



### Deputy Principal Message

We have the year underway with a couple of new initiatives that we are keen to follow through. The first is PB4L SW. What is that all about, you may ask?



#### Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide (PB4L SW)

We have been keen to embark on this journey for some time, and were accepted as part of the programme at the end of 2017. PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide Framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. We can tailor PB4L SW to our school's own environment and cultural needs.

It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.

PB4L School-Wide is based on the Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Framework developed at the University of Oregon in the 1990s. PBIS is now in thousands of schools across the United States and there are over 700 School-Wide schools in New Zealand, and we are proud to be part of it. Much of the work builds on the practices and beliefs that are already in place and simply brings those elements together in a more holistic manner.

#### Smart Look Campaign

We have a number of initiatives that we would like to address as a College and these have been discussed by the staff. It was felt that selecting these one at a time was the most efficient way of bringing about lasting change. Our focus for the next few weeks is around personal presentation, especially our young people wearing the College uniform correctly and with pride. Hence we have introduced the 'Smart Look Campaign' which enables us to help the students with their uniform.

We have agreed on this focus as a staff, and students incorrectly dressed are noted, their uniforms corrected and parents/caregivers informed.

As the old saying goes 'You can't please all of the people all of the time'. As a result of the campaign starting last Monday, I have received a number of emails from parents and caregivers. The large majority were supporting and encouraging our efforts to smarten up the general uniform. As always there are a small number who have issues with our attempts, and I feel sure you can imagine what sort of comments are included in them. All good things are worth persevering with, and we will persevere with this.

#### Athletics Finals and Swimming Sports

I write this on the eve prior to Athletics Finals day and look forward to seeing the involvement and effort shown by so many of our students. The super athletes are always there, setting new records, but the determination of so many others who are taking part and giving it their all, makes the whole day worthwhile. This is followed closely by the Swimming Sports - another hectic day for all concerned.

#### 2018 College Musical

Auditions are well underway for this year's musical, which will be Mary Poppins Jnr. As far as we know, this is the New Zealand Premiere of the junior production, and there is much excitement amongst the students as they go through the somewhat stressful audition process in anticipation of being involved in this classic musical.

#### Polyfest 2018

We have over sixty students rehearsing and producing this year's Polyfest entry. Most rehearsals happen before College opens for the day, and under the watchful eye of James Jenkinson our Pasifika Events Support Co-ordinator. James is doing a great job and is highly regarded by all.

#### Qualifications

The year races along, with NCEA being discussed by many students and families for the first time, and with information flying in all directions. Some students have already attained some credits.

#### Looking Ahead

Generally, the year has brought a great start for the large majority of our students. Some, as always, need guidance with their decision-making, but we are confident that PB4L and ongoing perseverance will help us to continue to grow fine young people.

Always remembering that fine feathers make fine birds!

**Pā atawhai (with kind regards)**  
**Ron Cresswell**  
**Deputy Principal**

### Information

**ASHDANCE 2018**

**ASHBURTON COLLEGE'S DANCE SHOWCASE**

Wednesday 14 March  
7:00pm  
Ashburton College Auditorium

**Tickets - \$2.00.**

Now available from the Student Office

### Cyber Safety Presentation

**Are you a parent/caregiver concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?**

Hosted by New Zealand Cyber Security expert **John Parsons**

**this presentation is available to you:**

**Ashburton College Auditorium**  
**Monday 19 March: 7:00pm-8:30pm.**

**There is no admission charge.**

John Parsons will give real-life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime and give you knowledge to help support and protect your family.

#### Topics to be covered include:

On-line grooming, Sexting, Damaged Reputations, Cyber-bullying, Reputation Management, Learning to Repel and Report, Future-proofing for Employment.

All College students will attend sessions through the school day, also on 19 March, and staff after school.

For further information, go into the web-site: [www.s2e.co.nz](http://www.s2e.co.nz)

**John Parsons**  
**Cyber Safety for Children**

### Coming Events

- March**
- 08** Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon, Scarborough, Christchurch.  
Year 12 Academy Tractor Day, Group 1, Ashburton Showgrounds.
  - 09** Aoraki Secondary Schools' Bowls Championships, Timaru.
  - 12** College Swimming Sports, EA Networks Centre, Ashburton.  
Year 12 AGS Tractor Day, Group 1, Ashburton Showgrounds.
  - 13** Year 11 Academy Farmbikes, Group 1, Winchmore Farm.
  - 14** Mountain Bike XC series, Crocodile XC MTB Park, Halswell, Christchurch.  
Aoraki Secondary Schools' Athletics, Timaru.  
Year 11 Academy Farmbikes, Group 2, Winchmore Farm.  
Ash Dance, Auditorium, Ashburton College, 7:00pm.
  - 15** Postponement day, Aoraki Secondary Schools' Athletics, Timaru.
  - 16** Year 13 History Trip, Akaroa.  
9RD Ropes Course, Geraldine.
  - 17** Polyfest Canterbury 2018 - Redzone Dallington, Corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue, 9:30am - 4:30pm (Gold Coin Entry).
  - 19** John Parsons - Cyber Safety: all classes during the day, Parents/Caregivers/Community, Auditorium, 7:00pm.  
Year 12 AGS, Group 3, Chertsey Farm.
  - 19-20** NZSS Triathlon and Aquathlon, Rabbit Island, Nelson.
  - 21** Mountain Bike XC series, Crocodile XC MTB Park, Halswell, Christchurch.

### World Challenge - Prospective Student Expedition

The Ashburton College Board of Trustees has agreed to interested College students being involved in the following programme.



#### Meeting for Parents/Caregivers and Students to Bring More

Working in partnership with World Challenge, we're excited to bring you something out of the ordinary - an expedition travelling to **Vietnam and Laos, December 2019.**

This is a lifetime opportunity sets students apart, empowering them to stand strong in front of employers and universities. **Join us on Tuesday 13 March, 6:30pm in the College Auditorium** We would love to tell you more about it.

#### Much more than a school trip

We share a belief that, by empowering the students to lead their own expedition, they will go on to live a life of courage, kindness and adventure. From tough treks to new cultures, the day-to-day challenges of expedition life encourage students to develop life skills and build deeper confidence, resilience and empathy.

#### You're in expert hands

With over thirty years' experience taking away over 8,000 students every year, World Challenge leads the way in quality, safety, ethical community engagement and learning outcomes. Guided by an adult leadership team, students will step out of their comfort zones and take on roles and the leadership of their group, managing a budget, planning meals and choosing accommodation.

#### We look forward to seeing you

Join **Josh Tisdell** to hear more. Come along to find out ideas about how to raise the expedition fee in the build-up to departure, to the depth of safety and support.

**College contact, if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting:** Hannah Young, Dean and Teacher of Mathematics: [yo@ashcoll.school.nz](mailto:yo@ashcoll.school.nz)

### Congratulations

#### Long and Short-Term Records Broken at College Athletic Finals

**Held in the Ashburton Domain in fine, warm conditions on Thursday 01 March this was again a successful day, including two new records being set.**

#### The Two New Record Holders are -

**Taonga Mbambo** Who set a new 3000m record time of 9:24.8, 6.7 seconds quicker than the thirty seven year old record set in 1981 (9:30.1), by Bruce Gabites.

**Sophie Adams** On the day, twice broke her own Shot Put record gaining a maximum throw of 10.87m, to break the 2015 record of 10.69m set by former student Sala Bueta.

#### Grade Champions:

	Champions	Runners-up
<b>Under 19 Boys</b>	Taonga Mbambo	Matthew Clough
<b>Under 19 Girls</b>	Emma Stagg	Emily Armstrong
		Natasha Waddell
<b>Under 16 Boys</b>	Lochlan Deuart	Ben Donald
<b>Under 16 Girls</b>	Sophie Adams	Jessica Grey
<b>Under 15 Boys</b>	Kyle Cabangun	Phoenix Andrew
<b>Under 15 Girls</b>	Mia Pearson	Tara Mellish
<b>Under 14 Boys</b>	Kaleb Leonard	Chris Angus
<b>Under 14 Girls</b>	Ella Pearson	Lusungu Mbambo

#### House Points:

Gained from the Finals event were: **Blue - 209** **Green - 201**  
**Orange - 181** **Red - 174**



(Pictured left): Taonga Mbambo in pursuit of this 3000m record, followed by Matt Clough in 2nd place.



(Pictured right): Emma Stagg, Under 19 Girls' Champion, stamping her dominance.



### Congratulations

#### First Whole-College Assembly for 2018 - Inaugural Speeches

Held on Tuesday 27 February, following two postponements (!), this event was a celebration of student leadership, student involvement and focus for the year. Our Head Students gave their first speeches to the whole College and student leadership badges were presented.

Principal Ross Preece said the event was significant in acknowledging our student leaders and their courage in putting themselves forward for roles.

#### Head Students 2018:

##### Connie Davidson, Head Girl



Connie acknowledged and congratulated all students elected into leadership roles, and advised of a quote she liked to keep in the back of her mind: **'Doubt has killed more dreams than failure ever has.'** Connie encouraged all students to set some goals for the year, and realise dreams and aspirations, gain confidence to try something new or achieve top marks. She recommended making it 'something you are passionate about and not to be afraid to step outside your comfort zone, or to let failure put you off and, most importantly, don't let anyone or anything get in your way of achieving the great things you were put on this earth to do because life is short, so follow your dreams.'

She said that, no matter how big or how small, if you have the courage and motivation to accomplish your goals then you are capable of anything. She urged students to take up all the opportunities they can and make the most of time at Ashburton College.

##### Caleb Livingstone, Head Boy



Caleb referred to his recent return from a two and a half month exchange to Germany, and the 'chance' response from friend Tom Suh which confirmed the tour! Caleb said to Tom 'we should go on this German exchange thing together'. He looked up from his phone, thought for a second, replied "Yeah, right", before going back to his phone again. And, said Caleb, in that moment Tom and he were destined for a whirlwind of travel, adventure. Caleb encouraged all to take opportunities, saying 'whenever the little guy appears in the back of your head and says "why not" then just follow that voice. You never know where it could lead you. For Tom and I, his 'yeah right' moment took us to the other side of the world.'

Caleb said the team for this year, he knew, was going to smash it out of the park and that he was looking forward to seeing what they could achieve. A goal of the Head and Deputy Students is to make the Student Executive known to every single person in this school, and to make their role more public.

Caleb acknowledged Connie, Matt, and Uati saying, together, they have many goals for this year, including boosting initiatives such as *AshColl Presents*, introducing the Deputy Head Student role, and plainly having an awesome year with you all.

In conclusion, Caleb recommended: next time you have your:

**'yeah right' moment, just follow it, take up the chance, and have fun.**



(Pictured left): Natasha Waddell, Under 19 Girls' Joint runner-up, rounds the bend well clear of the competition.

(Pictured right): A competitive finish in a Girls' Under 14 event.

(Left to right): Nicole Wilson, Amy McLachlan, and Lusungu Mbambo, Runner-Up in the Under 14 Girls' Championship.

##### Uati Saofai, Deputy Head Girl



Uati opened with some very succinct words for the audience, saying- **'the purpose of knowledge is to gain wisdom; the purpose of wisdom is to maintain discipline.'**

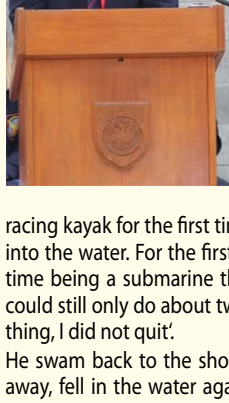
Uati extended the warmest of welcomes to all, looking forward to an amazing year filled with hard work, laughter and most of all, success. A special word of welcome was given to the Year 9 students, acknowledging the first year can be a new and daunting experience. But she urged them to not be afraid and to get involved in whatever they are interested in, saying AshColl will be able to cater for all interests and talents.

Uati challenged every student of AshColl to take every opportunity that comes their way, to 'just give it a try', emphasising 'you might be surprised by how much you can achieve and by what you're capable of.'

In conclusion, Uati reminded students that: **only with education can a person gain knowledge, that education was a key to success, opening doors to brilliant career opportunities.**

**She said that education builds confidence to make decisions, to face life and to accept successes and failures, and is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.**

##### Matt Clough - Deputy Head Boy



Matt encouraged students to always keep trying, saying that Michael Jordan missed over 9,000 shots in his basketball career, but nobody remembers the shots he missed. Thomas Edison conducted 1,000 failed experiments, but his 1001st experiment was the light bulb. Matt said that every failed attempt is one more step towards success and that this was important for three reasons. Firstly, Matt advised that 'you all are going to fail at some point in your life. Accept that. You will lose, you will embarrass yourself, and you are going to completely suck at something. It is inevitable, you cannot avoid it!'

The Coast to Coast successful athlete said that this time last year, he hopped into a tipsport racing kayak for the first time, did three paddles in the lake and tipped out into the water. For the first two weeks of paddling, he said he spent more time being a submarine than a kayaker. After two weeks of paddling, he could still only do about twenty strokes before going under. 'But here's the thing, I did not quit.'

He swam back to the shore, emptied his boat, and got back in, paddled away, fell in the water again, and kept falling in. 'I was continuing to fail, and fail, and fail!'

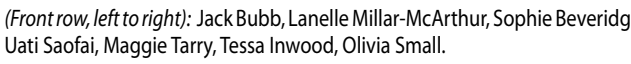
Matt referred to an old saying, 'If you hang around a barbershop long enough, sooner or later you'll get a haircut.' He knew he couldn't keep falling out forever, that there must come a day where he could get in and paddle without falling out. Three weeks ago that happened - 71 kilometres of paddling without falling out once.

The point was that every single student, teacher, or other person has the ability and the talent to succeed. But the question is - do you have the guts to fail?

The second point raised about failure was 'if you do not fail, then you are not even trying. If you are not failing, then push the boundaries, find your limits and then break them. And when you fail, do something about it. Do not stop failing, don't be afraid to fail, just don't stop fighting and having a will to succeed.'

In conclusion, the final point came from Denzel Washington who once said: **'to get something you never had, you must do something you never did.'** **'Failure is the opportunity to begin again, only this time more wisely. It is this stage of learning that is the key to success. Failure is success if you learn from it. Failing isn't failure. Failure is when you stop trying.'**

#### Ashburton College's 2018 Student Executive



Pictured after receiving their badges is this year's Student Executive. (Back row, left to right): Marika Mellish, Joe Danielson, William Hii, Connie Davidson, Caleb Livingstone, Matthew Clough, Kate O'Reilly, Liv McCrea.

(Front row, left to right): Jack Bubb, Lanelle Millar-McArthur, Sophie Beveridge, Uati Saofai, Maggie Tarry, Tessa Inwood, Olivia Small.

#### House Executive Committees

Underway also are the newly formed House Executives, who have already been in full action at the Athletics Prelims Day, where the first allocations of the year's House Points were up for the taking.

#### Below, we put names to faces -

##### Blue House Executive



(Back row, left to right): Lily Burdett, Megan White, Lara Biggs, Meg McIntyre (Year 12).

(Front row, left to right): Taonga Mbambo, Liam Pram (Year 12), Aidan Campbell (Co-captain), Ella Huntley (Co-captain), Keegan Gentle, Dallas Scott.

##### Green House Executive



(Back row, left to right): Will Kelly, Eiman De Ocampo, Josh Jones (Year 12), Artem Kravchenko, Kate Donald.

(Front row, left to right): Zack Martin, Sophie Bonnington (Co-captain), Nick Eden (Co-captain), Rosie Smith.

(Inset, absent): Toby Lee (Year 12).

##### Orange House Executive



(Back row, left to right): Aidan Elvines (Year 12), Michael Baker, Olivia Joseph, Georgia Canning.

(Front row, left to right): Tayla Love, William Wallis (Year 12), Maddy Bremner (Co-captain), Wyatt Burrows (Co-captain), Ashleigh Mavor, Kate Tane.

##### Red House Executive



(Back row, left to right): James Forbes, Paris Gola, Grace Adams (Year 12).

(Front row, left to right): Fotu Hala (Year 12), Emma McDowell (Co-Captain), Shania Stempa, Holly Gray.

(Inset, absent): Tom Collis (Co-Captain), Maddie Reed, Jayden Fuller.