



Deputy Principal's Message

Assessments and Exams
We welcomed the students back this week to a busy Term 2. Senior students will already be achieving their NCEA internal assessments and the Year 11 students have an examination week starting 28 May. This is an opportunity for them to take their first practice papers for external exams.



Interviews
We have two parent/caregiver interview days/ evenings this term, on 17 and 22 May. All booking slots have been opened, from 2:00pm until 8:00pm to allow all parents and caregivers to gain feedback about their child's progress, and to attend with their child. As per the details outlined further through this newsletter, bookings are open for these.

e-Learning
We have a very strong focus on using digital tools for learning at the College and the teaching staff receive regular professional development on these tools. Anne Williams is our lead teacher and educator in the digital area, assisted by many staff.

Our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) approach encompasses all year levels. We have a large majority of students at all year levels who bring and use their devices, and we have options for students to borrow notebooks. But we do encourage all students to bring their own, as it is becoming increasingly important for learning that all students do have their own device. Having their own device enables them to access shared class material, complete assessments on-line and engage in learning dialogue.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to ask their son/daughter about how they are using technology in classes. There are a large variety of uses being made of this type of learning, with Google Classrooms, Blogging, Google Communities just some of the ways students are accessing new learning.

Andrea Griffin
Deputy Principal

Information

Parent/Caregiver-Teacher-Student Interviews – all Year Levels

College has two interview options this year, at the **Hotel Ashburton**, and these are for all year levels:

- **Next Thursday 17 May, 2:00pm – 8:00pm**
- **Tuesday 22 May, 2:00pm – 8:00pm**

Please enter the Hotel Ashburton, off Racecourse Road.

Each interview is scheduled for a ten minute slot, and students are encouraged to attend.

Please note: early school closure on these days.

On the days of the interviews the College will close at 1:20pm.

Buses will run at the normal time in the afternoon.

How to book for interviews:

- The [website](http://www.parentinterviews.co.nz) to book interviews through is <http://www.parentinterviews.co.nz>

An email has been sent to parents and caregivers advising the booking code.

Bookings opened - last Friday (04 May).

Bookings close - midday on the day before each interview day (Wednesday 16 May, and Monday 21 May).

Teachers' names can be found on the student's fortnightly report or from their timetable. This information is available on the student portal.

Importance of Interviews

Interviews are important in providing opportunity for parents, caregivers and students to meet with the teachers of their child to follow-up on their progress at College.

Students are encouraged to attend, to be part of the three-way conversation.

Evidence shows that when student / parents / caregivers / teachers work together, academic progress is enhanced.

College Early Closure for Paid Union Meeting Thursday 07 June, from 1:25pm

Please be advised that the College will be closed for instruction, from 1:25pm on Thursday 07 June.

This is for the purpose of a Paid Union Meeting, for all teachers who are part of the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA).

The meeting is held under the provisions of Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

The PPTA Executive will be briefing members and conducting a ballot with regard to negotiations for the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement, which expires in October 2018.

Supervision, by non-PPTA members, will be available at College for students unable to make alternative arrangements.

School buses will run at the normal afternoon time.

Information



Ashburton College Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A Casual Vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an Elected Parent Representative.

The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989, **to fill the Vacancy by Selection.**

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the College Roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a By-Election to fill the vacancy, then a By-Election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a By-Election should write to:

The Chairperson, Ashburton College Board of Trustees, P O Box 204, Ashburton 7740

On or by: next Thursday, 17 May 2018.

Volunteer Reader/Writer Assistance

Thank you to those who have already offered.
As we look towards Year 11 Examination Week (28-31 May) we would welcome additional support.

For more information or offer to help, please contact:

➢ Helen Shore-Taylor, Deputy Principal
308 4193, ext 830 or sh@ashcoll.school.nz

Reader/Writer Involvement - Assistance to Students

A number of students are identified as qualifying for reader/writer support. College therefore needs a group of adults to call on who can, on occasions, assist a student in an assessment/exam situation. Training is given.

If you can give an hour or two at various times during the year, enjoy students, and have literacy and/or computer skills, this may be a role for you.

In-College exam dates for 2018 are:

28-31 May (Year 11);
22-24 and 27, 28 August (Years 11, 12, 13).
NCEA External Exams start 07 November (some assistance required).

Ashburton College appreciates and values the high level of community support it receives across a range of activities.

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 following visits are scheduled for Term Two:

- Lincoln University - Monday 14 May, 12:25pm
- Ara Institute - Lunchtime drop-in sessions in T12: Wednesday 16 May and Wednesday 20 June
- Otago University - Monday 28 May, 12:25pm
- NZ Defence Force - Monday 11 June, 12:25pm

College Alumni Offers Opportunity to Win Two Tickets to Mamma Mia



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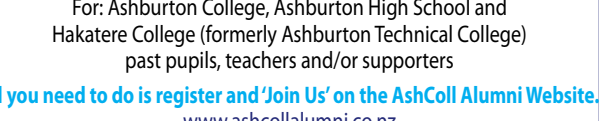
For: Ashburton College, Ashburton High School and Hakatere College (formerly Ashburton Technical College) past pupils, teachers and/or supporters

All you need to do is register and 'Join Us' on the AshColl Alumni Website. www.ashcollalumni.co.nz

For an extra chance to win, write up a reflection and email or personal message us, including a recent head and shoulders pic (examples on the Website) admin@ashcollalumni.co.nz

Go on give it a crack.

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Congratulations

World Junior Rowing Championships Selection for Rowers and Coach

The on-going, solid and targeted training regime paid off for College rowers **Mollie Gibson** and **Veronica Wall** recently, with selection to compete at the World Junior Rowing Championships from 08-12 April.

Mollie and Veronica joined approximately forty other youth rowers from around New Zealand, for trials held at Lake Karapiro from 14-20 April. They all stayed in the Rob Waddell Lodge, with a local parents' group responsible for the catering. They flew up on the Saturday and undertook the all-important 2000m erg test on the Sunday, with Mollie saying her result was her personal best erg test. Both the rowers' times and their power to weight ratio results are taken into selection account.

With wind putting paid to rowing on the Monday, it was Tuesday before seat-racing took place. In this process rowers are put in different boats, with one person swapped at a time in order to determine which combinations produce the fastest time. This exercise was repeated Wednesday and Thursday.

The outcomes of the trials are announced at the end of the camp, with twenty of the original forty rowers successful.

Mollie, in her first year at this level, has been named in a squad of six, from which the rowers will be placed in the Quad or Double. Mollie said the outcome for her was 'really exciting' and she was 'pretty stoked'.

Both rowers were to take on 03 June to train as a team in readiness for leave for the Czech Republic, and the town Race where racing will take place.

In the meantime, in Ashburton, Mollie said that training continues; across ergs, weights, running and rowing; spread over ten morning and afternoon training sessions a week.

(Pictured below): Mollie (far left) with the other five girls in their squad, plus Veronica (far right).



Veronica is in her second year at this level but wasn't taking anything for granted, and said the outcome was 'so good' and that it was 'so good' for Mollie.

She said she was a bit nervous on the Sunday for the erg test, and that the environment is quite tense as so much relies on it, and it is the hardest part of the trial. The impacts of the windy weather put some time pressures on the seat-racing programme. It was in the seat-racing that Veronica trialled for a singles berth.

Veronica's father, and very successful coach, Justin Wall was at the camp also with Coaches Logan Keys from Christchurch (Boys' Sweep Coach), Duncan By-de-ley from Tauranga (Boys' Scull Coach) and Nick Barton from Waikato (Girls' Sweep Coach). The two disciplines are different in that the 'sweep' is one oar per rower, while the 'sculls' are two oars per rower.

Veronica has been selected as a single sculler, having been selected into a doubles boat last year. She noted that it can be very valuable in the first year of junior selection to be in a team as it is a big experience and can be daunting at a first international regatta. In a team boat, there is much to be learnt from those who are older, have had some experience and there is the benefit of team unity. This aside, she is 'very happy' to be selected for the single this year.

In addition to the three boats involving Mollie and Veronica, also representing New Zealand at the World Championships are rowers in a Girls' Coxless Four boat and a Boys' Quad, Coxless Four and a Single Scull boat. This will be Veronica's last year at junior level, with Under 18 being the upper age group, before rowers context the Under 23 level.

Justin Wall is also in his first year at international level as a Coach, having applied and been selected by Rowing New Zealand to the position of Coach of the Girls' Single Sculls and Girls' Quad boats.

Top Places in Race Unity Speech Competitions

Ashburton College has yet again been proudly represented at the annual Central South Island and North Canterbury Race Regional Heats Unity Speech Competitions, said Marg Macpherson, Head of English Faculty.

Fred Belford was announced **Runner-up** and **Faith Falealii** took first place (pictured right, left and right) in the Central South Island section with their powerful messages on this year's theme, that we should 'Give Nothing to Racism'. This theme mimics the theme chosen by the Human Rights Commission for Race Relations Day: **Give Nothing to Racism!**



College Swimmers' Successes

Ashburton College competitive swimmers have had a busy time in the past month competing in their top meets for the season.

The final competition was held during the holidays when three of these swimmers competed in the New Zealand Age Group Championships, the pinnacle event for New Zealand's best age group swimmers, where they were among more than 600 competitors.

Results from these events were as follows:

South Island Country and Town Competition
Held in Invercargill on 10 and 11 March.

Crystal Bentley (Girls' 13-14 years)
2nd 50m Breaststroke, in a new personal best time of 41.35s;
7th 100m Butterfly (1:33.56); 8th 100m Breaststroke (1:34.80).

Kelly-Anne Bentley (Girls' 15 years and over)
1st 200m Butterfly (3:26.66); 2nd 100m Individual Medley (1:27.30),
100m Backstroke (1:30.49);
3rd 100m Freestyle (1:19.56); 4th 200m Individual Medley (3:11.14);
5th 200m Freestyle (2:46.92).

Alex Chapman (Boys' 13-14 years), whose swims were all new personal best times
4th 100m Backstroke (1:19.85); 7th 100m Breaststroke (1:33.67);
9th 50m Freestyle (32.76); 50m Breaststroke (44.62);
10th 100m Butterfly (1:11.33).

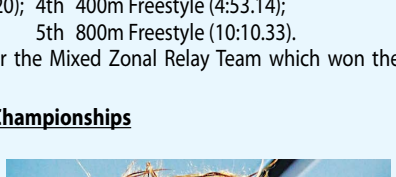
New Zealand Division II Competition
Held in Rotorua from 18-21 March
Leigh Harrison (Girls' 16-18 years)
Unfortunately, Leigh had been ill leading up to the meet, and her best result was 11th in the 400m Individual Medley. Despite health limitations, she still swam close to her personal best times throughout the meet.

Bailey Tait (Girls' 16-18 years)
1st 50m Freestyle (28.65) - new personal best time
1st 100m Freestyle (1:01.72) - new personal best and National Age Group qualifying time
2nd 200m Freestyle (2:16.20); 4th 400m Freestyle (4:53.14);
5th 800m Freestyle (10:10.33).

Bailey was also selected for the Mixed Zonal Relay Team which won the 8 x 50m Freestyle Relay.

New Zealand Age Group Championships
Held in Auckland from 17-21 April, during the first week of the student holiday break.

Blake Farr (Boys' 14 years)
Blake (pictured right) was in stunning form in his first national meet, swimming personal best times in every race and qualifying for three finals.



The following results placed Blake in the top 10 in three events for his age group in New Zealand, which is outstanding:

9th 200m Freestyle (2:04.76);
10th 100m Freestyle (57.61); 400m Freestyle (4:28.77).

Joshua Giles, Jared Scammell and **Bailey Tait** also qualified to compete at this meet.

Whilst none qualified for finals, **Josh** had a particularly good swim in the 50m Freestyle to finish in a new personal best time of 26.31.

Jared achieved a personal best time in 50m Butterfly to finish in 28.52.

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Phoenix Chorus Raffle Results

A very big thank you is given to everyone who supported this raffle to raise funds for choir activities this year.

The raffle was drawn under Police Supervision and all winners have been contacted.

- 1st Prize - \$50 cash and \$50 assorted Instant Kiwi tickets: Belinda McArthur
- 2nd Prize - \$20 cash and \$20 assorted Instant Kiwi tickets: Brittney Hooper
- 3rd Prize - \$10 cash and \$10 assorted Instant Kiwi tickets: Matthew Clough



Events

ANZAC Day Representation

Head Girl and Head Boy **Connie Davidson** and **Caleb Livingstone** were fine ambassadors for the College when they spoke at the annual ANZAC Day service at the Cenotaph. It has become a tradition over latter years for our Head Students to speak at this commemorative service and Connie and Caleb certainly upheld the high standards of previous speakers.



Connie's opening lines reminded us of the local ANZAC sacrifices by opening with 'Rest in Peace, your duty complete, knowing that the spirit you died for, lives on in those of us who remember'. These words, from a former Ashburton College student who experienced ANZAC Day in Flanders, perfectly describe the purpose of our Anzac commemorations, and how important it is to respect the service of our men and women so that their actions are remembered to this day and into the future'.

Connie urged sharing stories, saying 'I encourage you to speak to family and friends, listen to the people who have experienced war but also talk to the people who haven't. Pass on your knowledge to younger people, for we need to teach them about the past so they can shape the future. Teach them communication, rather than contention. Help them to understand the importance of the sacrifices people have made, so mistakes are not repeated in the future.

It is important to continue to share the stories of ANZACs as silence is only going to depreciate our respect'.

Caleb's speech included acknowledging 'the importance of having a day like ANZAC Day, I believe, can not be understated. It serves as a reminder of the New Zealand people we lost in war, of the Australian people they lost in war, and of everyone all over the world, we as a human race, lost in war. It serves as a reminder to all of us to never go back there. To come together, with our fellow New Zealanders, Australians, and people of every race, and to work towards a peaceful and better Earth'.

Caleb continued to reference peace, saying that 'Peace sounds like too strong a word for me, because although we are in 'the Long Peace', our televisions still show us, every night, ongoing conflicts around the world.

Peace is a difficult thing to measure. It's trying to count the people who didn't die in wars that never happened. We give so much meaning to the word peace, but we don't notice it when it occurs. Sometimes it takes reminding ourselves of how terrible war once was, to see the peace that has been growing around us.



(Pictured above): Returning to the group after laying the wreath.

(Pictured left, left and right): Connie and Caleb about to place the College wreath on the Cenotaph.

New Zealand Open Karate Championship Gold Medal for Taylah Burrowes

Over the weekend of 21-22 April AshColl student Taylah Burrowes (along with ten other members of the Ashburton Dojo, including Kyle Cabangun and Charles Savage) went with their Coach, Sensei Thorsten, to compete in the New Zealand Open Karate Championships, held in Christchurch's Pioneer Stadium.

Overall Results were - Taylah (pictured right): Gold Medal in the Female 14-15 years Premier +54kg Kumite (Freestyle fighting).

Kyle Cabangun and **Charlie Savage** Just missed out on Bronze Medals in the repechage rounds.

National Training Camp All three of the above students were selected to attend the Karate New Zealand two day National Training Camp in Christchurch, on 23-24 March although, unfortunately, a knee injury in the first training session lessened Taylah's involvement.

New Zealand Team Selection for Taylah and Kyle Both of these students have been selected in to the New Zealand National Team to compete at the Oceania Karate Championships next month in Auckland. For this event only two competitors per division can be selected.

Charlie Savage will also be competing in the Oceania Cup (for ages 13 years and under).

(Pictured right, in the blue): Charlie Savage.

(Pictured below, in red): Kyle Cabangun.

