



Message From The Principal

End of Term One
Term One disappeared in a flash and we certainly packed in plenty of activities and learning.

College Rebuild
The highlight of Term One was undoubtedly the announcement by the Government that we have been allocated a \$50 million rebuild. This will be a lengthy process and the build will have to be in stages, to enable learning to continue uninterrupted as a priority.

At this stage it is likely that the building process will not be finished until approximately 2025. Whilst this is a long way off, the process of designing a facility that will be the pride of Mid Canterbury has started. It will be fantastic to have a fit-for-purpose school.

Community Hui Opportunities
During Term One we had a series of hui in order to allow us to gather feedback from our community, and also creating an opportunity for staff to meet parents and caregivers outside of school. The turnout for these has been variable but the feedback from attendees has been invaluable. My thanks to everybody who gave their time to partake in these consultations. Our Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees will make valuable use of your thoughts.

Highlight Events
Last week there were two highlights that need acknowledging. The first of these, our annual Festival of the Spoken Word, was held last Thursday and will be covered in the next newsletter. This is always a fantastic event where public speaking and dramatic performance is encouraged. Like all of our College events, every participant receives positive audience support.

Secondly, there was our Academic Blues Assembly held last Friday, the final day of term. This is a chance to recognise the best of our academic achievers based on the 2018 NCEA results and these also will be outlined in our next newsletter. Because of our desire to have the whole College present, the event is held on the Chessboard, and therefore the occasion is weather dependent. One of the positives for us in the future is to have a space capable of holding the whole College, that is not outdoors.

Anzac Day
Next Thursday is Anzac Day. As part of the town's commemoration our Head Boy and Head Girl both speak at the 11:00am Cenotaph Service. This tradition of our College Head Students speaking has been in place now for a number of years and is a fantastic acknowledgement, by the younger generation, of the sacrifices that their forebears have undertaken during various military conflicts. I am very proud that Mollie Gibson and William Wallis will do Ashburton College proud.

College Winter Uniform
With the cooler weather approaching, can I ask all parents and caregivers to ensure that your child has the appropriate school uniform items as the winter temperatures settle in next term.

Next term we will be undertaking a push to ensure that the correct College uniform is worn, particularly shoes, shirts and jackets. If families are struggling to provide appropriate clothing we can support students to ensure that they are correctly dressed.

End of Term
My thanks for a great term. Because Term One was so busy it is important that staff and learners have a well-earned break.



Ross Preece
Principal

Board of Trustees News . . .

College Rebuild
The commitment from our government to rebuild our College is welcome news. While the news is great, there is going to be quite a commitment from the Board of Trustees and College administration to complete this project.

We will also have resources provided by the Ministry of Education to plan, manage and complete the project successfully. This is part of the Ministry of Education process for all schools and, in terms of a rebuild, ensures that College personnel and the Board do not get side-tracked by the build process, but remain focused on our core business of student learning.

Many of our current students will miss out the total completion of this project. As noted by our Principal, Ross Preece, the Ministry target is to have the building project completed by 2025.

It is essential that our students do not have their education and learning experiences at Ashburton College compromised in any way, and this is a factor that the Board and College leadership will be maintaining a strong focus on.

Our campus has plenty of space for the rebuild, with building able to be in areas away from the current campus so that the disturbance on teaching is minimal. The separation of the teaching and building zones will also ensure that the safety of our students and teachers is not compromised.

The College Board and Management are already engaged with the Ministry regarding the rebuild.

In the near future, we will also be engaging with our community about this process to ensure we build a great school that can realise the educational opportunities for the next generations of AshColl students.

Jeremy Savage, Chairperson



Information

2019 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS **Ashburton College Board of Trustees**

Nationally, the Triennial Board Elections are due to get underway. You will be mailed information but advance information and dates are below.

Interested people are encouraged to stand for the Board of Trustees or to nominate someone for the position.

The College has a progressive, focused Board of Trustees which looks forward to welcoming new members. Because the Board operates by the 'staggered election' process, at each eighteen month election **three parent representatives are called for.**

Key dates are:

- Wednesday 08 May Main roll closes
- By Friday 10 May Nominations called for (will be mailed)
- Wednesday 22 May Supplementary roll closes
- Friday 24 May Nominations close
- By Wednesday 29 May Voting papers distributed
- Friday 07 June Election date – voting day
- Thursday 13 June Votes counted/results declared
- Friday 14 June Board takes office

Pamphlets outlining the role will be posted with Nomination Forms, or interested people may collect from the College Reception Counter, from Friday 10 May.

For any process information please contact the Returning Officer, Sheena Tyrrell, 308 4193, ext 812; ts@ashcoll.school.nz

For information on being a Board Member please talk to any Board Member or contact Sheena Tyrrell who can put you in touch with a Board Member.

Interested in Becoming a Trustee? Want to Learn More?

This Programme Might Be Helpful.

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Kōrari

"Kōrari really helped me understand what it's like to be a school trustee"

Kōrari is a programme that provides governance training to support understanding of the role of school Boards of Trustees.

For those interested in nominating or being nominated for a Board of Trustees parent representative position, or for new/existing Board Members.

Venue: Methven Primary School, Methven. Tuesday 30 April, 7:00pm.

There is no charge to attend. All welcome.
RSVP to: shelly@nzsta.org.nz

For more information, contact NZSTA on 0800 782 435.

Transition Department News

NZ Careers Expo – Thursday 09 May

College will take a busload of Year 12 and Year 13 students up to this event at Horncastle Arena in Christchurch, leaving school at 4:00pm and arriving back at approximately 9:00pm.

This is a great opportunity for students to visit and gain information from a wide variety of tertiary and career providers all together in the one place.

The trip will cost \$20 each, and permission forms are available from the Transition Office.

Big Science Competition

This competition is held annually for schools throughout countries in the Pacific region and will run at Ashburton College during period 5 on **Monday 20 May.**

The competition is an online test based on real-world contemporary issues like global warming and biotechnology. The multiple choice questions test critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as knowledge of Science.

Students from all year levels and all abilities may enter and information is available from Science Teachers or the Student Office.

Registrations close at 3:00pm on Monday 13 May. Please contact a Science teacher if you have any questions.

Information

AshDance 2019
Thursday 02 May, Week 1 Term 2.

AshColl's Dance Showcase

- All styles of Dance – from Ballet to Hip Hop
- Class groups, Cultural groups, Solo performances

Performance night:
Thursday 02 May, 7:00pm, College Auditorium.

Tickets: \$3:00
Available from the College Office.
Tickets for pre-purchase only, no door sales.

Pasifika Homework Club
Tuesday nights 6:00-8:00pm, term-time.
Starting Tuesday 30 April (at the start of Term Two)
Ashburton Seniors Centre Rooms,
206 Cameron Street, Ashburton.

Ashburton College Drama Department presents:

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Friday 17 May, 7:00pm.
\$10 Entry Fee - at the door.
Ashburton College Auditorium

New Date/Venue for Polyfest Canterbury 2019
We have been advised that the new date for this event is Saturday 04 May (Week 1, Term Two).

The new venue is the Riding for Disabled Arena, Christchurch.
This venue is at the Canterbury A & P Association Showgrounds.

Further details will follow.

As previously advised, our College students are performing at this event. This is a colourful and festive day celebrating Pacific youth through cultural performance.

Our actual performance time is still to be advised, but this will be advertised as soon as it is known.

Friends, whanau and spectators are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Ski Passes – 2019 Local Schools' Season Passes
A Three Peak Season Pass (Mt Hutt, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables), is available to **Year 9-13 students for \$169.**
For Mt Hutt First Tracks – add on: \$149.
Injury/Medical Cover – \$40.

Application forms can be picked up from, or delivered to, the College Office
on Wednesday 24 April or Friday 26 April, between 8:30am–3:30pm.
The last day application form returns can be accepted at College is Monday 29 April, by 3:00pm.

Coming Events

- April 13-28** Student holiday break
27 Equestrian event, National Equestrian Centre McLean's Island, Christchurch
29 April First day of Term Two

Information

Urgently Wanted - Good Quality College Winter Uniform Items

Our supplies of good quality uniform items in our Uniform Clothing Shop are getting low.

If you have items lurking in wardrobes or cupboards, we would welcome them.

Items should be delivered to the College Office, and we do ask that the clothing is cleaned, ready for sale.

You can choose to donate the clothing, or have it sold on your behalf, in which case there is an 80% return of sale to you.

Items can be dropped to the College Office on Wednesday 24 or Friday 26 April, between 8:30am-3:30pm.
Or from Monday 29 April, between 8:30am-4:30pm.

Congratulations

Top Placings at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Volleyball Championships

Held at the Southern Trust Events Centre Timaru, on Thursday 04 April, Ashburton College had two boys' and two girls' teams competing, in a competition of ten boys' teams and ten girls' teams.

Results

Girls' A Team First Placed
Team members: Ila Cabalse, Matina Faalavaau, Sarina Faalavaau, Rita Iakopo, Gemma Taylor, Lagisa Teomatavui, Naumai Terekia.

Girls' B Team Third Equal with Palolo Faoagali School
Team members: Shayne Abay, Palolo Faoagali, Samantha Jeroa, Maya Kikui, Roi Makutu, Kiriri Suga, Ninah Teves (girls teams' Captain).



The girls teams' players (pictured left, back row, left to right): Shayne Abay, Ninah Teves (girls teams' captain), Palolo Faoagali, Sarina Faalavaau, Roi Makutu, Matina Faalavaau, Samantha Jeroa, Lagisa Teomatavui.
(Middle row, left to right): Maya Kikui, Naumai Terekia, Gemma Taylor, Rita Iakopo.
(Front row, left to right): Kiriri Suga, Ila Cabalse.

Boys' A Team Third Equal Placed with Mountainview High School
Team members: Christopher Bernharte, Tau Daniel, Fotu Hala, Sinifoni Hala, Otto Mareko, Sam Rakthong.

Boys' B Team This team was down on the required number of players and therefore not able to be placed, although they played well.
Team members: Keno De Leon, Arnold Pantoja, A J Sanchez, Joe Te Are Daniel, Kian Teves.

The boys teams' players (pictured right, back row, left to right): Kian Teves, Christopher Bernharte, Tau Daniel, Sinifoni Hala, Fotu Hala (boys teams' Captain), Otto Mareko.
(Front row, left to right): Keno De Leon, Sam Rakthong, Joe Te Are Daniel.



Congratulations

Swimming

College teacher and swim team manager Carolyn Clough, said that it is currently a busy time for College swimmers as they hit the top end of the summer swimming season with major championship meets.

New Zealand Division 2 Championships
Matthew Scammell and **Alex Chapman** headed to Dunedin last month, mid-March, to compete at the New Zealand Division 2 Championships, and returned with pleasing results. Any event resulting in a personal best time is individual success and progress.

Alex Chapman – competed in the Boys' 15 years 50m Butterfly placing 21st; the 200m Individual Medley in a personal best time by 4.17s and placing 18th, and the 400m Individual Medley placing a creditable 11th.

Matthew Scammell – competed in the Boys' 16-18 years section placing well in 9th place in the 400m Individual Medley; and 36th in the 300m Individual Medley in a personal best time by 1.79s.

National Swimming Championships
This week, **Hannah King** and **Blake Farr** are competing at the Aon National Age Group Swimming Championships at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, from 16-20 April, so look out for their results in the next newsletter.

Aoraki Swimming Championships
Held in the last week of term, a team of eighteen students represented Ashburton College, competing at the EA Networks Centre, Ashburton on Wednesday 10 April.

Top Swimmer Trophy – Senior Boys' Champion
The AshColl team was led by **Josh Giles** (pictured right) who won all four of his events to claim the trophy for the top swimmer in the Boys' 15 years and Over section.

Second Overall Placing
Year 9 student, **Hannah King** was second-placed in the Girls' 14 years and Under section, proving that she is a swimmer to watch out for in the future.

Results

Girls' 14 Years and Under Hannah King
1st – 200m Freestyle; 2nd – 200m Individual Medley; 3rd – 100m Breaststroke.

Junior Girls' Relay – Charlotte McKenzie, Crystal Bentley, Hannah King, Grace Prendergast: 2nd – 200m Freestyle Relay; 3rd – 200m Medley Relay.

(Pictured left): Grace Prendergast (front) set to swim the final leg of the Junior Girls' Freestyle Relay as Charlotte McKenzie touches the wall.

Boys' 14 Years and Under

Jesse Martin 3rd – 50m Backstroke.
Logan Scammell 2nd – 200m Individual Medley.
Junior Boys' Relay – Logan Scammell, Daniel Thompson, Jesse Martin, Simon Moore: 2nd – 200m Freestyle Relay

Boys' 15 Years and Over

Josh Giles 1st – 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle.
Alex Chapman 1st – 100m Individual Medley; 3rd – 200m Individual Medley.
Matthew Scammell 3rd – 100m Individual Medley.
Blake Farr 1st – 50m Freestyle; 2nd – 50m Butterfly; 3rd – 50m Breaststroke.

Senior Boys' Relay – Josh Giles, Blake Farr, Matthew Scammell, Alex Chapman
3rd – 200m Freestyle Relay, 200m Medley Relay.

Swimmers with a Disability

Aidan Christie 1st – 50m Freestyle; 2nd – 50m Backstroke.
Cody Robin 1st – 50m Backstroke; 2nd – 50m Freestyle.



Events

Japanese Students' Presentation

Three Japanese students (pictured left, left to right), **Tae Sato, Maya Kikui,** and **Kiriri Suga** have been attending Ashburton College this term. The Japanese Hiromi Horsley said that they are from Asahikawa City in Hokkaido, Japan's northern-most island.

The students had prepared for a presentation in Japan and Hiromi said they gave a wonderful presentation at College, to the ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) classes, and to Years 10, 11 and 12/13 Japanese classes.

The presentations were about Japanese traditional toys and games, after which AshColl students tried all of the games.

The Japanese students introduced Origami, Kendama, Hukuwarai and Nininbaori. AshColl students



Information

Summer Tournament Week Continued

Adding to last week's Summer Tournament Week reports we have the basketball information.

3x3 Basketball National Championship 2019

Held in Tauranga from 27-30 March Ashburton College entered two Junior Boys' and a Senior Girls' team this year. With the introduction of an Elite and Open Division to each age group, College was able to send one of each in the Junior Boys' grades, while the girls' team played in the Elite Senior Division.

Athletes playing throughout the tournament were Sophie Adams, Cathleen Anderson, Charlie Banks, Taryn Douglas, Ella Pearson; Brad Douglas, Henry Hobbs, Jamie Reid, Ethan Reodrique, Riley Sa, Ollie Strawbridge, Jack Withell-O'Grady.

Coach Roasty Douglas; **Managers** Paula Strawbridge and Tammy Reid.

Results

In a slightly quirky finish, all teams finished 12th in their grades.

The Elite Boys' Team won six games but, however, also lost four games by only one point! While the boys were disappointed by the losses, they were to both finalists and some high-quality opposition. These results bode well for future tournaments, with confidence gained from knowing they are in the same league as top teams.

The Open Boys' Team lost one of their team to injury half-way through Day 2, which meant all three boys played the last eight games, which they did with a lot of courage. Winning half their games and battling some big bodies, finishing 12th out of 20 teams was an awesome effort.

The Senior Girls' Team played aggressively from the first game, winning their first and last games, and pushing teams in all their other games, against teams featuring a number of New Zealand basketball age group and senior level basketballers. It was a great introduction to our younger athletes as they stepped up to senior level.

Acknowledgement

A special mention is given to Taryn Douglas, Year 13 student this year, who signed off her last 3x3 game for Ashburton College. Taryn has been a member of our teams since Year 9, representing the College and herself at a very high level. We wish her all the best with her future basketball endeavours.

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

This year saw a welcome return of Ashburton College Students taking part in the above annual Festival, where the work of Shakespeare is celebrated and performed.

Jack Hanrahan, former student and new teacher to College this year, was responsible for directing a 15 minute scene from Macbeth.

He tells us that, on Thursday 04 April, College took a team of eight students to the Aoraki Regional Competition held at Craighead Diocesan School, Timaru. Jack said that the team had a good showing and their scenes Act 3, Scene 5; and Act 4, Scene 1; were very well-received by the audience. Although College didn't 'walk away' with victory, which went to Twizel Area School, competing was a worthwhile experience from which the students learnt a lot and, in the future, we hope to continue participating in the event.



The team consisted of (back row, pictured left) Year 13 students Katie Polmeare, Olivia-Rose Greenland, Jade Kruger, Brooke Miller, Bridget McArthur. (Front row, left to right): Year 10 students TC Trusler-Clark, Ella Pearson and Anna Gray.

had tried Origami and Kendama but, Hiromi said, the Japanese students' Kendama skill was amazing!

Nininbaori is a traditional Japanese game, new to College students, where two players sit together wearing a jacket. The back person can't see the front person and the back person has to feed or put make-up on the front person. We are told that all students enjoyed all the games very much.

The three students have now left to go back to Japan. While here they shared much knowledge about Japan, Japanese language, culture, school life and other information of interest. Our students really enjoyed having them in their Japanese class.

(Pictured above left, back and front): Anthony Gola (obscured) 'feeding' William Wills during the Nininbaori game.

(Pictured above, clockwise from front left): Kiriri Suga, Maya Kikui, Ella McQuillan, Zoe Diedricks busy at Hukuwarai.

