



Deputy Principal's Message

Fire Alarms

It was extremely disappointing to have had College students' learning disrupted again with another number of fire alarms being activated unnecessarily around the College last week. Students and staff have had enough of these interruptions, especially as they disrupt the learning of all students and, particularly, for some senior students who are sitting internal assessments presently. These disruptions may jeopardise the authenticity of the students' work for NCEA.

We have identified four students, who have admitted setting off the fire alarms. All four students were suspended from Ashburton College and were required to have a Hearing Meeting with the Board of Trustees. Activating an alarm for the wrong purpose is a criminal offence, and we have involved the Police in the matter.

In relation to these students' actions a full College Assembly was held last week, with representatives from the Ashburton Police and Fire Brigade present. The purpose of this assembly was to update all members (staff and students) of the College community. The consequences for the wrong-doers of such actions were outlined, along with the importance of avoiding any disruption to our learning.

It was also an opportunity to have students reflect about our College Values to 'Achieve Quality', 'Have Respect' and 'Show Pride' for our community (staff, students, neighbours, Fire Brigade and Police).

The implications of maliciously setting a fire alarm off are far-reaching. It is not just the impact on learning, with time out of the classroom, it is the ripple effect which includes the disruption to Office Staff, Security Company and, as previously mentioned, the Fire Brigade and Police, and the reputational damage to the vast majority of our very good students.

Examination Week

This is only for Year 11 students this term and will run from Monday 28 May until Thursday 31 May. There will be no classes for Year 11 students during this time. However, when students are at College, the same expectations for behaviour and uniform apply as when normal classes are running.

It is important for Year 11 students to experience the conditions they will sit their end-of-year external NCEA examinations under, before they actually do. Many students have not had the experience of sitting in one place, in silence, without getting out of their seat and writing for over an hour!

Teacher Only Day

This is being held on Friday 01 June. The day will be an opportunity for staff to engage and further develop their Restorative Practice skills.

Parent Interviews

We have held our Parent / Teacher / Student interviews for all year levels during the last two weeks.

College closed at 1:20pm and staff were available for interviews with parents/caregivers and students from 2:00pm onwards. This timeframe was well-supported by families, as many staff were booked solidly for the time available.

The interviews provided a great opportunity to follow up on the progress of your child, through an in-depth dialogue with our staff. It was pleasing to see students attending and being a part of the three-way conversation with their parents/caregivers and teachers.

There is strong evidence to suggest that, where the student and parents/caregivers work together, academic performance is greatly enhanced.

Helen Shore-Taylor
Deputy Principal



Staff Information

Farewell

Colin Porter – Colin has been with us at College since the beginning of 2016, teaching Science and Chemistry, about which he had a very strong knowledge. We have appreciated his input, and also his contributions as regular coach, during his time at College, of the Year 9 and 10 Boys' Cricket Team. Additionally, this year, he had involvement with the Boys' 1st XI Cricket Team.

Jemma Hurst – at the end of next week we farewell Jemma as she uplifts her maternity leave entitlement. We will certainly miss her teaching, timetable, Student Management Systems and Dean contributions while she is on leave, but wish her well for the time ahead.

Welcome



Keri Kuru
Learning Support Assistant,
Kohanga.



Peter Lee
Teacher of Science, Chemistry,
Assistant Head of
Department Science.

Internal Changes

Nola Smitheram – a long-term staff member who currently is the NZQA Co-ordinator has added to her portfolio by being appointed as SAC (Special Assessment Conditions) Co-ordinator. This encompasses allocating support to specific students for assessment and exams.

Information

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.

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:

- Otago University – Monday 28 May, 12:25pm.
- World Vision – Monday 28 May, 12:25pm.
- NZ Defence Force – Monday 11 June, 12:25pm.
- ACADS – Monday 18 June, 12:25pm.
- Ara Institute – Lunchtime Drop-In session, T12, Wednesday 20 June.

Lip Sync 2018

Performance Night:
Wednesday 13 June
Ashburton College, Auditorium,
7:30pm start.

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

Events

Multi-Talented Apirana Taylor Visits College

By Year 13 student Josie Tallents

Apirana Taylor (pictured right), is a man with many strings to his bow, including: actor, musician, and, what he's most commonly known as, poet. He has been touring New Zealand for over forty years inspiring creativity and, on Wednesday 09 May, was at College.

The first hour of Apirana's Workshop was a sort of concert to approximately fifty invited students - a performance of his poems with the aid of his guitar, vocals, and traditional flute. He even included a newly written poem about the scenery of Canterbury.

Scattered between his poems and songs, Apirana explained what inspired him to create each piece and the significance the words have for him. From tales of his youth as a budding poet, to descriptions of lanterns drifting out to sea, Apirana entranced his listeners with each story.

The second hour was a writing workshop with around thirty six invited students. This was unlike any writing workshop I had ever been to. It was only about halfway through the workshop that we wrote anything ourselves and, even then, it was more about the message of the activity rather than the poetical outcome itself.

He offered us a challenge, to yell as many words as we could that related to the word ocean. I think this might have been the loudest the library has ever been. From water, salt, and seagull, to isolation, darkness, and fear; the library became a jumbled choir.

A piece of the workshop that stuck with me was what Apirana said about writer's block - 'It's not because you can't think of the words, it's because you think of too many'.

Anne Williams, Teacher Librarian and Reading Teacher, said that the students were totally engaged in his two sessions.



German Talkfest

On Wednesday and Thursday 09 and 10 May fourteen Ashburton College students were invited to the German Talkfest, an annual overnight camp for students learning German.

Along with Ken Poo, Head of Languages Department and Teacher-in-Charge of German; and Tom Kitchen, Teacher of German and Social Sciences, the students were involved in a variety of activities, culminating in the opportunity to complete an 'interaction' as part of their portfolio of speaking tasks for NCEA.

The activities included a Treasure Hunt; poetry-writing through song; preparing for and performing the interaction; a cake-baking contest and watching a full German movie.

Camp Tirohanga is a youth camp outside Mosgiel on the North Taieri slopes, and it provided a compact and comfortable (at times a little spartan!) venue. Traditional German food was on hand at meal times. Teachers generally spoke German throughout and many of the students tried their best to follow suit.

The opportunity to mix with pupils from other schools (Columba College, John McGlashan, Otago Boys' and Bayfield High Schools) was one of the highlights of the camp.

The College is hopeful of the opportunity to be invited back again next year. It is acknowledged that, in part, this opportunity came about through Ashburton College's PASCH schools' membership.

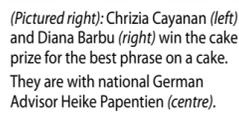


Ashburton College students at their accommodation (pictured above, back row, left to right): Chrizia Cayanan, Diana Barbu, Jestena Raj, Ashton Lamborn-Vear, Willow Diedricks, Amy Pearson, Emily Armstrong, Kate McIlroy, Kaleb Finn.

(Front row, left to right): Harry McMillan, Jonty Small, Jed Cameron, Brendan Fleming, Lachlan Kingan.



(Pictured left): Harry McMillan (centre) and Lachlan Kingan (right) in German conversation with a partner from a Dunedin school.



(Pictured right): Chrizia Cayanan (left) and Diana Barbu (right) win the cake prize for the best phrase on a cake. They are with national German Advisor Heike Papentien (centre).

Information

Class Photo Orders – Close 9:00am

Monday 28 May

Family Form Class photographs were taken recently, and are now available for order. Photos are presented on an A4 sheet, laminated, with the photo at the top and the students' names below the photograph.

Parents/caregivers can view photos on the Photoshots website: www.photoshots.co.nz

Viewing is password protected.

The password has been emailed to parents/caregivers via School Links, or is available in your child's Family Form room, or from the College Office. On-line viewing is available for a limited period only.

How to Order

- Payment is to be made through the Ashburton College Office.
- Collect an order envelope from the College Office, and complete the order section on the back of the envelope.
- Enclose \$13.00 cash (the correct change is appreciated), or cheque (made out to Photoshots Ltd NOT Ashburton College). Eftpos payments can also be made at the College Office, or on-line payments to Ashburton College account (mark payment clearly with student name and 'Photos').
- If there is more than one student per family ordering, please put all orders on one envelope clearly.
- The envelope you fill in is also used to return the photo in, so please do not seal the envelope at the time of ordering.



Events

Adrenalin Forest Challenges

The Year 12 Physical Education classes enjoyed a day at Adrenalin Forest in Christchurch on Tuesday 08 May.

Phys Ed teacher, Karen McKenzie, said that thirty eight students put on a safety harness, listened to a safety briefing and then had to demonstrate the use of the magnetic safety clips before they set off to explore the pathways on the high ropes.

Close to \$500,000 has been spent on the Adrenalin Forest High Ropes Course over the years, to make it a physically safe but challenging experience.

The pathways range from 2m-25m high. Levels 3-6 are particularly challenging, and students probably didn't realise how tiring stretching and pulling yourself along could be, with some pathways taking nearly an hour to complete.

The students returned back to College to study the risks involved when using the high ropes, and to develop safety strategies to keep all high rope users safe.



(Pictured above, left to right): Georgina Bennett-Collett, Bradley Phillips, Quinn Ritchie and Fotu Hala demonstrating use of the magnetic clips.



(Pictured above): Jacob Kilworth begins his pathway along the wires.



(Pictured right): Aidan Elvines sets forth on her challenge.

Year 12 Outdoor Education Students Tackle Their First Outing

On Wednesday 09 May the Year 12 Outdoor Education class set out on their first hike and overnight camp. Peel Forest was the destination, with camp set up at Clarke Flat. Outdoor Education teacher, Luke Martin, said the weather gods were being nice for the students' first outing, giving two perfect days. Day 1 was filled with some navigation work and map reading, followed by a dip in the Rangitapu River for the brave. There was also a chance to relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Day 2 required an early wake-up, packing up the tents, eating some breakfast and setting off to climb Little Mt Peel (pictured below). After twenty minutes of a solid uphill climb many students suddenly came to the realisation this was going to be no walk around the Domain. Steadily the peak came into view and, slowly but surely, around every corner was that bit nearer, much to the delight of several students.

A quick lunch break at the top and a bit of time to rest their weary legs, and it was time to descend with spirits up, given they had made it to the top and had food in their bellies.

It was a great learning experience for the students, putting what they had learned in the classroom into practice. They now look forward to taking on Mt Somers later this term.



Congratulations

College Students Feature Highly in Mid Canterbury Sports Awards

Held at the Hotel Ashburton on Friday 11 May, Ashburton College students featured significantly in the awards and nominees' lists, justified recognition of the commitment and hard work given to their various sports.

College Students acknowledged were -

- Outstanding Senior Sportsperson of the Year**
Winner Veronica Wall (Rowing)
- Outstanding Junior Sportsperson**
Winner Lanelle Millar-McArthur (Smallbore Rifle Shooting)
Runners-Up Matthew Clough (Multisport) and Mollie Gibson (Rowing)

Additional Nominees from AshColl were:

Sophie Adams	Basketball	Haxby Hefford	Cycling
Kyle Cabangun	Karate	Isabella Roulston	Rowing
Aidan Elvines	Rugby	Riley Sa	Basketball
Brittany Fowler	Equestrian	Ashlee Strawbridge	Basketball
Taonga Mbambo	Athletics/Cross Country		

Outstanding All Round Athlete
Winner Matthew Clough (Multisport/Swimming/Kayaking/Cycling/Football)

Nominee Sophie Adams (Basketball/Athletics)

Outstanding Junior Sports Team
Winner Ashburton College Girls' Under 18 Quadruple Sculls Rowing Team
Veronica Wall, Mollie Gibson, Emma Stagg, Lara Biggs and Harriet Leverton (Cox)

Nominees Ashburton College Smallbore Shooting Team
Ashburton College/Mt Hutt College Combined Schools' Rugby 1st XV

Outstanding Junior Official
Winner Jacob Gray (Hockey/Basketball)

Outstanding Coach
Winner Steve McArthur (Coach of the Ashburton College Smallbore Rifle Team)

The following AshColl students were acknowledged for their contribution as Outstanding Volunteers:

- Michael Baker Hockey
- Erin Connelly-Whyte Hockey



(Pictured above, left to right): Lanelle Millar-McArthur, Matthew Clough, Veronica Wall, Mollie Gibson, Emma Stagg, Lara Biggs, Harriet Leverton.

Coming Events

Exclusive of weekly competition events.

- May**
24 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Squash Tournament, Oamaru
25 12PED Rifle Shooting, Coronation Hall, Ashburton
27 Year 9/10 Netball Development Tournament, Timaru
28 Otago University liaison visit
28-31 Year 11 Exams
29 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross-Country, Ascot Golf Course, QEII Park, Christchurch
- June**
30 12PED Rifle Shooting, Coronation Hall, Ashburton
01 Teacher Only Day
04 Queen's Birthday public holiday
07 Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cross-Country, Timaru
08 Aoraki NCEA Japanese students to Canterbury University Posternment Day: Aoraki Secondary School Cross-Country, Timaru
Canterbury West Coast Big Sing, The Piano, Christchurch.
Gala Concert at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch
- 11** New Zealand Defence Force visit, Year 13 Forum

- 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)

Trophy Recipients from Aoraki Secondary Schools' Golf Tournament

Played on 11 May at Pleasant Point, two teams and thirty individuals competed at this event.

The College team of Brent Kirky, Joshua Ackerley, Brayden Wood and Wilson Hii (pictured below, left to right) competed very well as a team, while Josh Ackerley had a very successful individual outing.



Results
Team Ashburton College - overall winner of the best gross, with a score of 160. Runner-up was Roncalli College on 155.

Individual Joshua Ackerley was the College's best performer with a gross score of 79 and nett of 70 which placed him 2nd Individual Gross Boys and 1st Individual Nett Boys.

(Pictured below, clockwise, in action): Josh Ackerley, Brent Kirky, Brayden Wood and Wilson Hii.



Ashburton College Cross-Country

Forty students took part in this year's event, on Tuesday 15 May and, unfortunately race day saw the runners competing in cold, drizzly conditions. This year the venue reverted back to the Ashburton Domain, where a 3km course was set up for Junior Boys' and Girls' races (Years 9 and 10) with the Senior Boys and Girls (Years 11-13) racing over 4km.

Looking ahead, a team of sixteen runners has been selected to take part in the Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cross-Country which will be held on 07 June at Mountainview High School in Timaru.

Results
Year 9 and 10 Boys
1st Michael Munro (10.59) 2nd Dennis Nguyen, 3rd Flynn Mackenzie
Year 11 - 13 Boys
1st Taonga Mbambo (12.47) 2nd Toby Woolf 3rd Matthew Clough
Year 9 and 10 Girls
1st Ella Pearson (12.09) 2nd Hannah O'Reilly 3rd Caendal Harris
Year 11 - 13 Girls
1st Natasha Waddell (11.42) 2nd Jessica Grey 3rd Maggie Tarry and Mia Pearson



(Pictured left): Senior boys heading towards the start line, and (pictured below): Senior boys progressing, led by Taonga Mbambo with Matt Clough and Toby Woolf in pursuit.

