



## Events

### New Zealand Author James Norcliffe Workshop for Students

By Year 13 Student Attendee, Josie Tallents

On Thursday 15 March the College had a visit from New Zealand Author James Norcliffe. He is a writer of Young Adult fiction, poetry, and many other genres.

In the fifty minute workshop that he ran, attended by approximately twenty five students, we mainly focused on poetry. Not only did he read some of his published poetry, he also explained stories behind them, almost justifying why he wrote them.

We, as workshop participants, had the goal of writing a persona poem based on 'sea creatures' then describing them to give them character. Some of the options included a shy octopus and an annoying dolphin, and a resentful plastic bag. He commended people for their original ideas.

#### Two poems written by students were -

I didn't ask to be made,  
or to be blamed  
for the ecological downfall  
of 3/4 of the globe.

I am not the one to blame.

It isn't my fault,  
that thousands of  
beings choke and  
die as I drift  
aimlessly.  
It isn't my fault.

It is you,  
It Is You.  
IT IS YOU!

#### The Resentful Fish

I think I'm a fish. I swim like the other fish.  
But I don't eat like they do, or at all really.  
People come out to catch me just like they do  
for the other fish, so I think I'm a fish.

The other fish don't like me though,  
they tend to swim away  
or yell at each other to leave me alone.  
Why do they get to have fun with each other?  
Why do I get left alone and pushed away with the  
flapping of their fins in my direction?

I'm prettier than they are, I'm bright and shimmering  
with a thousand different colours.  
They're just brown and scaly.  
Stupid fish.

Anne Williams, Teacher Librarian, advises that this tour to schools was funded by Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust as part of the Storylines Festival. Storylines has run their national festival since 1993 with the aim of bringing children's writers, illustrators, poets and storytellers together with their readers and audiences, to enjoy books and reading, and to encourage literacy.

Anne said that 'our students (pictured below) were completely engaged in the session with James and we would love to be able to have him back again'.



## Coming Events

March

30-03 Apr Easter Weekend

April

05 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Volleyball Tournament, Timaru.  
Year 13 Chemistry - Ravensdown, Hornby and Lincoln University  
9BD Ropes Course, Geraldine

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.  
Student Coach Day, Timaru.  
Festival of the Spoken Word, Auditorium, 7:00pm.

12 Academic Blues Assembly.

13 Final day of Term One.

14-29 Holiday break

30 Term Two starts.

## Congratulations

### Aoraki Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships

Forty five students represented Ashburton College at this year's Aoraki Secondary School Championships, in Timaru, on Wednesday 14 March. Very good results were gained, including a new record.

#### New Record set by Taonga Mbambo

Taonga continued his strong form by setting a new record in the Under 19 Boys' 3000m, running the distance in a time of 9:03.65.

In total, fourteen athletes gained titles, while fifteen gained second placings and fourteen gained third placings.

#### College athletes gaining titles were:

<b>Lusungu Mbambo</b>	Under 14 Girls	200m, High Jump
<b>Ella Pearson</b>	Under 14 Girls	800m, 1500m
<b>Mia Pearson</b>	Under 15 Girls	80m Hurdles, High Jump
<b>Sophie Adams</b>	Under 16 Girls	Shot Put
<b>Emily Armstrong</b>	Under 19 Girls	100m, 200m, 400m
<b>Emma Stagg</b>	Under 19 Girls	Long Jump
<b>Fononga Lisala</b>	Under 14 Boys	Javelin
<b>Kyle Cabangun</b>	Under 15 Boys	100m
<b>Ben Donald</b>	Under 16 Boys	Javelin
<b>Ben Jackson</b>	Under 16 Boys	High Jump
<b>Keegan Gentle</b>	Under 19 Boys	100m
<b>Taonga Mbambo</b>	Under 19 Boys	3000m (new record)
<b>Delta Taeauga</b>	Boys' Athlete with a Disability	Shot Put, Discus
<b>Anthony Van Asperen</b>	Boys' Athlete with a Disability	200m, 400m



(Pictured left, far left):  
Lusungu Mbambo  
ready for the start of  
the Under 14 Girls'  
100m.

(Pictured right, second  
from the right):  
Keegan Gentle set  
to contest the Under  
19 Boys' 100m heat.  
Keegan went on to  
win the final of this  
event.



(Pictured below,  
left and right):  
Anthony Van Asperen  
and Aidan Christie in  
the 200m. Athletes  
with a Disability,  
won by Anthony.



#### Second Place-Getters were:

<b>Ella Pearson</b>	Under 14 Girls	400m
<b>Tara Mellish</b>	Under 15 Girls	Long Jump
<b>Sophie Adams</b>	Under 16 Girls	Discus
<b>Amy Pearson</b>	Under 19 Girls	High Jump
<b>Emma Stagg</b>	Under 19 Girls	Triple Jump
<b>Delta Taeauga</b>	Athlete with a Disability	100m
<b>Aidan Christie</b>	Athlete with a Disability	400m
<b>Byron Breen</b>	Under 14 Boys	400m
<b>Chris Angus</b>	Under 14 Boys	800m
<b>Bradley Douglas</b>	Under 14 Boys	Shot Put
<b>Kyle Cabangun</b>	Under 14 Boys	Javelin
<b>Quinn Ritchie</b>	Under 16 Boys	800m
<b>Elyh McKibbon</b>	Under 19 Boys	100m
<b>Taonga Mbambo</b>	Under 19 Boys	1500m
<b>Emily Armstrong, Emma Stagg, Tayla Love, Amy Pearson</b>	Under 19 Girls Relay	4 x 100m

#### Third Place-Getters were:

<b>Tara Mellish</b>	Under 15 Girls	100m, High Jump
<b>Sophie Adams</b>	Under 16 Girls	Javelin
<b>Kate Donald</b>	Under 19 Girls	800m
<b>Tom Southby</b>	Athletes with a Disability	100m, 200m
<b>Ivana Milo</b>	Under 14 Boys	Shot Put
<b>Bradley Douglas</b>	Under 15 Boys	Discus
<b>Kyle Cabangun</b>	Under 15 Boys	200m
<b>Ben Donald</b>	Under 16 Boys	Long Jump
<b>Matthew Clough</b>	Under 19 Boys	800m, 1500m
<b>Keegan Gentle</b>	Under 19 Boys	Long Jump
<b>Elama Touli</b>	Under 19 Boys	Shot Put

In our next newsletter we will report on the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships, also in Timaru, from 23-25 March.

### South Island Secondary Schools' Lawn Bowls Championships

Further to the Aoraki Championships four students represented Ashburton College at the South Island event.



The team (pictured left, left to  
right): Tom Collis,  
Taylor Mackenzie,  
Rebecca Joseph,  
Eiman De Ocampo.

#### Singles Competition

Tom and Taylor (pictured right, left  
and right) took part in the Singles  
Competition on Day One, Monday  
19 March, within a group of ten  
competitors. Manager Rowena  
Mackenzie said that, after five rounds  
of pool play, Taylor was second in Pool  
A, behind Jordan Dunn from Hurunui  
College. Tom was also second in his  
pool, Pool B, behind Logan Dunn.



The finals were therefore a play-off  
between the Dunn brothers for first  
and second, and Ashburton College's  
students Taylor and Tom playing for 3rd  
and 4th positions.

**This was won by Tom, 17-5, for a third place finish.**

#### Pairs Competition

Ten Pairs Teams, from Waitaki Boys', Timaru Boys', Shirley Boys' High Schools;  
Hurunui, St Bede's and Ashburton Colleges contested this competition.

Again, there were five rounds of pool play, at the end of which AshColl 1  
(Taylor Mackenzie and Rebecca Joseph) lay second behind Shirley Boys'  
High School in Pool A.

The AshColl 2 players Tom Collis and Eiman De Ocampo also placed second,  
in Pool B, behind Hurunui College. In  
the final Shirley Boys' High School won  
over Hurunui, with the AshColl 1 girls  
winning 10-3 over the AshColl 2 team,  
to take 3rd place.



(Pictured right, left and right):  
With their third place certificates,  
Taylor Mackenzie and  
Rebecca Joseph.

### Aoraki Secondary Schools' Lawn Bowls Championships

Ten Ashburton College players competed in these championships at the  
West End Bowling Club in Timaru on Friday 09 March, as a build-up  
to the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships during Summer  
Tournament Week, at which College was represented by four players.

Competing teams came from Waitaki Boys' and Timaru Boys' High Schools,  
Mackenzie and Ashburton Colleges. Ten boys' teams contested the  
competition, and just three girls' teams, all from Ashburton College.

Although the weather was not kind, with a few showers interrupting play,  
Deb Kell, Sports Co-ordinator, reported it as a most enjoyable day.

#### Team members were -



(Pictured left, back row, left to right):  
Mia Jessep, Maggie Tarry,  
Megan White, Artem Kravchenko,  
Faith Aiono Falealili,  
Taylor Mackenzie, Jayde Cook.

(Front row, left to right):  
Tom Collis, Eiman De Ocampo,  
William Hii.

#### Results:

##### Girls' Competition

- 1st** Faith Aiono Falealili and Taylor Mackenzie (pictured right, left and right).
- 2nd** Megan White and Maggie Tarry.
- 3rd** Mia Jessep and Jayde Cook.



##### Boys' Competition

William Hii and Eiman De Ocampo played Tom Collis and Artem Kravchenko  
in the final game to determine their placings.

This was a close game, with **William and Eiman coming home in 5th place  
ahead of Tom and Artem in 6th place.**

#### Appreciation

Ashburton College thanks the Allenton  
Bowling Club members for generously  
giving up their time to coach our teams  
and provide bowls for the tournament.

(Pictured right, from the front):  
Artem Kravchenko and Faith Aiono  
Falealili sending their bowls down  
the green.

