



Deputy Principal Message

Winter
Winter has officially arrived and the thought of warm Spring days seems a dream too far. I am always intrigued by the resilience and hardiness of some students. This week as I did my duty in the bus bay, clad in overcoat, scarf, and huddled under an umbrella that was struggling to cope with the wind, never mind the torrential rain, I was amazed at the number of students who arrived at College wearing their summer uniform, no coat and no brolly and drenched to the skin. I walked along with a few of them as they crossed the bus bay, just chatting, as I often do. There were a good number of them who also admitted that they had not had breakfast either. How do they cope? Cold and wet, missing probably the most important meal of the day and then expecting to make the most of a busy day at College. Intriguing to say the least. I know that convincing our young people to look after themselves can be a challenge but I would ask parents and caregivers to have a quick check before their darling children leave for College.

Probably it is also relevant to give a timely reminder to all, that winter top coats can be either navy blue or black, but in both cases plain.



PB4L
This week saw ten of our staff attend another full day's training in preparation for moving the College towards PB4L. Here comes another acronym I hear you say. PB4L equals Positive Learning For Behaviour. A number of Ashburton schools have embarked on this voyage, which helps to grow the systems for behaviour and student engagement that they already have established. This is a very encouraging initiative that will help us to maintain a consistent environment throughout our schools that acknowledges and supports positive and engaged learning. Each school is able to put their own spin on the programme and tailor it to suit their own student and staff needs. You will be hearing much more of this as it develops – quite slowly through the initial set up and establishment stage, but then with a clear direction and increased pace. It is very exciting!

Restorative Practice
Our recent Teacher Only Day was successfully spent growing and developing our culture around Restorative Practice, with all staff involved in upskilling their knowledge. The College embarked on this journey a number of years ago, but the time for a staff-wide refresher was needed. We have enjoyed the arrival of new staff over the last couple of years and re-establishing common practice amongst all staff is important. We had two highly trained presenters from Christchurch who facilitated workshops throughout the day, covering all angles from Beginner to Advanced. Our thanks to Rich Matla and Greg Jansen from Restorative Schools for a very worthwhile day.

Duty Monitors
Earlier this year, our senior students rolled out one of their own initiatives and wanted to be part of supervising the College during intervals and lunchtimes. They were keen to be seen out and about, working alongside our duty staff and students. Sporting their orange hi-vis vests they can now be spotted in and around College doing a great job.

The difference they are making to the tone of the College is considerable and we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and forward-thinking group of student leaders. They are a most valued asset to our College community, promoting a caring environment and demonstrating impressive citizenship skills. Keep up the great work please!

Exam week
Exam week is over for now, with relief for some students, no doubt. This is a valuable opportunity to get a feel for the NCEA external exams that many students will face at the end of the year.

The chance to reflect on performance to date is invaluable and, for many of the students who I have spoken with, the realisation that playing the consistent 'long game' pays dividends. NCEA is not a sprint! Total thanks are given to all College staff for the considerable work they undertake setting, marking, and recording data around this time. The feedback and care they take to maximise the learning opportunities for our students is highly valued.

Big Sing
Friday 08 June will see around eighty of our choral students heading away to Christchurch for the 2018 Big Sing. Preparation has been ongoing for both Phoenix Rising and Phoenix Chorus since the beginning of the year. Both choirs are well prepared and excited about representing Ashburton College and our thriving musical community once again.

The continuous work of the two musical directors, Angie Cresswell and Jo Castelow, is acknowledged by all as they maintain and grow the number of Ashburton young people who give so much pleasure with their singing. Jo and Angie are loyally supported by Carolyn Clough as Choral Manager, who co-ordinates both choirs. We wish them well for their performances this week.

'Music is the universal language of mankind' - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ron Cresswell
Deputy Principal

Information

Lip Sync 2018

Performance Night:
Next Wednesday 13 June
Ashburton College Auditorium,
7:00pm start.

Tickets: \$7.00
Available from the College Office
from Monday 04 June.
Hope to see you there!!!

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 can offer accommodation, or have any questions in the meantime, please contact:**

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

Liaison Visits:
Various tertiary institutions and community groups visit the College during our Year 13 Forum on Mondays to share information with students about courses and programmes they offer.

Year 12 students are welcome to attend also, but need to register their names at the Transition Office before the visit.

The remaining visits are scheduled for Term Two:

- NZ Defence Force – Monday 11 June, 12:25pm.
- ACADS – Monday 18 June, 12:25pm.
- Ara Institute – Lunchtime Drop-In session, T12, Wednesday 20 June.

Events

Samoan Language Week – Students Entertain at Pre-School

To start celebrations for Samoan Language week (Sunday 27 May–Saturday 02 June), a small representation of the College's 2018 Polyfest Group performed at the nearby 'Rising Stars' Pre-School.

Accompanied by teacher James Jenkinson (Pasifika Support Co-ordinator), the seven students, wearing the beautiful Pulestas created by Paula Preece earlier in the year, performed a number of traditional dances for the children at Rising Stars.



(Pictured left, back row, left to right): Maeroanoel Masina, Mahina Pongia, Sivaloia Teomatauvai, Anjali Savaiinaea. (Front row, left to right): Lupepe Saofai, Misty Maftiti, Uatifoti Saofai.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very excited to be able to help promote their culture. The students were excellent ambassadors for the College. A very special faa'etai must go to the Rising Stars Pre-School staff, who were fantastic hosts and provided the College contingent with some kai to share with the Rising Stars aiga.

Deputy Head Girl, Uati Saofai, said that she really enjoyed watching the Rising Stars performances, when the children sang Samoan songs with pride and energy.

She continued, saying 'it amazed me how they were able to pronounce some words correctly. Promoting the Samoan culture ensures that its dignity stays strong. Samoan people should be constantly reminded of the language, values, beliefs and the culture. Promoting the Samoan culture is also important as it educates those who might not know much about it.'

Events

What Do You Know About eSports?

New teacher to College this year, and former student, Tom Kitchen has provided this opportunity to interested Ashburton College students.

Tom tells us that the eSports Club meets twice a week, Mondays and Fridays after school, for an hour and a half, to play the game League of Legends.

The game is a team-based strategy game, with the goal being to work together as a team to bring down the enemy's base and destroy their 'nexus'. Essentially, players are trying to protect their base from the enemy and, at the same time, trying to attack their base.

Before the game begins, players each choose a unique champion (character) to control for the whole game. Each champion is different and has different strengths and weaknesses, and it is important to communicate with team members as to what every person should choose to do. Additionally there are many smaller objectives on the map that a team can choose to fight around, to gain slight advantages on the enemy team.

Most games last between 30-40 minutes and, as there are endless combinations of champions to pick, the game is never dull because each champion offers something different.

At the eSports Club this year new players have been taught the basics, and the more experienced players have offered workshops for the 'newbies'.



(Pictured above): College students, in a computer lab, at their practice on Friday 25 May.

Competition

College had a team of six people compete in the National High School League (HSL), playing one game a week on a Monday night against schools from all around the country.

The team had mixed results in the first split (season) of this year, but it was also their first time competing so they weren't expected to do exceptionally well, but were pleased that the losses were really close games. They hope to finish in the top half of the table next split and maybe even make it to the semi-finals and beyond.

With one game live-streamed against Burnside High School, over 500 people watched the game live online around the world.

This resulted in an eSports Director from the USA contacting the club because he was interested in some of the players, and was offering eSports (in the USA it is classed as an Athletic) Scholarships to his College, Coker College in South Carolina. Scholarships are dependent on players gaining a sufficiently high ranking, having academic marks up to scratch and passing SAT exams, a standardised exam used for College entry in the USA.

At the time of writing, one member has been offered a scholarship upwards of US\$20,000, subject to SAT exams pass. The scholarships include representing Coker College's eSports team while studying there.

On-Line Etiquette

Tom said that he is planning to start theory lessons that promote and teach the core values of on-line etiquette.

These values are: teamwork, positive mindset, resilience, on-line behaviour, communication, respect, and many more. Essentially this covers all values that any other sports team would train/talk about.

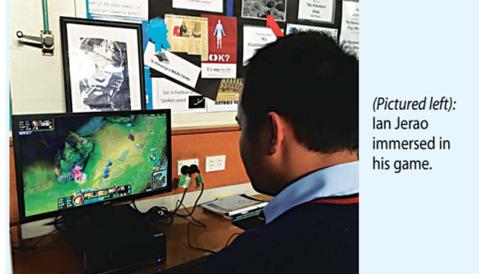
League of Legends Tournament – at the College

On Thursday 28 June, in the College Auditorium, from 1:25pm-2:05pm, you can come and watch the 5 v 5 or 1 v 1 Grand Finals. They are hoping for at least eight competing teams in the 5 v 5 tournament. The tournament is open to students and to staff, and all skill levels are welcome!

How Big is eSports?

Last year's World Championships were held in the Beijing National Stadium (the Bird's Nest) used for the Olympics, and the venue was fully sold out. eSports is huge in Australia, where professional teams live together in apartments and train together and are supported by staff who undertake different managerial roles on aspects of the game, and the running of a normal sports establishment.

In Australia and overseas, professional sports clubs from football and the AFL are buying eSports teams, realising the potential of this fast-rising popularity.



(Pictured left): Ian Jeraco immersed in his game.



Events

SPACPAC Leadership Breakfast

On Friday 25 May Deputy Principal, Andrea Griffin, and Pasifika Support Co-ordinator, James Jenkinson, transported two of Ashburton College's Pasifika Leaders from Year 13, to be recognised for their contributions to College life, at the annual SPACPAC Leadership Breakfast celebrations in Christchurch. This year's event was held at Shirley Boys' High School.

The two students recognised for their contributions to College life were **Uatifoti Saofai** (Deputy Head Student) and **Elama Touli**. Both students have made numerous contributions to College life and, being Year 13 students, will be leaving the College to pursue study in 2019.

Uati's and Elama's contributions, as two prominent Year 13 Pasifika Leaders in the College, have included Uati's Deputy Head Girl inputs while Elama was recognised for his most recent contributions to supporting younger Pasifika students.

Last year Timmy Vaevae and Pereseti Sooaemalagali were recognised at the same event.

The group left College in the early hours of Friday morning, arriving at Shirley Boys' High School to listen to words of wisdom from a local pastor, Shirley Boys' High School Principal, John Laursen, and Hurricanes Professional Development Manager, Arden Perrot-David (pictured below).



Both students were moved by Perrot-David's tales of failures and successes, taking away a few key tips for their futures. The first challenge being 'if you think you're working hard, work harder' and the other that 'it's easy to feel motivated now, but it's two weeks, a month, a year, after you've felt inspired to make a change, that you really need to remain focused on your goals'.

The College is very proud of our emerging leaders, acknowledging their hard work and contributions to the College's Pasifika Community.



(Pictured above, third and fourth from the left): Uatifoti Saofai and Elama Touli, with other recipients and speakers.

Congratulations

First Place at Lions Speech Competition for Faith Falealili

Faith Falealili represented Ashburton College and the Ashburton County Lions at the annual Lions Speech Competition, held in Oamaru on Sunday 27 May.

As always, the standard of the competition was high, with prepared speech topics as wide-ranging as 'Gen Z' and 'Leadership' giving the judges much food for thought.

Faith impressed with her prepared topic on 'Giving Nothing to Racism', including not giving silence.

The afternoon saw contestants given one minute to prepare a two minute impromptu speech on the topic 'How do we solve child poverty'. Teacher and organiser Michael Clark said that it is often this part of the competition that really challenges the contestants and sees a shuffle on the leaderboard.

In starting her speech with 'Have you ever had sleep for dinner', Faith continued to impress in offering a clear, coherent speech with solutions.

Results
Faith's overall efforts saw her claim first place ahead of Michael McLeod of Otago University and Anne Renchurch of Roncalli College. Faith will now attend the National Final in Rangiora on 04 August.

Our thanks are given to the Ashburton Lions for their sponsorship of Faith and, in particular, Carolyn Nelson and Jan Cameron who travelled to Oamaru in support, and Janet Fisher who acted as liaison.



(Pictured left, right to right): Carolyn Nelson, Faith Falealili and Jan Cameron.

Congratulations

Strong Canterbury Cross-Country Results for Taonga Mbambo

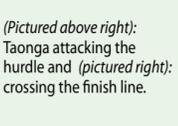
Taonga Mbambo was Ashburton College's sole entry at this event held on Tuesday 29 May, with competitors from another forty three schools represented.

Taonga was competing in the Senior Boys' Over 16 Years event, which held a field of fifty-six competitors who lined up on the start line in wintry, cool conditions at the Ascot Golf Course, QE2 Park, Christchurch.

Second Place

Four kilometres later Taonga crossed the finish line in second place in a time of 13:33 minutes, just 25 seconds behind Saxon Morgan from St Andrew's College. Ten seconds behind Taonga, in third place, was Nathan Cochrane from Christchurch Boys' High School.

This was a great result for Taonga, who is preparing for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country being held in Taupo on Saturday 16 June.



(Pictured above right): Taonga attacking the hurdle and (pictured right): crossing the finish line.

Winning Performance at Aoraki Squash Championships

On Thursday 24 May, two teams of boys travelled to Oamaru to participate in the 2018 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Squash Championships.

There were eight teams in the competition, from a range of high schools in the Aoraki region.

Results

1st place The Ashburton College A team of Isaac Bazley, Angus Jemmett and Devon Flannery (pictured below, left to right) fought hard to win against a tough St Kevin's College team in the finals to take out the boys' competition.



7th place Members of the B Team were ungraded players. **Nicholas Eden** brought some previous experience to the team, while **Harry McMillan** and **Jonty Small** (pictured below, left to right) learnt to play squash especially for this event. Teacher-in-charge, Clair Bedward, said they had an enjoyable day and were pleased with their 7th placing.



Events

Year 9 and 10 Junior Netball Development Tournament

Three College teams travelled to Timaru on Sunday 27 May to take part in the annual Roncalli Junior Development Tournament.

Ashburton College Year 9A Team – Second Placing
Coach Cindy Meadows said that the tournament was the team's first fixture of the season and that they had a strong showing placing second to St Hilda's Collegiate.

The team is working towards the July South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Tournament, with strong combinations being developed and new combinations being tried in Timaru.

The team's strength on Sunday was their defence at the centre pass and the attacking combinations, patiently working together to feed clean ball into the shooting circle. Ella Pearson had an impressive tournament and proved an asset to the team, playing at both Centre and Goal Defence.

Team members - Mae Patterson (Captain), Billie Surridge (Vice Captain), Gemma Tapurau, Ciara Ross, Zoe Ritchie, Ella Pearson, Molly Milmine, Cassidy Mann, Brooke Cornish-Madden, Alex Bateman; with Penny Tuanui as Manager.

Results

There were eight teams in the Year 9 section.

The Y9A team's results in pool play brought about two wins and one loss. The loss was against St Hilda's Collegiate (12-14) and the two wins over Geraldine High School (13-8) and Columba College (12-10).

Semi Final: College met Roncalli College and came through with a close 13-11 win.

Final: The final was a re-match against St Hilda's Collegiate, who again provided a real challenge, emerging victors by 18 goals to 7.

Ashburton College Year 10A Team – 4th Placing

Team members - Jasmin Strawbridge (Captain), Aleesha Haslemore-Smith, Ellie Lawn, Victoria Lovett, Victoria Pupuke, Samantha Jeraco (Vice Captain), Penina Vaela, Taylah Burrows, Olivia Bishop, and Jorja Johnston (absent for this event), with Coach Joe Tallentire and Manager Simone Swanepol.

Joe Tallentire also noted that this is a great tournament to have as preparation for the South Island event in July, giving teams a chance to view teams from elsewhere, for the players to play in their age group and to be able to evaluate 'work ons' for future games.

Results

The team finished second in their Section 2 Pool, following a good win against Roncalli College (17-5), and then a closer loss against Timaru Girls' High School (16-11).

Semi Final: In the semi-final against St Hilda's Collegiate the team had an 18-6 loss, which meant a 3rd v 4th play-off against Craighead Diocesan School, losing by a small margin in what was a tight game.

Ashburton College Year 10B Team – Runners-up in B Grade

This team, coached by Paula Strawbridge, had a successful day finishing as runners-up in the Mixed B Grade, in which the ten teams entered played in two sections.

Team members - Drew Porter, Katelin Adcock, Olivia Lill, Mikayla Roulston, Hayley Coles, Shikayla Hutchinson, Milli Sullivan, Emily Wilson and Rangikaire Makutu.

Results

The team finished top of their pool with four wins from four pool play games – against Timaru Girls' High School 9B (17-6); Mt Hutt College Mixed Team (14-10); Waitaki Girls' High School 10B (14-3); and Roncalli College 10B (23-2).

Final: In the 1 v 2 play-off College met Ophi College, who were top of Section A, where the team met its match to lose by 10 goals.

Paula Strawbridge said that, over the tournament the girls played some very good netball.

Coming Events

- June 08** Postponement day Aoraki Secondary School Cross Country, Timaru Canterbury West Coast Big Sing, The Piano, Christchurch. Gala Concert, evening, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch
- 11** New Zealand Defence Force visit, Year 13 Forum Secondary Schools' Golf Playoff, Templeton Golf Course
- 12** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cycling, Timaru Business Studies classes Market Day, Chessboard, lunchtime
- 13** Lip Sync, Auditorium, 7:00pm.
- 14** Postponement day, Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cycling, Timaru
- 17-19** Year 13 Biology field trip, Portobello, Otago
- 18** ACADS visit, Year 13 Forum
- 19** Burnside High School-Ashburton College Sports exchange, at Ashburton

Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm, Turret Room, Menorlue

Term Dates 2018

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