-13 students, who have timetable clashes or require subject changes

30 Course Confirmation, 2:30pm-8:00pm. For Year 11-13 students, who have timetable clashes or require subject changes

30-31 Teacher Only Days.

February

01 Year 9 and 13 students' first day. Kōhanga students' first day. Pōwhiri.

02 Year 10 and 12 students' first day

05 Te Whare Manaaki - all students start.

06 Year 11 students' first day

Waitangi Day public holiday

Term Dates 2024

Term One Start dates as above - Friday 12 April
Easter holiday 29 March-02 April

Term Two Monday 29 April - Friday 05 July
Accord Teacher Only Day 31 May
King's Birthday holiday 03 June
Matariki public holiday 28 June

Term Three Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Mid-term break, 30 August

Term Four Monday 14 October - Thursday 24 October (Year 13)
Labour Day public holiday 28 October - Tuesday 30 October (Years 11/12)

Accord Teacher Only Day 14 November
Canterbury Anniversary Day 15 November - Tuesday 10 December (Years 9 and 10)

Correction

In our Newsletter 38 we covered student successes celebrated at the Year 11 and 12 Prize-givings.

In acknowledging the contributions of the College Rock Band 'No Sleep at Work' we credited the band as being supported and assisted by College Music Teacher Stephen Garton.

However, the specific targeted tuition credit should have read Rob Zipfel, Itinerant Music Teacher.

We apologise for this error and thank Rob, as we are sure the band does, for his valued tutoring time and skills.



(Pictured above, left to right): The 'No Sleep at Work' band members Kyle Dickson, Sean McQuillan, Kate Cochrane and Hal Twinline.