



Message From The Principal

Activities and Learning

Well, we have all heard the old truism that 'time flies when you are having fun'. Well I must be having 'a ball' because February disappeared in a flash.

Term One in any school is always frantic and this one is especially busy. We have Athletics Prelims completed, Athletics Finals today, and College Swimming Championships set for 12 March. Following these events our elite athletes move onto regional competitions.

All our classes have now settled down into work mode. At Years 11-13 there is always a period of students changing classes to align their schooling to future study or employment options.

Our sports teams and extra-curricular activities are underway, with an amazing level of interest being shown on sign-up day. This is fantastic, so can I encourage that, if your teenager shows an interest in any activity, then get on board and support it! Just this week I've discovered a group of students with an interest in fishing and we are going to try and form a club.

Property

We are still awaiting news about a significant rebuild at our College. This will ease overcrowding areas, and enable us to have modern 'built for best practice' facilities. As soon as we have news I will share the outcome with you.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Our BYOD Policy is encouraging students to bring a device that suits their needs and that they are happy to work with.

We had an unexpected bonus recently when a group of Filipino friends delivered to us two brand new tablets to support students who lacked a device. They arrived on a Friday afternoon, totally unannounced and presented the computers, with their only specification being that they had to be gifted to two pupils in Year 9! My thanks to the PAK group for their generosity.

On a similar note, we have had several offers from the public and businesses who want to offer our youngsters paid employment to earn their own computer. At the moment we have more students wanting to work than we do have offers of employment. So, if you do have something needed doing then please contact Jodee at Ashburton College (308 4193, ext 809).

Staff Professional Development

We are very much committed to developing our staff professionally. This is vital if they are going to be prepared to educate for the future.

On a Wednesday morning we now have a regular thirty minute professional learning slot from 8:20am-8:50am (we pack plenty into that thirty minutes).

On Thursday 29 March we have a Teacher Only Day, for the purpose of growing our understanding of Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) implementation, and also to allow time to discuss future educational developments.

This will be followed, on the first day of the holidays (Monday 16 April), by all teaching staff in the first day of the meeting to hear from two presenters looking at the future of education and the aspirations of Ngai Tahu. My thanks is given to all those who are supporting us to improve our practice.

Two-Day Hui

Finally I would like to acknowledge Te Hurunui Clarke and a group of teachers who came down and ran a two-day hui for our students at the Hakatere Marae. This was provided by the University of Canterbury, for our students studying Te Reo. This was a perfect example of Ako - i.e. we all learn something from each other!



Ross Preece
Principal

Information



ASHDANCE 2018



ASHBURTON COLLEGE'S DANCE SHOWCASE

Wednesday 14 March

7:00pm

Ashburton College Auditorium

Tickets - \$2.00.

Now available from the Student Office

Cyber Safety Presentation

Are you a parent/caregiver concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Hosted by New Zealand Cyber Security expert
John Parsons

this presentation is available to you:

Ashburton College Auditorium
Monday 19 March: 7:00pm-8:30pm.

There is no admission charge.

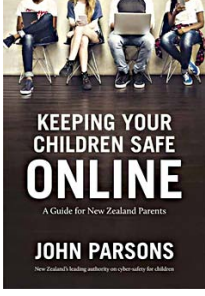
John Parsons will give real-life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime and give you knowledge to help support and protect your family.

Topics to be covered include:

On-line grooming, Sexting, Damaged Reputations, Cyber-bullying, Reputation Management, Learning to Repel and Report, Future-proofing for Employment.

All College students will attend sessions through the school day, also on 19 March, and staff after school.

For further information, go into the web-site: www.s2e.co.nz



John Parsons
Cyber Safety for Children

Congratulations

Aoraki Touch Tournament - 3rd Placing

From student, Brynmor Workman

Last Sunday, 25 February, the Ashburton College Senior Boys' Touch Team travelled to Quarry Park, Timaru, to compete in the annual Aoraki Touch Tournament.

The boys put out two very good performances, nearly taking victory over Timaru Boys' and Waitaki Boys' High Schools.

However, the team managed to a snatch **third placing overall**, which was not a bad result, and one which both the coach and the players should be proud of.

The team is currently awaiting confirmation as to whether they will be competing in the South Island Secondary Schools' Championship Tournament.

The team would like to thank their Coach Sam Ruck, Referee Tony Wade and Manager Genevieve Kirwan. Also, they would like to thank their sponsors Argyle Welsh Finnigan for funding the trip, and New World Ashburton for supplying Powerade for the boys.



(Pictured above, back row, left to right): Sam Ruck (Coach), Te Hughes, Sam Pearce, Opeti Draunibaka, Fotu Hala.

(Middle row, left to right): Reece Watson, Zane Cockburn, Marcus Bishop (Co-captain).

(Front row, left to right): Toby Lee, Brynmor Workman (Co-captain), Mitchell Farr, William Ward.

Information

Support for Parents and Caregivers

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau.

Parent Help offers a free **Helpline** for parents and caregivers - providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern.



College Phys Ed Uniforms - Can You Help?

The College's Phys Ed Department is urgently in need of second-hand Phys Ed uniforms, for sale or donation, particularly for Year 9 level students.

If you have an unused set at home, we would greatly welcome some help. **These can go directly to the Phys Ed Department or be delivered to the College Office.**



Congratulations

Superb Rowing Results Continue at National Championships

The Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships were held at Lake Karapiro, from 13-17 February, with Ashburton College represented by **Mollie Gibson** and **Haxby Hefford**, while a number of current and former College students were also successful, rowing under the Ashburton Rowing Club banner. These rowers are listed below, with the College results.

Jayne Cornelius, Manager, said the team flew into Hamilton on Sunday 09 February, drove down to Cambridge and settled into their accommodation. Their first training session took place on Sunday night, and Monday was also spent on the lake training.

Competition started Tuesday 13 February. Despite wet weather on the first two days the crews rowed well and progressed to either a repêchage or semi-finals. However, the sun (and the sun block!) came out for Thursdays and Friday.

From what was a busy week for our rowers, on the water for their races and also training at nights, the results of their hard work paid off as is evident from the results.

Finals Placings Results

From the forty clubs and 757 athletes competing, Ashburton College and Rowing Club competitors returned home with three Gold Medals, three Silver Medals and two Bronze Medals - a very impressive outcome. Fourteen crews progressed to A Finals, the greatest number of A Finalists achieved at a National Championships regatta.

Gold Medals were gained by:

Veronica Wall Women's Under 20 Single Sculls
Veronica Wall Women's Senior Single Sculls
Veronica Wall and Grace Wilson Women's Under 19 Double Sculls

Silver Medal Winners:

Veronica Wall Women's Under 22 Single Sculls
Veronica Wall and Grace Wilson Women's Under 20 Double Sculls
Mollie Gibson and Olivia Gibson Women's Under 19 Double Sculls

World Record time for Veronica Wall

In the Women's Under 20 Single Sculls event Veronica Wall, in a time of 7:33.14, rowed faster than the current Junior Women's Single Sculls record time of 7:34.58.

Veronica advised that, as far as she is aware, her time won't count as a World Record due to the fact that the New Zealand Championships are not an International Rowing Federation classified event. However, she has the satisfaction of knowing where her time fits internationally.

Bronze Medal Winner

Mollie Gibson Women's Senior Single Sculls



(Pictured above, left to right): Olivia Gibson (front), Mollie Gibson (back).



(Pictured above, left and right): Olivia and Mollie.



(Pictured above, left to right): Medal winners in the Women's Under 19 Double Sculls - Mollie Gibson and Olivia Gibson (Silver Medal); Grace Wilson, and Veronica Wall (Gold Medal). The Bronze Medalists are far right.

Additional Results

In qualifying for finals this puts these rowers in the top ten competitors at the Regatta, which is impressive at a national championships.

5th Placing

Grace Wilson, Fran Connelly-Whyte, Olivia Gibson, Mollie Gibson Women's Senior Coxless Quad Sculls
Matthew Rae, Michael Wall, Haxby Hefford, C Moffat (Timaru rower) Men's Club Coxless Quad Sculls

6th Placing

Haxby Hefford Men's Club Single Sculls

7th Placing

Matthew Rae and Fran Connelly-Whyte Women's Senior Double Sculls

8th Placing

Matthew Rae Men's Club Double Sculls
Matthew Rae and Haxby Hefford Men's Club Single Sculls
Grace Wilson Women's Senior Single Sculls

Four Golds and a Silver at Canterbury Junior Rowing Regatta

Held on Lake Hood over last weekend, 24 and 25 February, this was another successful regatta, despite issues with weed in the lake affecting some outcomes, and Sunday being a shortened day due to strong nor'west winds. Team Manager, Jayne Cornelius, said that the Ashburton rowers again powered through to produce some amazing results and that, also, a massive thank you is due to the Ashburton College Basketball teams for their help with boat-holding, and to the supporters.

It is a real positive for the rowers to continue to reap fantastic results with South Island Secondary Schools' Championships this weekend, and then only three weeks until the pinnacle Aon Maadi Cup event being held at Lake Ruataniwha from 19-24 March.

Competing were 634 athletes from twenty four schools.

Team members at this event were -

Lara Biggs, Wyatt Burrows, Logan Cartman, Harrison Davies, Paddy Dekker, Aidan Elvines, Mollie Gibson, Haxby Hefford, Paul Kasanawaqa, Jared Mattson, Emma Stagg, Kauri Te Moananui-Gamble, Ged Wall, Veronica Wall, Harriet Leverton (Cox), Isabella Wall (Cox); with Justin Wall as Coach and Jayne Cornelius as Manager.

Results

Gold Medal

Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Lara Biggs and Harriet Leverton (Cox) - Girls' Under 17 Coxed Quad Sculls
Mollie Gibson Girls' Under 17 Single Sculls
Veronica Wall Girls' Under 18 Single Sculls
Veronica Wall, Emma Stagg, Lara Biggs, Mollie Gibson and Harriet Leverton (Cox) - Girls' Under 18 Coxed Quad Sculls

Silver Medal

Haxby Hefford Boys' Under 18 Single Sculls



(Pictured left, front and back): Lara Biggs and Aidan Elvines preparing the boats.

(Pictured right, front to back):

Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Lara Biggs and Harriet Leverton (Cox), having just completed their Gold Medal race.

Additional Results

Notable also are the rowers who gained Finals status, a strong outcome given the number of participants.

A Finals

4th Placing
Veronica Wall and Mollie Gibson Girls' Under 18 Double Sculls
Jared Mattson, Harrison Davies, Wyatt Burrows, and Isabella Wall (Cox) Boys' Under 18 Coxed Quad Sculls

6th Placings

Emma Stagg Girls' Under 17 Single Sculls
7th Placings
Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker Boys' Under 18 Novice Double Sculls
Harrison Davies Boys' Under 18 Single Sculls

8th Placings

Lara Biggs Girls' Under 17 Single Sculls
Ged Wall, Logan Cartman Boys' Under 15 Double Sculls
Jared Mattson, Wyatt Burrows Boys' Under 18 Double Sculls
Kauri Te Moananui-Gamble, Aidan Elvines Girls' Under 17 Double Sculls

B Finals

2nd Placing
Aidan Elvines, Kauri Te Moananui-Gamble Girls' Under 18 Novice Double Sculls

7th Placing

Wyatt Burrows Boys' Under 18 Single Sculls



(Pictured right, left and right): Under 18 Double Scullers Wyatt Burrows and Jared Mattson.

Events

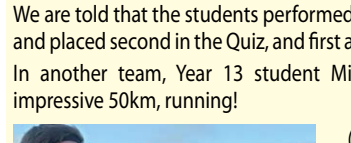
Staff and Students Contribute to Relay for Life Mid Canterbury

Approximately forty College students and staff participated, at varying times, in this major, and meaningful, event held at the Ashburton A & P Showgrounds from 4:00pm Saturday to 10:00am Sunday. The Survivors' Lap, which opened the event, made for an inspirational start, while the silent remembrance candle walk was incredibly moving.

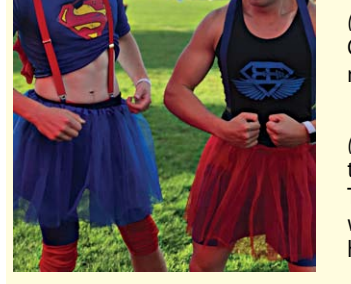
Others contributed prior to the weekend by supporting the raffle, barbecue and bake sale fundraising activities initiated at College while, at the relay, a range of 'glow in the dark' items were sold to raise further funds.

Particular acknowledgement must be given to the key organisers of the College team - Claire Robertshaw and Liz Carrick, and Claire Bubb in relation to the Student Executive and student involvement.

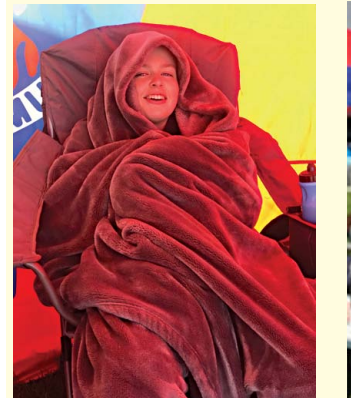
We are told that the students performed well in the Team Challenge events and placed second in the Quiz, and first and third in the Backwards Lap Race! In another team, Year 13 student Michael Baker clocked up a totally impressive 50km, running!



(Pictured above, left to right): Members of the Student Executive at the College Pergola, with two members of the Ashburton Police, ready to start the event are Jack Bubb, Lanelle Millar-McArthur, Connie Davidson Olivia Small and Matt Clough.



(Pictured below, left): Head Girl Connie Davidson prepares for the night-time shift.



(Pictured below, right): College teaching staff member Claire Tappin, with young son Kal, wearing and preparing to walk with her survivor sash.

The final fundraising total is yet to be confirmed but, at the time of writing this newsletter, was sitting at approximately \$1400. We thank all who contributed.

Congratulations

Current and Former College Students part of Browning Shield Success

The annual, hotly contested, competition between Mid Canterbury, Ellesmere, Malvern and North Canterbury had numerous players converging on the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre last weekend.

Across the two days, three ties were played - Men's and Women's Doubles and Singles, and a Mixed Doubles.

Following a drought of twenty seven years the Mid Canterbury team won the Shield again this year, for the fifth year in succession.

The full Mid Canterbury Tennis Team is (pictured below), inclusive of -

Current students: Jade Brosnahan, Sam Bubb, Erin Connelly-Whyte.

Former students: Aidan Mitchell, Connor Brosnahan, Chrystal Brosnahan, Ashleigh Leonard, and Larrisa Allan.



Coming Events

- March**
- 01** College Athletics Finals Day.
- 02-04** South Island Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships, Timaru
- 03** Mountain Bike, XC Series, Crocodile XC Mountain Biking Park, Halswell.
- 03-04** South Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Regatta, Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.
- 04** South Island Secondary Schools' Triathlon and Duathlon, Oamaru.
- 05** Postponement Day, South Island Secondary Schools' Tennis, Timaru
- 06** 9RG Ropes Course, Geraldine
- 07** Canterbury Secondary Schools' Golf Championships, Christchurch.
- 08** 9BD Ropes Course, Geraldine
- 08** Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon, Scarborough, Christchurch.
- 09** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Bowls Championships, Timaru.
- 12** College Swimming Sports, EA Networks Centre, Ashburton.
- 14** AshDance, Auditorium, Ashburton College, 7:00pm.
- 23-26** Mountain Bike, XC Series, Crocodile XC Mountain Biking Park, Halswell.
- 14** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Athletics, Timaru.
- 15** Postponement day, Aoraki Secondary Schools' Athletics, Timaru.
- 16** Year 13 History Trip, Akaroa.
- 19** 9RD Ropes Course, Geraldine.
- 19** John Parsons - Cyber Safety: all classes during the day, Parent/Caregivers - evening.
- 19-20** NZSS Triathlon and Aquathlon, Rabbit Island, Nelson.
- 21** Mountain Bike, XC Series, Crocodile XC Mountain Biking Park, Halswell.
- 19-25 Summer Tournament Week:**
- 19-20** South Island Secondary Schools' Bowls Tournament, Timaru.
- 19-25** NZ Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships, Maadi Cup, Twizel.
- 20-21** South Island Secondary Schools' Rugby 7s (Under 15 Boys, Year 9 Girls), Timaru.
- 21** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Croquet Tournament, Ashburton.
- 22** Postponement Day - Aoraki Secondary Schools' Croquet Tournament, Ashburton.
- 22-23** Aoraki Secondary Schools' 3x3 Basketball Tournament, Ashburton.
- 23-25** South Island Secondary Schools' Golf Tournament, Timaru.
- 23-26** PASCH Wissenswelten Workshop, Burnside High School, Christchurch.
- 26** University of Canterbury liaison visit, Auditorium.
- 27** Pasifika Careers Expo
- 28** Inter-Secondary Schools' Dressage Championships Mountain Bike, XC Series, Crocodile XC Mountain Biking Park, Halswell.
- 29** Teacher Only Day (prior to Easter Weekend)
- 30-03 Apr Easter Weekend**
- 05** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Volleyball Tournament, Timaru.
- 09** Auckland University liaison visit.
- 10** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships, EA Networks Centre, Ashburton. Year 11, 12, 13 Drama Trip - 'Wicked', Court Theatre, Christchurch (7:30pm-10:00pm).
- 11** Race Unity Speech Competition, Timaru.
- 12** Academic Blues Assembly.
- Festival of the Spoken Word, College Auditorium.