



Message From The Principal

Education Review Office

Last week it was our pleasure to host the Education Review Office in our College. Whilst we do not know the outcome of the review at this stage, it was a positive experience as we reflected on the progress we have made since their last review in 2015.

I would like to acknowledge all those involved in the preparation for their visit, because there is always a tremendous level of paperwork required. In particular I would like to acknowledge Sheena Tyrrell for her preparation and collation of our extensive Board of Trustees documentation.

Open Night

We had a successful Open Night last Thursday night and I would like to acknowledge all those parents, caregivers and prospective students who attended. Thank you for considering Ashburton College, and if you have any further requests for information then please contact our College Office. There has been plenty of interest in our place, particularly in terms of the changes we are making to our traditional Year 9 structure.

Winter Sports Tournament Week

My thanks to all those parents, coaches, managers and supporters who accompanied our thirteen teams to their various locations around the country to compete in the National and South Island Secondary Schools' Championship events. We had teams competing from Palmerston North to Invercargill, with many venues especially challenging given the chilly weather. Our teams are always well supported, both by people attending events and through the provision of funding. Sadly, because of our ERO visit, my support was limited to watching our Senior Boys' Basketball at our own EA Networks.

Term End Approaching

As the end of term approaches can you please support your students in Years 11 to 13. These final two weeks will be very busy for them in terms of completion of internal assessments towards NCEA. Traditionally, the end of term signals the end of internal assessments to allow adequate time for preparation for externals. All students with NCEA assessments should be busy at this time of year.

2019 Subject Selections

My thanks to all those who have put in their subject selection forms for next year. This is a key part of the process because, in-College, we need to decide which courses will actually be able to operate. Unfortunately, we will not be able to staff every option chosen by students as we have to have a minimum number before a course is able to run.

2019 Enrolment Interviews

Next week, starting Monday 17 September there are enrolment interviews here at College for all students entering Year 9 in 2019. This is a chance for families to attend and tell us about the strengths of their Year 8 child. I always take part in this process and really enjoy meeting families, and discovering key information about future enrolments.



Ross Preece
Principal

Information



ASHCOLL STUDENT EXECUTIVE PRESENTS...

QUIZCO

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Come and support the Student Executive in raising funds for the local organisation - BASE.

Time: Doors open 6:30pm, for 7:00pm start.
Venue: Collegiate North Rugby Grounds.
Cost: \$20 per team. Teams of four.

Raffles - Snacks - Drinks available on the night.

Registration and payment for your team must be made via the Ashburton College Student Office (03 308 4193). Eftpos available.

Events

Visit by Minister of Pacific Peoples

On Friday 31 August the Honorable Apuito Tofae Su'a William Sio, Minister of Pacific Peoples (pictured right), made his first visit to the Ashburton District as part of visits also to Oamaru and Timaru.

Held in the College Auditorium, the purpose of the visit was to meet with Pasifika families and students, plus principals and teachers, to build relationships and an awareness of the Ministry.



(Pictured left, left to right):
Timmy Vaevae, Apuito Sio, and College Deputy Head Girl, Uati Saofai.



College Students Perform at Borough School's Cultural Assembly

On Thursday 06 September, a Pasifika group of thirteen students, including Deputy Head Girl Uatitofiti Saofai, and a group of five Filipino boys, led by Carl Cayan, headed to Borough School with James Jenkinson, Teacher and Pasifika Co-ordinator, and Serrana Ruginitz (ESOL Learning Support Assistant).

The group was participating in Borough School's annual Cultural Assembly, held at the Sinclair Centre.

The AshColl contingent and wider audience were treated to performances from the Junior Kapa Haka, Pasifika and Filipino dance groups, before performing themselves. Both groups received great applause after their performances and were given many a high-five on their way out of the venue.

The College Pasifika Performance Group members were - Anjali Savaiinaea, Ane Siu, Sivaloia Teomatavui, Uatitofiti Saofai, Lupepe Saofai, Saofai Saofai, Hope Saofai, Mahina Pongia, Misty Mafiti, Palolo Faogali, Maeroanoel Masina, Shrina Afu, Jacklynn Afu.



(Pictured above, left row, front to back): Mahina Pongia, Sivaloia Teomatavui, Lupepe Saofai.

(Middle Row, front to back): Jacklynn Afu, Misty Mafiti (obscured), Palolo Faogali and Uati Saofai.

(Right row, front to back): Shrina Afu, Anjali Savaiinaea, Maeroanoel Masina.

The College Filipino Performance Group members were (pictured right, left to right): Arnold Pantoja, Aeryl Sanchez, Carl Cayan, Ken Bulagnir, Salatielu Iakopo.

All of the students involved were extremely grateful for the chance to perform for the junior students, and would like to thank Borough School's Jan Church for inviting them to attend.

Pasifika Co-ordinator James Jenkinson would like to thank all of the students involved, for preparing and performing their wonderfully choreographed dance routines. Special thanks go to Uatitofiti Saofai and Carl Cayan for co-ordinating their groups and preparing them for the performance.

Debating Team Runners-Up in Canterbury Thursday Tournament

Through Terms One-Three Ashburton College has had three teams (one Novice Year 9 and two Junior teams) travelling to Christchurch, generally twice a term, to compete in the above tournament. Appreciation is given to teaching staff member Nicole Kilbride for her coaching and management of the teams, and to English Head of Faculty Marg Macpherson and teacher Michael Clark for their support and transport assistance.

The AshColl 1 team of Lauren Taylor, Gemma Taylor, Tia McCallum

(pictured right, left to right) had the greatest success this year, and last Thursday contested the final against STAC (St Andrew's College, Christchurch).

Their finals position resulted from three wins and two losses in the general rounds, including wins against Cashmere and Christchurch Girls' High Schools, and the semi-final win over St Margaret's College.

On finals night their final moot was the affirmative side of 'this house would allow hunting of endangered species by indigenous people for which it is an important part of their culture'.

The AshColl 2 team was Emma Johnson and Matthew Hopkins, while the **AshColl Novice team** members were **Chinatsu Hunt, Jack Jessep and Lucas Vainerere**.



(Pictured left, far left): Gemma Taylor dominating in the semi-final against St Margaret's College on Thursday 30 August.

Coming Events

Exclusive of weekly competition events.

SEPTEMBER

- 13-16 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships, Wellington
- 14 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Table Tennis Championships, Timaru
- 14 South Island Secondary Schools' Ski and Snowboard Championships, Cardrona
- 15 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Mountain Biking Championships, Oamaru
- 17 AGS Farmbikes Day 2, Group 1
- 17-21 Enrolment Week, at College (Year 9 for 2019)
- 18 Year 12 Ag Chainsaw Course, Day 3
- MCAT Maths Exam
- Theatre Trip - Les Misérables, Isaac Theatre Royal, Christchurch
- Board of Trustees Meeting - 6:00pm. 6:30pm - Head of Faculty reporting 7:30pm - Full Board meeting
- 20 12 Outdoor Education Class Rafting Trip, Peel Forest/Rangitara River

Term Dates 2018

- Term Three - 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)

2018 End-of-Year Final Days, Prize-Givings, Events

Parents, caregivers, family/whanau, friends and interested community members are most welcome at all prize-givings.

October

- 31 Year 13 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. Year 13 Graduation Ceremony, Ashburton Trust Event Centre, 7:30pm.

November

- 01 Year 12 final day. Students finish at 1:20pm. Year 12 Prize-Giving, Auditorium, 7:30pm.
- 02 Year 11 final day. Year 11 Prize-Giving, Auditorium, 1:30pm. College Auditorium.

Transition Department News

Liaison Visits:

During Term Three, liaison staff from various tertiary institutions returned to the College to help students with their applications for 2019.

Scheduled as below

- University of Canterbury for Course Planning Monday 17 September, during Forum
- Lincoln University for Course Planning Monday 15 October, during Forum

Information

Ashburton College Enrolment Week - Interviews for students entering Year 9 at College in 2019.

Enrolment interviews will be undertaken at Ashburton College next week, Monday 17 - Friday 21 September 2018.

Online bookings close
This Sunday, 16 September.
Interview times are
9:00am - 6:30pm
Monday - Thursday,
and 9:00am - 5:00pm Friday.



Ashburton College Music Department presents
Music Evening 2018
Tuesday 25th September, Ashburton College Auditorium, 7:00pm
Tickets \$8.00 - available from the Ashburton College Office, ph: 308 4193



Congratulations

International Rowers return to Ashburton

As has been well-documented, international rowers **Mollie Gibson** and **Veronica Wall** performed very well on the world stage at the World Junior Rowing Championships held in Racice, Czechoslovakia, from 08-12 August.

Recently we caught up with them, on their return to Ashburton, talking about 'what next' for the two rowers.

Mollie Gibson

As a Year 12 student Mollie is now back into Ashburton College school-life, returning just as the College's exam week was underway.

While in Cambridge for the eight weeks preparing for the World event Mollie attended school at St Peter's Cambridge, mainly working on school work from College.

Training Programme

The programme for all in the build-up was, naturally, 'solid'. Mollie said all mornings, except for Thursday and Sunday, they were on the water at 6:00am, and then again after school, from 3:00pm. These sessions were for at least two hours. Saturday mornings brought two trainings, with Sunday the day off in the week. On Sunday they did a bit of local sightseeing. Gym work was undertaken on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Racice and Results

The group travelled to Racice about a week and a half prior to the start of racing, in order to acclimatise. Molly noted the temperatures were very hot at the time, with one of the racing days scorching in 37 degrees of heat.

Mollie said that the racing was very tough compared with New Zealand events she had been involved in. Racing in the coxless quad event, all four in the boat were at their first World event. Mollie's team-mates came from St Peter's Cambridge, Wanganui Collegiate and Westlake Girls' High School.

This new crew, coached by Justin Wall, local successful coach who was also appointed to Rowing New Zealand's High Performance Coaching team, gained a **creditable 3rd placing in the B Final**.

This is a result which places the crew in the top nine junior crews in the world for 2018. It is worth noting that all crews move through to levels of finals, with this event having an A, B and C Final.

Describing the experience as amazing and valuable, Mollie said she learnt a lot more about rowing and about herself, and the experience has motivated her further to work towards on-going High Performance opportunities.

Although describing it as a 'bit different' coming back, out of the environment of living with and being with a group with the same focus, Mollie said she has settled back in well and is focusing on end-of-year exams plus being back into rowing training ready for the start of the competition rounds early October.

(Pictured below): The Junior Women's Quadruple Sculls team in Racice, with Mollie Gibson at Stroke (front).



Veronica Wall

Former College student Veronica said it was a good regatta and, equally, a very different campaign for her than her previous two Junior World Championships, given this time she was rowing in the single sculls which is a different boat, plus being totally reliant on herself. Her two previous events were as part of the Quadruple Sculls in 2016, and the Double Sculls in 2017.

However, she did say that she enjoyed the challenge, learning a new approach and how to handle international racing by herself.

Veronica also highlighted having her father Justin Wall there as coach, saying he too enjoyed the high performance opportunity, working with other coaches at this level, and gaining a clearer insight into Rowing New Zealand's coaching processes. The experiences were, and will be, of real value when coaching rowers towards the elite level, with added knowledge of requirements for them to be successful. She also noted the positive of having Ashburton team-mate Mollie Gibson on the same team.

Results

Veronica had impressive outcomes as a first-time single sculler at this level, en route to her **successful finals fourth placing result**. Her finals time for the course was 07:44.490. Veronica indicated she was happy with how the regatta went for her.

Where to Now?

Veronica is a member of Rowing New Zealand's Southern RPC (Rowing Performance Centre) and is looking to working with others in that group for the domestic season. This is likely now to involve a move to Christchurch, and training under another coach, although likely collaboratively with Justin also.

So, for Veronica, in the early future it is training, likely a job over summer and looking to study next year, but working 'life' around rowing. As far as rowing is concerned her 'next step' goal is working towards a New Zealand Under 23 trial. At over eighteen years of age Veronica is now not eligible for World Junior Championships selection.

Winter Sports Tournament Week

At the time of writing this newsletter some events were still continuing, and they will be reported on in the next newsletter.

South Island Secondary Schools' Under 15 Rugby Tournament

Head Coach Vaughan Matheson, Manager James Jenkinson, Coaches Vaughan Ward and Lance Taylor and the group of twenty four students (including 'water boy' Caleb Cornelius who was out with injury) travelled south for the Rural Livestock Junior Rugby Tournament held in Queenstown from 03-05 September.

Team members were - Corey Adams, Aidan Bennett, James Brady, Byron Breen, Caleb Cornelius, Matty Cornish-Madden, Josh Dunlea, Joseph Fakataha, Richmiracle Fuluasou, Mark Gabriel, Anthony Gola, Kaliopasi Hala, Sinifoni Hala, Jayden Jenkins, Ben Middleton, Thomas Patterson, Te Uatuku Peneha, Nick Rattray, David Satui, Jack Soal, Lucan Taylor-Culshaw, Toetu Touli, Isileli Ula, Caleb Ward.

Games/Results

On day one, James Jenkinson said the boys were up early and raring to go for their first game against Gore High School. This game was a real nail-biter with the **final score rounding out at 22-17 to Gore High. Caleb Ward and Jayden Jenkins** played out of their skins during this match.

Up next was a game against this year's hosting team, Wakatipu High School, on their home ground. After a bumpy start to the match, **the Ashburton College team** really found their straps and **came back to win 33-15**. After this resounding win, the team went up the Queenstown Gondola to partake in a few luge races - of which, we are told, James Jenkinson was very unfairly pipped-at-the-post by Lucan Culshaw-Taylor.

Tuesday morning brought on a very tough match against Waimea College for a **final score 19-12 in Waimea's favour**.

As a result of this outcome, the team was placed in the Division 2 quarter-finals against Roncalli College. The score see-sawed with both teams firing back try-for-try until Roncalli chipped a penalty goal to take the lead over Ashburton College by one point. College then came back with a converted try. However, in the dying minutes of the game, **Roncalli managed the same to take the win**.

Beaten and bruised (with a substantial number of injuries gained during the game) AshColl had no option but to forfeit their final match, scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Although the team only came away with the one win, the three losses were very close. The Coaches were very proud of the team, particularly their off-field conduct throughout the entire trip, and would like to praise those players who played through niggles and illness.

Special thanks go to **Vaughan Ward and Lance Taylor** for their work with the team and for taking time off work to come away to tournament. We would also like to thank **Phil Breen** for his work as team medic.

Specific Honours

Team's Most Valuable Player Award

Was awarded to **Aidan Bennett** for his outstanding dedication to the team, his motivational attitude pre-game and consistency on the field.

The coaches also noted, though, that many players had stellar individual games, with many playing through sickness and injury.

Named in Tournament Team

This is a massive honour, and was achieved by **Kaliopasi Hala**, one of only fifteen players from across twenty seven South Island teams. This was well done and well deserved by Kaliopasi!



(Pictured above): Tournament team players, with Kaliopasi Hala pictured seventh from the right, next to his cousin (on his left) who was also named in the team.



(Pictured above): Veronica in the Single Sculls.

2nd Equal Placing at South Island Chess Championships

This event was hosted at the Ashburton Intermediate School on Wednesday 05 September. Ken Pow, teacher and chess coach, said that Ashburton College went into the games reasonably confident after a good showing in qualification.

There were six teams involved in the five round, round-robin tournament, which lasted just over four hours.

Results

College started strongly with a 9-1 win over St Bede's College, and an 8-2 victory over Dunedin's Logan Park High School.

The third match was against Burnside High School, who had pipped College for the Canterbury title earlier in the year. This game was closer but still resulted in a win to Burnside, 3-7.

The Burnside match was followed by the challenge against defending South Island Champions, Otago Boys' High School, who had had three 10-0 whitewashes at this stage of the tournament. Digging deep, College gained a 5-5 result, inflicting what proved to be Otago Boys' High School's worst result of the day.

In the final round Ashburton equaled to a 10-0 win over Christchurch Boys' High School, securing second equal place and matching last year's result.

Our best game of the tournament was Aidan Soal's victory on Board One against Otago Boys' High School, while College's best individual performance was Keno De Leon who won all five of his games. Aidan finished with 2.5/5, Brendan Fleming scored 3.5/5 and Chrizia Cayan 3/5.



(Pictured left, far left): Aidan Soal deep in concentration against his Burnside counterpart.



(Pictured right, on the left): Keno De Leon en route to completing his five wins from five rounds.

Karate Championship Placings

The Auckland Open and National Secondary Schools Championships were held in Auckland, mid-August. College karate exponents, **Taylah Burrows** and **Kyle Cabangun**, were both due to compete in both of these events but, unfortunately, Taylah had to withdraw due to injury.

2nd Individual and 3rd Team Placing in the Auckland Open for Kyle

Kyle, however, took part in the Auckland Open taking 2nd place in the Male 14-15 years Premier 57kg Kumite (freestyle fighting).

Kyle also competed in a Team Kumite Division, with the team taking 3rd place.

Unfortunately, after sustaining an injury in the team division, he too had to withdraw completely from the National Secondary Schools' Championships which took place later on that day. Jacqui Windhorst of the Ashburton Karate Dojo said that, sadly, this left College without any representatives in the Secondary Schools' Competition.

1st and 3rd Placings for Charlie Savage in the Canterbury Cup

On the same weekend, but on the Saturday in Christchurch, Charlie Savage competed in the Canterbury Cup. Charlie's 1st placing was gained in the Male 12-13 years Premier Kumite, and his 3rd placing in the Male 12-13 years Premier Kata (movement).



(Pictured right, in red): Charlie Savage in the Kumite.