



Message From The Principal

Winter is upon us with a vengeance. At the moment the lack of sunshine and continual fog and drizzle seems to be dragging everybody down. I guess we are all holding out for some of those good hard frosts and bluebird skies.

Annual Sports Exchange

Recently we had our annual sports exchange with Burnside High School, the first of three exchanges. It is always a great day against Burnside, being the largest school in the South Island, with 2200 students. Ashburton College was victorious, albeit with a slightly abbreviated programme as, due to the state of the fields we were unable to play rugby and football. My thanks to all the staff and parent/caregiver coaches who were involved with this exchange.

Appreciation to Deb Kell, Sports Co-ordinator

On the subject of sporting events I would like to take this chance to acknowledge Deb Kell, our Sports Co-ordinator, who is leaving us soon. Deb has been an unsung hero for the last two and a half years and has done a fantastic job of overseeing all our sports teams and their organisation. Prior to this last period of time Deborah was Sports Co-ordinator from April 2003 until October 2013. It is her passion for sport and her willingness to go the extra mile that has endeared her to so many of our students and staff. We wish her well with her next enterprise and we are encouraged by the significant number of applications to fill her vacancy. We are currently looking to make an appointment.

Publicity

As we are all aware there has been considerable negative publicity about our College in the media, over a fight. Whilst it is regrettable that such an event took place, people can be assured that our Board of Trustees take matters such as this very seriously. The public need to understand that there is a process to follow and, contrary to popular opinion, a Principal cannot instantly exclude students. Any disciplinary matters at the suspension level are a matter for the Board. Can I urge parents or caregivers who have concerns about any issue to actually come and talk to relevant staff members, because then they will get accurate information.

My thanks to all our parents and pupils, both current and former, for their messages of affirmation. It was much appreciated by all of us who recognise that the vast majority of our students are fantastic individuals. This outpouring of support was much appreciated but, of course, positive news does not spread as quickly as negative information.

Roll on the sunshine!



Ross Preece
Principal

Information

Ski Programme Dates

Annually, ski opportunities are available for students taking specific Physical Education courses, plus ski experience days for Year 9 and 10 students.

Year 9 and 10 students are encouraged to take part in these days, which include lessons by trained tutors.

In addition, the College's annual Tucker Trophy College Ski and Snowboard Racing takes place. Individual placings aside, this day is another opportunity to win House points.

These dates, at Mt Hutt Skifield, are -

- Thursday 26 July Year 12PED and PEP; Year 11PED and PEP; Year 13SEP
- Friday 27 July 12PED, 12PEP
- Thursday 02 August Tucker Trophy College Ski/Snowboard Racing
- Thursday 09 August Year 9 and 10 ski day
- Friday 31 August Year 9 and 10 ski day

Tokorozawa Kita High School Visit - Additional Homestays Required

Tokorozawa Kita High School, our sister school in Japan, has been visiting the College annually for over twenty years now. In 2017, and previously, College's Japan Tour group was hosted by the school and it is great to be able to welcome them here.

Twenty four students will be visiting us and we are expected to place them in homes individually. The students will have a weekend with their host family as well as the week nights. During the school days, they either attend College or participate in an exchange event organised by the school. This is a paid hosting situation.

There will be a pre-arrival host family meeting, to talk over hosting, with an opportunity to ask and have questions answered, **but if you have any questions in the meantime please contact our**

**International Homestay Co-ordinator,
Joanne Wakelin we@ashcoll.school.nz
or Teacher of Japanese, Hiromi Horsley hl@ashcoll.school.nz**
**The Tokorozawa students are with us from
Tuesday 24 July - Saturday 04 August (eleven nights).**

Transition Department News

Tertiary Open Days/Evenings and Information Sessions:

These open events provide an excellent opportunity for students and families to visit and find out more about future options, as part of study/career decision-making.

- Victoria University Information Evening Tuesday 03 July, Rydges Hotel, Christchurch, 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- Canterbury University Open Day Thursday 12 July (in holidays), 9:00am-5:00pm.
- Lincoln University Open Day Friday 20 July (in holidays), 9:30am-4:00pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Manawatu - Palmerston North) Wednesday 01 August, 9:00am-2:30pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Auckland) Saturday 11 August, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Wellington) - Friday 31 August, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- Study at Victoria University Day Friday 31 August.

Coming Events

Exclusive of weekly competition events.

- June 29** AshColl Senior Ball, Ashburton Trust Event Centre
- July 02** Attitude Presentations - all year levels, Auditorium, during College day
- 02-06** Top Art Touring Exhibition, being hosted at Ashburton College
- 03** Darfield High School visit Art Exhibition
- 04** Level 2 Physics and Level 2 Science, UC Radioactivity Workshop, Christchurch
- Ellesmere College visit Art Exhibition
- 06** End of Term 2
- 07** South Island Road Cycling, Timaru
- 09-22** Student holiday break
- 23** Term 3 starts
- 24-04 Aug** Tokorozawa Kita High School visit to Ashburton College
- 26** Year 11 PED Skiing, Mt Hutt
- 26-27** Year 12 PED Skiing, Mt Hutt
- 29** Aoraki Netball Tournament, A and B, teams, Ashburton

Term Dates 2018

Term Two	Monday 23 July	- Friday 06 July	
Term Three	Monday 15 October	- Friday 28 September	(Year 13)
Term Four	Monday 15 October	- Monday 05 November	(Year 12)
		- Tuesday 06 November	(Year 11)
		- Wednesday 07 November	(Year 10)
		- Tuesday 11 December	(Year 10)
		- Wednesday 12 December	(Year 9)

Events

Year 13 Biology Portobello Field Trip

Biology teacher Alice Nash says that from Sunday 17 June-Tuesday 19 June thirty one Year 13 Biology students travelled to Dunedin for the now annual Portobello Field Trip.

On Sunday morning the group gathered at College at 4:45am, tired-eyed and a wee bit grumpy apparently! A five hour fun-filled bus drive down to Dunedin was to come, with a quick breakfast and well-needed coffee stop in Oamaru. The group arrived at the Portobello Peninsula at around 10:00am, at the New Zealand Marine Institute (pictured below), the venue for carrying out the Bio 3.1 study. It was very cold.



First up was learning about crabs, their natural environments, how to identify them and handle them correctly. The group also learnt about ethics in terms of how to experiment on the crabs without harming them. Following this instruction it was down to the beach to look at the different types of crabs in the area, their distribution and their distinct features. The afternoon was filled with writing hypotheses and methods.

Monday morning brought about another early start, with a 6:30am wake-up knock on the door. After a hot, cooked breakfast it was back on the bus and off to start the day's studies. On Monday the group carried out their own investigations, ranging from shelter-seeking, feeding, pH, temperature and salinity investigations; using half each of crabs and common shore crabs. Some investigations showed trends while others had no apparent trend, and some crabs didn't want to move, others didn't want to eat! This led to a need to get good at problem-solving and making decisions about what to do next. It was a long and full day, leaving the lab just after 5:00pm.

Tuesday was made up of more trials and replicates, followed by some statistical analysis, and finishing working with the crabs and wrapping up the study at 3:00pm, leaving with data and knowledge to enable completion of the Achievement Standard. Again a stop was made at Oamaru for some dinner and a quick break, before continuing on to College for an 8:00pm return.



(Pictured left): Being held are two crabs, an example of a female and a male common shore crab.



(Pictured right, left and right): Kate O'Reilly and Kate Donald looking for crabs in their habitats.

(Pictured below): Different groups searching for crabs on the shore at Portobello.



Alice said that it was a fun, enjoyable trip away, which allowed for the hands-on learning that Science is all about, in a real laboratory with 'very flash' lab equipment. Students gained confidence over the three days re handling the crabs, caring for them and making sure of adherence to the Ethics Code which binds those working with animals.

Information

Public Information Evening This Monday 02 July, 7:00pm, College Auditorium Changes to Year 9 Programme, 2019

For: Current Year 8 pupils, their families/whanau and teachers, and any members of the Mid Canterbury community with an interest in future education.

Come along and be informed about:

- The integrated subject pilot for Year 9 in 2019.
- Changes to our core subject and option structure.
- Introduction of an extended Family Form time to enable specific teaching of the skills and dispositions that will prepare our students for their future.

Dropping Off and Collecting Students at College

With the cooler, wet and/or wintry weather we understand an increase in vehicle movements as parents and caregivers drop-off and collect students at College.

May we please ask though for care when this is happening -

- Road safety is hugely important, there are a lot of road users in a small area.
- Please avoid parking on the yellow lines outside the Walnut Avenue entrance.
- Please respect residents' properties - avoid parking over driveways or driving into their personal drive entrances.
- Remain aware that the College driveway is not suitable for dropping off/picking students up from. This adds to congestion and compromises safety.

We do ask, please, that you -

- Consider where you park.
- Park in a legal parking space, and have your child walk to where you are parked.
- Park in the parallel parks across the road from the College, or - there may be space in the shingled parking area on the west side of the College.

We thank you for your help, and for your courtesy to residents, College students and road users



Events

What did the Solar System look like in the Beginning?

Year 13 Physics students recently undertook a study using marbles rolling across stretchy, funnel-shaped fabric which demonstrated how space time is warped around large masses (like the sun) and how smaller masses (like the planets) orbit around them.

Caleb Livingstone (pictured left) is introducing many marbles into the fabric to show what the solar system was like in the beginning.

(Pictured left to right):

Looking on are Liam Scott, Will Kelly, Tom Suh and Chrizia Cayanan, with Matt Hunter - student teacher at Ashburton College for five weeks.



Congratulations

Selection to New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Team

Taonga Mbambo has continued his season's good form, born of much hard training, placing sixth in the Senior Boys' section at the National Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships held at Spa Park Taupo, on 16 and 17 June.

On what Taonga describes as a hilly course, he covered 6km in an impressive time of 19:49. From the field of around 180 competitors Taonga was also the top-placed South Island runner.

Canterbury Relay Team - 2nd placing

Taonga was also a member of the Canterbury Relay Team which placed second in the team relay event on the Sunday. He was one of five other athletes from Christchurch schools. In this event each runner covered a 2km distance.

New Zealand Team Selection

Taonga was 'pretty stoked' to be named, at the Prize-giving, as a member of the twelve-strong New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross-Country team scheduled to compete on the Sunshine Coast, Australia, from 25-28 August. At this event New Zealand will compete against Australian State Teams, also over a 6km course.

Needless to say this success comes off the back of a very solid training schedule. After three days off Taonga is now back to serious training over the eight weeks building up to Australia. His schedule is made up of a lot of mileage, which means 90-100kms a week averaged over seven days. Normally he will train after school, while Wednesdays are speed training day in Timaru, with coach Craig Motley. Craig Motley was previous Head Coach of Athletics and Fitness at Ravenhall School for Girls in Sydney, and National Endurance Manager for Athletics NZ and the Rio2016 Project.



(Pictured above): Taonga making his way up one of the hill climbs in Taupo.

Karate Exponents Gain Gold Medals

Two College students competed very well in the Canterbury Westland Regional Karate Championships in Christchurch, on Sunday 17 June. Eleven young dojo members took part in age groupings ranging from 6-15 years old and, overall, brought home six Gold, two Silver and four Bronze medals.

College students' results:

- Charlie Savage** Male 12-13 years Premier Grade Gold Medal Kumite (sparring) Silver Medal Kata (forms) -
- Kyle Cabangun** Male 14-15 years Premier Grade Gold Medal Kumite Bronze Kata



(Pictured above, on the left): Charlie Savage in the Kumite.



(Pictured above, on the right): Kyle Cabangun in his Kumite match.

Congratulations

A Win to Ashburton College in College-Burnside Exchange

Ashburton College hosted this annual exchange this year, on Tuesday 19 June, emerging victors by seven wins to five over Burnside High School, in a reversal of the 2017 exchange when Burnside finished the day well in the lead by two wins to six.

Unfortunately, due to ground conditions, the two Football and Under 15 Rugby games were not able to be played in this year's fixture.

However, all other teams represented their respective schools with pride and passion, with these sports fixtures always fiercely contested.

(Pictured below): College students with the trophy.



Results were:

	Win to Ashburton College	Win to Burnside High School
Air Pistol Shooting	931 - 924	
Basketball - Junior Boys' Team	113 - 43	
Chess - A Team		13-3
Chess - B Team		12 ½ - 3 ½
Golf	97 - 103	
Hockey - Boys' 1st XI Team		7 - 0
Hockey - Girls' 1st XI Team		8 - 0
Netball - Year 9A Team	25 - 18	
Netball - Year 10A Team		26 - 21
Netball - Senior B Team	32 - 21	
Netball - Senior A Team	45 - 18	
Squash Team	4 - 2	



(Pictured, clockwise from top left):

A series of photographs from a mix of the sports on the day - Air Pistol Shooting, Senior B Netball, Junior Boys' Basketball, Squash and Chess.



College Qualifies for New Zealand Secondary Schools' Golf Championships

Team members

(pictured right, left to right): Brent Kirdy, Wilson Hii, Josh Ackerley, Brayden Wood.



The team, as winners of the Aorangi Secondary Schools' Golf Championships mid-May, were then required to play against the winner of the Christchurch Secondary Schools' Championships to determine which team would represent the Canterbury region at the National Championships.

This match was played on 11 June, at the Templeton Golf Club, against St Andrew's College Christchurch, in wet conditions.

Result

A win to Ashburton College (265) to St Andrew's College score of 270. College team best scores for the day were Josh Ackerley on 78 and Brent Kirdy on 84.

As a result of this win the College team will now contest the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships being held on 03 September, in Palmerston North.



(Pictured left): Josh Ackerley lining up his shot.

(Pictured below): Wilson Hii having sent his shot off.



Highland Dancers Claim Further Awards

The Canterbury and West Coast Centre Highland and National Dancing Competitions were held in the Middleton Grange Theatre, Christchurch, on Friday 08 and Saturday 09 June.

Two College students again performed well -

- Lucy Moore** (pictured below left) 1st Under 16 Highland Reel, Reel O'Tulloch and Irish Reel
- 2nd Under 16 South Island Sailors' Hornpipe
- 4th Under 18 South Island Irish Jig

Winner of Most Points Overall - Under 16 Age Group.

- Milly Christie** (pictured below right) 2nd Under 14 Seann Truibhas, Highland Fling and Sailors' Hornpipe

Very Highly Commended

- Under 16 South Island Sailors' Hornpipe

Runner up overall most points - Under 14 Age Group



As this newsletter was being prepared, Milly Christie and Megan Harrison from College were travelling to compete in the New Zealand Under16 Championships being held in Invercargill, from 22-24 June.

Lucy Moore has just turned sixteen and was not therefore eligible for the Under 16 Championships.