



Deputy Principal's Message

Lip Sync

On Wednesday evening of last week, the College's annual Lip Sync was held. The evening was abuzz with excitement and was well-attended. Congratulations to the combined efforts of Green and Orange House. The amusement continued with the staff winning the Staff versus Student Executive category.



AshColl Spirit

A big part of the spirit of Ashburton College comes from the staff and students working together and having fun together. This promotes a positive learning atmosphere and is key to the College functioning well. It is important that there is a two-way AKO in any learning environment. This means that there is a sense of learning dialogue between staff and students and that students are able to have their voice about their learning.

Professional Development

I was fortunate to recently accompany Greta Hampton, our Specialist Classroom Teacher, on a visit to a Melbourne school, Mount Waverley College, which has taken this notion of student voice to new heights.

At this school there are numerous forums, at each year level, where student issues can be raised and the students then present problems and solutions to staff. They also have a programme called 'Teach the Teacher', where students research a topic that students feel is affecting their learning. The students survey students and teachers, present the data and also research the topic and, as a student leadership body, discuss with teachers what can be done with their findings and research.

Positive learning relationships with students and staff are key to continuing to drive the best student learning. We are fortunate, here at College, that we have some amazing staff who continue to learn and build these relationships with students to ensure individual excellence in a supportive learning environment.

Andrea Griffin
Deputy Principal

Information

Public Information Evening Monday 02 July, 7:00pm, College Auditorium Changes to Year 9 Programme, 2019

For: Current Year 8 pupils, their families/whanau and teachers, and any members of the Mid Canterbury community with an interest in future education.

Come along and be informed about:

- The integrated subject pilot for Year 9 in 2019.
- Changes to our core subject and option structure.
- Introduction of an extended Family Form time to enable specific teaching of the skills and dispositions that will prepare our students for their future.

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 have any questions in the meantime and can offer a Homestay please contact our -

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

Tertiary Open Days/Evenings and Information Sessions:

- Victoria University Information Evening Tuesday 03 July, Rydges Hotel, Christchurch, 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- Canterbury University Open Day Thursday 12 July (in holidays), 9:00am-5:00pm.
- Lincoln University Open Day Friday 20 July (in holidays), 9:30am-4:00pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Manawatu – Palmerston North) Wednesday 01 August, 9:00am-2:30pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Auckland) Saturday 11 August, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- Massey University Open Day (Wellington) – Friday 31 August, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- Study at Victoria University Day Friday 31 August.

Congratulations

Summer Colours and Blues Assembly

Normally held as a whole-College Assembly, this year's awards were presented on Thursday 14 June, in front of Year 12 and 13 students and parents and caregivers in the College Auditorium, the wet weather alternative to the Chessboard.

Forty five students were acknowledged across Sports and Cultural activities.

In acknowledging students' successes Principal Ross Preece recognised the impressive accomplishments of our students, and Head of Sport, Ron Carlson, thanked summer Coaches and Managers, both within and outside of the school, for their time and effort given to so many College teams and students. Their contributions to the successes of College individuals and teams is greatly appreciated, providing significant opportunities for students.

Acknowledged was another busy and successful start to the College sporting years in terms of School, Inter-School, South Island and National events. Already, only half-way through the year, eight College students have gained national honours.

In establishing Award recipients, firstly each sport has specific criteria that is used as a guide for nominators. A select committee then discusses the nominations and makes final decisions.

Colours Awards

These are the most prestigious of the awards and are presented to students who are National Champions, have been selected for a National Sports Team or are a member of a National Cultural Group.

Unlike the Blue, these awards are not confined solely to activities managed or organised by Ashburton College.

Students who are awarded a Colour do not receive a Blue, as the Colours Award is recognised as the College's most prestigious award.

Colours Award Recipients are –

Karate Taylah Burrowes

Taylah won Gold in the Female 14-15 years Premier Kumite (freestyle fighting) New Zealand Open Karate Championships.

Taylah was selected for a National Training Camp and then for the New Zealand Team to compete at the Oceania Karate Championships held in Auckland. Here she won her first fight, and just missed out on a Bronze Medal when she had a loss in the second round.

She was a named Reserve in the 14-15 year Female Kumite Team which placed 3rd.

Karate Kyle Cabangun

Kyle was also selected for the National Training Camp, and then selected for the New Zealand Team to compete at the Oceania Karate Championships. Kyle won a Silver Medal at the Oceania, losing in the final by just one point to an Australian competitor.

Multi Sport Matthew Clough

Matthew has been selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the ITU World Multisport Championships to be held in Denmark in July 2018. He will compete in two events, the Aquathlon and Cross Tri.

Matthew has also been selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the World XTERRA Championships to be held in Hawaii in October 2018.

Matthew had a very successful season, placing first Secondary School student in the Kathmandu Coast to Coast, and second overall in the open two-day event.

At the Men's Under 25 NZ XTERRA Long Course Championships in April he placed third.

Matt has competed in multiple events over the summer, making podium finishes at every event.

Rowing Veronica Wall

At Maadi Cup in March (New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships) Veronica won Gold in the Girls' Under 18 Single Sculls, as well as also being a member of both the victorious Under 18 Double Sculls, where she paired up with Mollie Gibson and the Coxed Quadruple Sculls Gold Medal winning boat.

Veronica is currently training with the New Zealand team in Cambridge preparing to go to the Czech Republic for the Junior World Rowing Championships in August.

Rowing Mollie Gibson

Not only did Mollie win Gold in the Under 18 Coxed Quadruple Sculls but she also won Gold in the Under 17 Girls' Single, and placed third in the Under 17 Coxed Quadruple Sculls. This was an outstanding achievement.

Mollie is also currently training with the New Zealand team in Cambridge preparing to go to the Czech Republic for the Junior World Rowing Championships in August.

Rowing Lara Biggs, Emma Stagg, Harriet Leverton (Cox)

These students were the balance of the team members from this year's victorious Under 18 Coxed Quad crew, who all produced an outstanding performance.

New Zealand Rowing Awards

Awards from Rowing New Zealand were also presented. These are awarded to students in a crew that finishes in tenth place or better in Under 18 events at Maadi.

Of note is that, at Maadi, College's rowing crews finished 7th in the overall teams' points standings and second in the sculling points championship.



(Pictured above, left to right): Colours Award recipients – Matthew Clough, Taylah Burrowes, Emma Stagg, Lara Biggs, Harriet Leverton, Kyle Cabangun. (Absent were): Mollie Gibson and Veronica Wall, currently training in Cambridge.

Blues Awards

A Blue is awarded for what Ashburton College considers to be a high level of achievement. As a rule, Blues Awards are awarded to senior students. The exceptions to this occur when a junior student competes with distinction in Senior or Open Events, or a performance by a junior student in a junior event is such that it would place them in a top finish had they been competing in a Senior Event.

Blues Award Recipients –

- Athletics Taonga Mbambo, Ella Pearson.
- Boys' Cricket Harry McMillan, Tom Middleton.
- Rowing Haxby Hefford, Aidan Elvines.
- Swimming Blake Farr, Jared Scammell, Bailey Tait.
- Tennis Sam Bubb, Tyler Leonard, Jade Brosnahan, Erin Connelly-Whyte.

Performance Awards

Recognise student performance which is just below the level of a Blues Award.

Performance Award Recipients –

- Athletics Keegan Gentle, Emily Armstrong, Emma Stagg, Ben Donald, Sophie Adams, Kyle Cabangun, Lusunga Mbambo.
- Boys' Cricket Angus Jemmett, James Forbes.
- Rowing Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker, Logan Cartman, Harrison Davies, Aidan Campbell, Wyatt Burrows, Kauri Te Moananui-Gamble, Paul Kasanawaqa.
- Swimming Joshua Giles, Matthew Clough.
- Tennis Dallas Scott, Maisie Looij.
- Volleyball Yuki Kurokawa, Narumi Miura, Maui Mareko.



(Pictured right): Erin Connelly-Whyte receiving her Tennis Blues Award from Principal Ross Preece.



(Pictured left): Dallas Scott receiving his Tennis Performance Award from Principal Ross Preece.



(Pictured above): the group of recipients.



Congratulations

A Great Lip Sync Night Enjoyed By All

The College's annual Lip Sync was on stage on Wednesday 13 June and was performed to a sold-out crowd.

Claire Robertshaw, one of the organising staff, said that a great night was had by all and the overall standard of performance was impressive. A major thank you was given to our excellent Head Students, Connie Davidson and Caleb Livingstone, who performed their MC duties impeccably.

Results gained were -

- First place Junior Section, Honorable Mention: only Junior Entrant Mahina Edwards**, Year 10 student, for her solo performance.
- Third place B-53s - Michael Baker, Kristen Harris and Olivia Joseph**, with their performance of 'Love Shack'.
- Second place Handsome Dancers' duo of Michael Baker and Tom Collis.**
- First place** Was awarded to the group 'Shneaker Night' performed by **Paris Gola, Maddie Reed, Emma McDowell, Grace Adams, Shania Stempa.**

A very grateful appreciation is given to the judges for the evening: Jayne Cornelius, Kay Rotch and Lindsay Abbott.



(Pictured left): The winning performance of 'Shneaker Night'.

House Fest – Drawn Result

The coveted House Fest section produced a surprising draw with **Green House** and **Orange House** sharing the victory (pictured below).



Judges This section was judged by Matt Hunter (student teacher on placement from Massey) and Selwyn Price, former Head of Art at Ashburton College and now an Ashburton District Councillor.

Staff versus Students – Win to the Staff

The Staff versus Students rivalry was reignited with a win for the Staff. The observation was made that this was timely, as the staff recently lost to the students in a game of gym rounders!



(Pictured above): The staff in full flight.



(Pictured left): A section of the students' performance.

Good Performances at Aoraki Cross-Country Championships

Held on Friday 08 June, this event was postponed from the day before due to ground conditions at the usual Mountainview High School venue being unusable. This factor resulted in a course change to Ashbury Park, Timaru, which took out the tough hill climb.

In total 137 competitors contested the event, with College competitors contesting the Senior Boys' section of twenty five runners, the Senior Girls' section of twenty three runners and the Intermediate Boys' of twenty four runners. Distances were 6km for Senior Boys, all other distances were 4km.

College Team members were – (pictured right, left to right):

- Taonga Mbambo, Matthew Clough, Jessica Grey, Dennis Nguyen, Michael Munro, Alex Chapman.



Results –

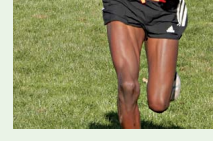
First up were the Intermediate Boys who all had top 10 finishes: Michael Munro placed 5th; Dennis Nguyen 7th; Alex Chapman 9th

2nd placed Intermediate Boys' Team

The combination of these results saw the Ashburton College Intermediate Boys' place 2nd in the team section, behind Timaru Boys' High School.

Senior Girls' - Jessica Grey had a good run, coming in 13th from the field of twenty three.

Senior Boys' - Taonga Mbambo finished first, (pictured right), having led from early on and was dominant throughout, finishing well clear of the pack, in a time of 20 minutes 15 seconds. Taonga's next challenge is the National Secondary Schools' Cross Country in Taupo.



Matthew Clough crossed the finish line in 3rd place, in a time of 21 minutes 45 seconds.

Strong Results at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships

Tuesday 12 June saw fifty two riders from throughout the Aoraki region converge at Levels International Motor Raceway, Timaru, to take part in the 2018 Championships.

College Sports Co-ordinator, Deb Kell, said that the day was cold and bleak but that the College riders 'got the job done'.

Team members were – (Pictured right, left to right): Maddi Lowry, Matthew Clough, Ethan Titheridge, Oliver Davidson, Isabella Roulston.



In the categories there were seven riders in the Under 16 Girls' events; nine in the Under 16 Boys' and Over 16 Girls'; and seventeen in the Over 16 Boys' events.

Results from the day –

Year 9 student, Maddi Lowry had a great day out, competing for the first time for Ashburton College

Under 16 Girls' 1st Scratch Race, and Time Trial.

Isabella Roulston - coming back from injury, also showed some great results: **Over 16 Girls' 1st** Scratch Race; **4th** Time Trial.

Ethan Titheridge - **Under 16 Boys' 4th** Scratch Race; **7th** Time Trial.

Oliver Davidson **3rd** Scratch Race; **6th** Time Trial.

Matthew Clough **Over 16 Boys' 8th** Scratch Race and Time Trial.

(Pictured above right, left and right): With their certificates, Maddi Lowry and Isabella Roulston.

(Pictured right): The Boys' Team of Matthew Clough, Oliver Davidson and Ethan Titheridge.

In the July student holiday break, Timaru is hosting the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships, in a move away from the customary Christchurch venue. The team is wished well for this event.



Events

Senior Students of Japanese Attend Canterbury University

A one-day workshop for NCEA students of Japanese in Canterbury was held at the University of Canterbury (UC) on Thursday 07 June, with ten Ashburton College students attending the day.



(Pictured left, back row, left to right): Ashburton College students Alisha Broker, Georgia Muir, Seluvaia Ratoul, Sapphire Kururangi, William Wallis, Madison Brown, Ella McQuillan, Zoe Diedricks. (Front row, left and right): Anemieke Burgerhout, Maisie Looij.

Ashburton College Teacher of Japanese, Hiromi Horsley, said this was organised jointly by the Japanese Programme, School of Language, Social and Political Sciences, Department of Global, Cultural and Languages Studies, University of Canterbury; and the Canterbury Network of Teachers of Japanese.

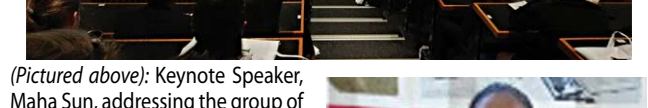
The workshop's purpose is to help senior Japanese students prepare for their NCEA assessments, by taking part in three workshops, specifically targeting assessments. The intention is that these activities increase student motivation and lead to higher outcomes in NCEA.

The workshop teachers are teachers of Japanese from around the Christchurch area, and lecturers from the University.

During the day students worked in groups of around eighteen, according to their level of NCEA study.

Keynote Speaker **Maha Sun**, gave the students a great presentation. She began studying Japanese in Year 9 and continued through to Year 13.

During her time at UC, she was selected to study abroad for one year at Japan's prestigious Waseda University in Tokyo, through the UC Exchange programme which Maha came to know about when she attended the very first NCEA Japanese Workshop as a Year 13 student in 2014.

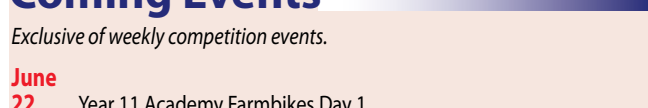


(Pictured above): Keynote Speaker, Maha Sun, addressing the group of students.

Prior to the NCEA day students were involved in practising a dance called 'Yattemiyoo'. This was videoed at College as part of our contribution to the final video.

On the day of the workshop all students attending (around 380) danced in the lecture theatre in the afternoon, in what was a fun dance activity which encouraged students to feel part of the Japanese learning community.

(Pictured right): Zoe Diedricks, prize-winner.



Coming Events

Exclusive of weekly competition events.

- June 22** Year 11 Academy Farmbikes Day 1
- 23** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Girls' Football Tournament, Timaru Rockquest, Timaru
- 26** Canterbury Secondary Schools' Gymnastics, Olympia Gymnastics Sports, Christchurch
- 28** ARA Institute Introduction to Nursing Information Day, Christchurch
- 29** eSports Competition, Auditorium, lunchtime
- 29** AshColl Senior Ball, Ashburton Trust Event Centre
- July 02** Attitude Presentations – all year levels, Auditorium, during College day
- 02-06** Top Art Touring Exhibition, being hosted at Ashburton College
- 03** Darfield High School visit Art Exhibition
- 04** Level 2 Physics and Level 2 Science, UC Radioactivity Workshop
- 04** Ellesmere College visit Art Exhibition
- 06** End of Term 2
- 09-22** Student holiday break
- 23** Term 3 starts