

Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment



Deputy Principal Message

Cybersafety

Last week saw another great series of presentations to College students by John Parsons. John is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant who delivers cyber security training workshops, works as a consultant, and provides individual support to a wide range of people and organisations nationwide. These include children and young people, parents and caregivers, the New Zealand



Police, teachers, schools and others in the education sector. He had a hectic day as his presentations were delivered to all College students throughout the day, followed by a session with the staff at their staff meeting after school.

His messages and guidance are always well received and show clearly what strategies are important to keep our oft-times vulnerable young people safe.

The evening saw a free presentation to caregivers and whanau, but attendance at that session was indeed disappointing. One of the issues he covers very effectively is the management of social media and the risk and damage that can be caused by poor supervision and lack of knowledge around that.

Often when I have interactions with parents and caregivers concerned about the well-being of their children, one of their main concerns is the effect that social media has on their young people and their friends. We have somewhere in the region of 2000 parents and caregivers associated with the College and we had less than thirty adults turn up to the evening session

We will hopefully have John back in the future to help build on the work that was started in 2015, and I would highly recommend that you make a note of the date and come and benefit from his huge experience and engaging delivery style.

Acknowledgement System

At the start of the year we introduced the acknowledgement system that recognises and acknowledges the efforts of our students, based around our long-standing College Values - Quality, Pride and Respect.

When students demonstrate these values, they are rewarded with a Mihi Pai to acknowledge 'doing the right thing'. Mihi Pai are easily recorded by staff digitally when awarded, and the student receives a text on their cellphone to advise them that their efforts have been acknowledged. When they have received five Mihi Pai an email of congratulations is sent to their caregivers.

During the year, at assemblies, there will be a number of prize draws that will publicly acknowledge students who have done well. This is another of the layers that have been put into play as the 'AshColl Way' is rolled out to our College community, as we grow and strengthen our students' understanding of pro-social behaviours.

Ako Time

This all ties in well with our development of Ako time and our ongoing work around students' well-being, resilience and life skills. We are analysing the feedback from parents and caregivers who came and met Ako teachers, to further develop this programme. The information that we gathered to help us with our 'Communications Audit' was very helpful and has given us some clear indications of how we can enhance that in the future.

Student Leaders

We are always blessed by the commitment and dedication of our senior students and we were able, in an assembly this week, to celebrate and acknowledge the work and effort of our Year 12 students who volunteered to be part of the Peer Support programme this year. Approximately thirty students gave their time over the first few weeks of this year to support the Year 9 students as they embark on their journey at AshColl.

An initiative from last year's student leaders was their willingness to support our teaching staff during their supervision of students outside of class time. Last week we saw a large number of our senior students sporting hi-vis jackets, having signed up for a regular slot of supervision and being proactive around College. What a great example to all. Well done seniors.

Cultural Events

The year is well and truly underway, with a number of exciting initiatives becoming established and developed. The cultural element of College life is firing off in all directions - including AshDance, preparations for the Big Sing and an amazing amount of work by students, families and staff as the preparations for this year's Polyfest 2019 in Christchurch continue at a hectic pace. This event celebrates and shows the skills and qualities of Pacific youth through cultural performance, and we wish them all the very best.

Board of Trustees News...

Exciting Year Ahead for the Board

As we start a new year for the Ashburton College Board, it projects as an exciting year ahead, and the energy and enthusiasm from the College regarding positive change is contagious.

Two weeks ago we had the opportunity for us as parents and caregivers to engage with our children's Ako teachers. This initiative really helps us to engage with our College to achieve

better outcomes for our students. Through discussing our children's goals, and working together as a team, we can all help them achieve. Many teachers had 15 and 25 minute Ako interviews from 9:00am to 8:00pm. The Board appreciates the commitment that went into this long day.

Members New to the Board

We have three recently-new Board Members. Amy Pearson was introduced to our Board in November as the newly elected student representative.

Our Board meetings require an intense 21/2 hours of engagement and concentration. For students the subject matter must be pretty daunting. I am always impressed with our students' ability to contribute to our Board and I am sure Amy will continue in the same way.

Jane Kelly has been co-opted to help your Board ensure we meet the challenges of culturally responsible learning. Jane is engaged with the Hakatere Maori community and has the skills, knowledge and patience to help guide and teach our Board on 'Matters Māori'. This contribution also helps create awareness for our Board and College Management for all cultures represented at our school.

Tony Gilbert has also joined the Board, as a Selected Member, to fill a current vacancy as a parent representative. Tony has a strong financial background and will no doubt contribute his skills to ensure our College retains the current solid financial footing that we enjoy.

2019

As alluded to above, our Board has a number of exciting challenges for 2019. We look forward to monitoring the progress of the College's curriculum initiatives for our Year 9 students.

Our discussions with the Ministry of Education on the state of the buildings is coming to fruition, and we look forward to resolving these issues to develop a plan for the future of our College's buildings this year. Jeremy Savage

Staff Welcome



Philippa Duffell Learning Support Assistant in the ESOL Department.



Kayla Williams Returns to College, as Teacher of Agriculture and

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AshColl's Dance Showcase

• All styles of Dance – from Ballet to Hip Hop

Information

Festival of the Spoken Word

Join our students in the evening to celebrate the spoken language across serious and humorous categories, individual and group presentations. This is always an entertaining evening showcasing student talent.



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

TICKETS: \$5.00

Tickets available from the College Office from Monday 01 April. Door sales available.

Transition Department News

Liaison Visits

Various tertiary institutions and community groups visit the College, during our Year 13 Ako time on Wednesdays 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 One:

Registrar of Electors University of Canterbury Wednesday 20 March, 12:25pm. Wednesday 03 April, 12:25pm.

Polyfest Canterbury 2019

Our College students are performing at Polyfest Canterbury 2019 this Saturday, 16 March, being held in the Christchurch Red Zone, on the corner of Locksley and New Brighton Roads.

This is a colourful and festive day celebrating Pacific youth through cultural performance.

Our actual performance time is still to be advised, but this will be advertised as soon as it is known.

Spectators encouraged and welcome.

Invitation to Friends and Whanau to College Polyfest Dress Rehearsals In preparation for the above occasion there are two full dress rehearsals being held in the College Auditorium:

- Thursday 14 March, 7:00pm.
- Friday 15 March, 1:30pm (College lunch time).

Internet Health and Well-being

All College year levels had the opportunity to interact with John Parsons, New Zealand's leading authority on on-line safety, on Monday 04 March, during the school day.



After school, College staff spent ninety minutes with John, and an evening community presentation was held in the Auditorium.

John had many valuable gems to share, highlighting



Engelbrecht Learning Support Assistant.







Ron Cresswell **Deputy Principal**

Staff Farewell

Simranjeet Kaur

Simranjeet has been employed as a member of our College cleaning staff since September of last year, and is leaving us due to a shift from Ashburton. Simranjeet has been a valued staff member, recognised for her quality of work. She will be missed, and is wished well in their new endeavours.



Tickets: \$3:00 Available now from the College Office. Tickets for pre-purchase only, no door sales.

College Rowing Open Day – this Sunday, 17 March

Open to all interested students. Meet at the Lake Hood Boat Shed at 9:00am. Wear appropriate exercise clothing.

For any additional information see Jayne Cornelius (T14) at College.

that we have two identities – an online and offline identity. He noted that all age groups make digital technology errors and that we are not digital citizens (our skin isn't make up of pixels!) but that we are citizens who use digital equipment.



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Included in important key factors highlighted were -

News

- advocating for one's own identity
- asking if an online response would be the same as would be given if faceto-face with the person
- digital behaviour being about us as human beings and whether we respond with respect or not, and preserve human dignity
- online/Facebook postings and their impact on future employment/ opportunities, building a good digital image and thinking about capturing positive images to post on Facebook.
- Protection provided by the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015.



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Events

Canterbury Japan Day Experience for College Students

This year thirty three Ashburton College Japanese language senior students and some International students (pictured below) attended the above day, at the Riccarton Event Park, Christchurch, on Sunday 03 March.



Canterbury Japan Day is an event organised annually by The Japanese Society of Canterbury, with the aim of sharing authentic Japanese culture with Cantabrians.

The theme for Canterbury Japan Day 2019 was 'Autumn in Japan'.

The inaugural Canterbury Japan Day was held on 11 March 2012 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Japanese Society of Canterbury and the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between New Zealand and Japan. It also marked the anniversary of the 2011 East Japan earthquake and tsunami. Japan Day has proven very popular and has become an annual event attracting, for example, about 20,000 visitors in 2014.

(Pictured right, *left to right):* In the market area are William Wallis, Zoe Diedricks, Ella McQuillan, Maisie Looij and Alisha Broker.



Hiromi Horsley, College teacher of Japanese, said they experienced a Kimono display, Origami, Calligraphy, a Tea Ceremony and a gift shop in the cultural hall, Bonsai, Flower arrangement, Japanese Art display in the event hall, Cosplay and Pokemon room in the Anime hall. Also available were over fifty Japanese food and drink stalls outdoors. The students enjoyed various food options such as sushi, ramen, takoyaki, mochi rice cake, candy floss, and so on. At the outdoor play area, they had a Sumo Tournament, Shakuhachi Bamboo Flute, and a Japanese Drums' Takumi performance.

(Pictured right): Ivan Mangubat at one of the food stalls.

It is noteworthy that Ivan Mangubat also participated in the soba fast eating race. He had 50 caps of soba which was amazing! Also, Nadine Cabanatan tried a Kimono on and took a beautiful photo.

Hiromi said that the Ashburton College students enjoyed the event day and tried lots of Japanese culture and food, while the international students enjoyed having the atmosphere of their home country. Although very crowded, it was good



Congratulations

Top National Target Shooting Results for Shania Harrison-Lee

Over the days 18-23 February Shania was immersed in the Target Shooting New Zealand Outdoor Nationals, held at McLean's Island, Christchurch. Starting outdoor shooting only in November Shania's hard work and application paid off with outstanding results.

Shooting outdoors naturally carries weather variables not having to be considered for indoor shooting, which Shania is more accustomed to. She said that there was significant wind over the days, plenty of dust and difficult, unpredictable conditions but that that all made for a good challenge.

On this occasion Shania was the only College and Target Shooting Mid Canterbury representative. The early part of the competition acts as qualification rounds for the last two days which means, for some shooters, that they don't get to shoot on the final two days.



(Pictured left): Shooting during the Association Team's match.

Shania's Impressive Array of Results were:

Individual Results

- Silver medal Junior Women's
- 1st placed in the 50m 2x 60 C Grade
- C Grade Badge Match Gold Medal
- 1st placed in the New Zealand Smallbore Rifle Shooting Association C Grade Championship Aggregate (cumulative scores across the whole event)
- New Zealand Smallbore Rifle Shooting Association C Grade Grand Aggregate (total of the two graded matches plus the designated match
- Junior New Zealand Women's Drew
- New Zealand Women's Team
- New Zealand Wakefield Competition (Top Ten shooters)
- New Zealand Slazenger Competition (Top Twenty shooters)
- South Island Team
- scored overall
- Shania placed third in the Inter-Island Competition, with the top three competitors within 0.5 points of each other

Over the time away Shania used approximately 700 rounds of ammunition, and was 'in the sling' for almost thirteen hours over the five days.

New Zealand Pockets

Blazer pockets are the most prestigious awards presented to shooters based

Shania is now the proud wearer of three pockets - the Junior and Women's pockets gained from indoor shooting last year while, following these

Nationals, she has now been presented with the New Zealand Open Pocket which is a stunning achievement, as a Year 12 student shooting in the Open Classes.





Ashburton College's Mixed Tennis team faced some tough competition at the recent South Island Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships, held in Timaru on Saturday and Sunday 02 and 03 March.

Burnside High School put forward two teams, both of which proved dominant against Ashburton, albeit both ties saw some tightly fought games. A special mention goes to Ollie Bubb whose singles tie against a higher-ranked opponent saw him claim a pleasing victory.

AshColl had a convincing win over Roncalli College in straight sets.

The remaining tie, against defending South Island Champions and national runners-up, St Andrew's College, saw the

northern neighbours take a clean sweep as expected, but this time through an unavoidable default by College, created by a draw change.

Looking forward, it was pleasing to see some youth in the AshColl team, especially with the boys. Sadly, 2019 sees the departure of Year 13 students, Jade Brosnahan, Maisie Looij and Josh Jones, who will be missed.

College would also like to sincerely thank Tony Brosnahan for driving and managing Team members (pictured right, left to right): Josh Jones, Tyler Leonard, Jade Brosnahan, Ollie Bubb, Ila Cabalse. Absent: Maisie Looij.



Pasifika Supreme Academic Awards

On Tuesday 05 March we had the pleasure of taking a group of students to the Pasifika Supreme Academic Awards at Christchurch Boys' High School. Pasifika Events Support Co-ordinator Tony Robson said the event is held to celebrate both academic successes as well as leadership by Pasifika students within school communities.

Nominated in the Academic

Achievers (overall top Pasifika Students at NCEA Level 2) were Alena Patterson and Melina Fakataha (pictured right, *left and right)* who both completed NCEA Level 2 with a Merit Endorsement. Also recognised at the event were Pasifika Student Leaders.



The following Ashburton College students who attended the event were (pictured below, left to

right): Alena Patterson, Rita lakopo, James Foaga, Sonia Stephens-Tahuri, Lupepe Saofai, Jacklynn Afu, Melina Fakataha; while Fred Belford, Fotu Hala and Joseph Collins were unable to attend.





Isle of Man Trophy - Top Junior Aggregate

which for Shania was the Women's Nationals)

Appointments and Results with Teams' Events, Shooting for Christchurch

- Captain Junior New Zealand Team

Christchurch Association Team - the team placed 4th and Shania top

on the high-level of their results.

practice for the students who are travelling to Japan on the College trip later this year.

Now they are ready to visit the Japan Day 2020!

Congratulations

Strong Results at Canterbury Junior Rowing Regatta

Held at Lake Hood on the weekend of 02-03 March, a small team produced some impressive results as they built up their training, looking towards the South Island Secondary Schools' Regatta held on Lake Ruataniwha Friday-Sunday 08-10 March. Those results will be posted in next week's newsletter. At the Lake Hood weekend the team had Emma Stagg out with illness which did mean some race scratchings and re-shuffling of rowers in boats.

Results were:

A Finals

Gold Medal:	Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines	Girls' Under 18 Pair
Silver Medal:	Mollie Gibson	Girls' Under 18 Single
Bronze Medal:	Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines	Girls' Under 18 Double
	Ged Wall	Boys' Under 16 Single
4th Placing:	Aidan Elvines	Girls' Under 18 Single
6th Placing:	Grace Adams	Girls' Under 18 Single
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B Finals

Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker 2nd Placing:

Boys' Under 17 Double

(Pictured right, left to right): The Under 18 Quad comprised of Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams, Paddy Dekker (reserve) and Harriet Leverton (Cox-obscured)

The team was unable to qualify for the Gold Medal result due to Emma Stagg being unavailable and Paddy Dekker standing in as reserve. Pockets are forever! Once earned they are with the shooter for life.

(Pictured right): Shania, with her trophies, presented by Bruce Marchant, President of Target Shooting New Zealand.

Shania's next focus is on the South Island Championships, 16-17 March, outdoors and also at McLean's Island. This competition is the last event to gain a score towards qualification for the Oceania team to travel to Sydney to compete in the Oceania games there. There are a small number of qualifying opportunities to gain a top three placing and entry into a team. Shania is trying to qualify for the Junior and/or Women's teams.

Success seldom exceeds preparation and this is true for Shania who will shoot for up to 10 hours a week in training. Leading up to these nationals, in the two weeks prior, it was a regime of daily training. Training also involved practice in Christchurch on Wednesday nights after school, and Sunday mornings, leaving home at about 6:30am.

Also on the target list is the indoor season, which has its first open day on 17 March.



Tony said that this event is an excellent opportunity for our students to see that their achievements are right up there with the best Pasifika students from within the Canterbury region.

Coming Events

March

- 16 Polyfest, Red Zone, Burwood, Christchurch.
- 18 Ashburton College Swimming Sports, EA Networks Centre. Dance students - Royal New Zealand Ballet,

Ashburton Trust Event Centre

- Year 13 Drama Mockingbird, Ashburton Trust Event Centre. 19 AshDance, College Auditorium.
- 20 9Y Ropes Course, Geraldine High School. Special Olympics, Timaru. Registrar of Electors visit.
- 22 Year 9 Wetlands Field Trip, Westerfield. Year 13 History Trip, Akaroa.
- 23 SISS Dragon Boat Championships, Lake Hood, Ashburton.
- 23-24 SISS Touch Championships, Sheldon Park, Christchurch.
- 26 Pasifika Careers Expo, Ara Institute.
- 28 Year 12 Ag Academy – Tractors 1 Day 1, Chertsey Farm.
- Year 12 AHM AGS 1 Animal Handling, Chertsey Farm. 29