

Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment



Deputy Principal's Message

End of Term One

The end of the first term indicates one third of the Year 11, 12 and 13 students' College academic year has passed.

Term 2 will see Year 11 students complete their first assessments in an examination situation. There will be another chance, along with the Year 12 and 13 student examinations, in Term 3.



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 experienced sitting in one place, in silence, without getting out of their seat and writing for over an hour! The Year 11 assessment/examination week is being held from Monday 27 May through to Thursday 30 May.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Thursday 16 May

Next term there is a great opportunity to follow-up on the progress of your child with our staff at the Parent-Teacher interviews for all students on Thursday 16 May, being held at the Hotel Ashburton from 2:00pm-8:00pm.

College will close at 1:20pm that day and students are encouraged to attend and be part of the three-way conversation with parents/caregivers and teachers. There is strong evidence to suggest that where the student, parents/caregivers and teachers work together, the academic performance is greatly enhanced.

More information on booking interview times will be emailed at the beginning of Term 2.

Ashburton College Portal

I would encourage all parents and caregivers to log-on to the Ashburton College portal and check the information available, specific to your child - Attendance, NCEA Credits, Fortnightly Reports and Pastoral Notes.

Please ring the College Office if you have lost, or do not have, your password to access the Portal.

Facebook – 'Ashburton College'

Check this out - we are using Facebook - 'Ashburton College' to keep students, parents and caregivers up-to-date with the latest news, celebrations and notices.

While you are there check out the 'AshColl Alumni' page.

Celebrating Success

'Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment' is Ashburton College's Mission Statement.

Below this sits the Board of Trustees' three Pillars of Excellence, and tomorrow we celebrate the 'Exceptional Learning' achievements of the Year 12 and 13 students, based on their Level 1 and Level 2 2018 NCEA results.

In this Academic Blues Assembly, students who have achieved 30 or more Excellence Credits will receive an Academic Blue, and students who have achieved a total of 50 or more combined Excellence and Merit Credits will receive an Academic Performance Award.

AshDance

'AshDance' is a night of 'Exciting Opportunities', another of our Pillars of Excellence, and has been rescheduled for the first week back next term, on Thursday 02 May. Tickets are on sale from the Student Office. Come and watch talented students in action.

Student Holiday

Enjoy the break over Easter, drive safely, and look after one another.

Helen Shore-Taylor, **Deputy Principal**

Staff Farewell Shaun Sparke

Shaun has been with us at College as a teacher of Agriculture since the beginning of 2018. He became part of the College very quickly and positively, enjoyed by students and staff alike, and respected for his capabilities.

Outside of the classroom the Year 9 Boys' Cricket team benefited from his coaching, which was another indicator of his willingness to become involved in the life and work of the College.

We are very sorry to lose him to Lincoln High School, despite understanding that the lack of daily commute will be a real advantage. Shaun is wished well for the future.

Information

AshDance 2019 New Date – 02 May, Week 1 Term 2.



AshColl's Dance Showcase

• All styles of Dance – from Ballet to Hip Hop Class groups, Cultural groups, Solo performances

Performance night:

Thursday 02 May, 7:00pm, College Auditorium.

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



Ashburton College **Board of Trustees**

Nationally, the Triennial Board Elections are due to get underway. You will be mailed information but advance information and dates are below.

Interested people are encouraged to stand for the Board of Trustees or to nominate someone for the position.

The College has a progressive, focused Board of Trustees which looks forward to welcoming new members. Because the Board operates by the 'staggered election' process, at each eighteen month election three parent representatives are called for.

Key dates are:

- Wednesday 08 May Main roll closes
- By Friday 10 May
- Wednesday 22 May
- Friday 24 May
- By Wednesday 29 May
- Friday 07 June

Pamphlets outlining the role will be posted with Nomination Forms, or interested people may collect from the College Reception Counter, from Friday 10 May.

> For any process information please contact the Returning Officer, Sheena Tyrrell, 308 4193, ext 812; ts@ashcoll.school.nz

For information on being a Board Member please talk to any Board Member or contact Sheena Tyrrell who can put you in touch with a Board Member.

Transition Department News

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day – Monday 06 May

This is an opportunity for Year 13 students who are thinking of attending Otago University or Otago Polytechnic next year, to have a look at the campuses.

College takes a bus down to Dunedin, leaving at 5:00am and returning at 9:00pm.

The bus cost is \$40, and permission forms are available from the Transition Office,

to be returned to the College Office by Friday 12 April (last day of term).

NZ Careers Expo – Thursday 09 May

College will take a bus of Year 12 and Year 13 students up to this event at Horncastle Arena in Christchurch, leaving school at 4:00pm and arriving back at approximately 9:00pm.

This is a great opportunity for students to visit and gain information from

Congratulations

Summer Sports Tournament Week

Held from 25-31 March at various venues throughout New Zealand, and over various lengths of time, College was represented well by eight different teams.

B Grade Winners at Aoraki Secondary Schools' Golf Croquet Championships

Held at the West End Croquet Club in Timaru on Wednesday 27 March two Year 9 students, Alice Homer and Charlotte Clifford (pictured right, left and right) scored a B Grade coup in their first year of Golf Croquet.

School Teams 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, scoring

Results – B Grade Title Holders

With the girls taking out the

B Grade title, they left the various

Timaru Boys' High School teams in

their wake, with Boys' High Team 5 as

runners-up, and Boys' High Teams 4

four wins overall.

and 1 third equal.

In this grade, in Round Robin play, they were pitted against Timaru Boys' High

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Team Coach/Manager Gail Benseman said that a 'splendiferous' start to golf croquet was made by Charlotte and Alice. Although they had only played for a few weeks, both players played

calmly and often talked together about their options for play.

They showed an ability to think tactically and were able to make play difficult for their opposition at times. Their quiet play also helped them to run hoops when needed.

These abilities showed in their final game, given the winner was going to win the Grade. At 5-all, the controlled Ashburton team made the following two hoops to win.

This was a great start to the game by two Year 9 players in a field of mainly senior school entries. Many thanks go to Shelagh Field for her help with coaching



(Pictured above): The final match which established the outright winner. The players are at Hoop 10, which Timaru Boys' High School 1 won, bringing the score to 5-all. It was from here that AshColl took the next two hoops. Both of these teams had three wins a-piece before the game started.

Boys' South Island Secondary Schools' Softball, Division 2 Competition

This was played at Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch from 26-29 March, involving eight boys' teams.

Results

The team had four wins, over Burnside High School (16-6), Riccarton High School (14-5), Ellesmere College (16-1) and Southland Boys' High School (7-6).

The team's three losses were against Dunstan High School (16-3), Shirley Boys' High School (15-3) and Papanui High School (10-5).

In the 4th v 5th play-off against Southland Boys' High School the tables were turned, with Southland Boys' High School emerging winners 8-3.

Coaches Naave Tapurau and Ritchie Johnstone said the boys had a great

Nominations called for (will be mailed) Supplementary roll closes

- Nominations close Voting papers distributed
- Election date voting day
- Thursday 13 June Votes counted/results declared Board takes office
- Friday 14 June

New Date/Venue for Polyfest Canterbury 2019

We have been advised that the new date for this event is

Saturday 04 May (Week 1, Term Two). The new venue is the Riding for Disabled Arena, Christchurch.

This venue is at the Canterbury A & P Association Showgrounds, Curletts Road.

Further details will follow.

As previously advised, our College students are performing at this event. 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.

Friends, whanau and spectators are encouraged and welcome to attend.

a wide variety of tertiary and career providers all together in the one place.

The trip will cost \$20 each, and permission forms are available from the Transition Office.

Coming Events

- April 12
 - Builder for a Day, Ara Timaru Campus
- Academic Blues Assembly, Period 4, College Chessboard Last day of Term One
- 13-28 Student holiday break
- Equestrian event, National Equestrian Centre, McLean's Island, 27 Christchurch

29 April First day of Term Two



(Pictured above, back row left to right): Chris Angus, Connor Lyttle, Nathan Johnstone, Henry Chapman, Jacob Gray, James Harris, Izayih Harris. (Front row, left to right): Ritchie Johnstone (Coach/Manager), Josh Dunlea, Isi Ula, Kotiti Patea, Josh McIntyre, Izack Otene, Nick Tapurau, Naave Tapurau (Coach).

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Congratulations

Solid Results at Aon Maadi Cup Rowing

Ashburton College's seven rowers competed at the Aon Maadi Cup, held this year at Lake Karapiro, from Monday 25-Friday 29 March.

With 150 schools and 2152 competitors it is always going to be a big week, said Manager Jayne Cornelius.

The team had an early start on Saturday 23 March to catch the flight to Auckland, before the drive down to Cambridge for the first training session. The team stayed at Matamata, approximately half an hour from the lake. Sunday morning saw another two trainings on the water before the Maadi Parade through Cambridge.



(Pictured above, left to right, after the parade): Aidan Elvines, Emma Stagg, Grace Adams, Mollie Gibson, Harriet Leverton, Paddy Dekker and Ged Wall.

Following the parade, two of New Zealand's elite rowers gave some advice for the week, before judging the banner competition. Then it was back on the water for the last training before racing kicked off on Monday.

Monday's and Tuesday's racing was great, with the sun shining and still water, but racing on Wednesday was delayed for most of the afternoon due to wind and issues with the starting pontoons. This led to a lot of racing on Thursday in order to catch up, and very rough and windy conditions for both of the finals days made for tough racing conditions.

Jayne said that even though the team didn't come away with medals this year there were some great results, with some being in the top eight in New Zealand, which is an impressive outcome in a sport as competitive as rowing is.

New Zealand Junior Rowing Team Trial

Following Maadi Mollie Gibson has been selected to trial for the New Zealand Junior Rowing team, and will head back up to Lake Karapiro this Sunday, 14 April, for the week of trials.

Results during the Maadi week were -

Monday

Boys' Under 17 Single Heats 6th - Paddy Dekker, Ged Wall. Girls' Under 18 Double Heat 4th - Emma Stagg, Grace Adams. Girls' Under 18 Pair Heat 2nd - Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines. Boys' Under 17 Double Heat 6th - Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker. Girls' Under 18 Single Heats 1st - Mollie Gibson, 4th - Aidan Elvines. After day one all rowers had progressed to either Quarter Finals or Repechages, which was a good outcome. Tuesday

Girls' Under 18 Coxed Quad Heat 1st - Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams, Harriet Leverton (Cox). Boys' Under 16 Single Heat 5th - Ged Wall. Boys' Under 17 Single Repechage 4th - Paddy Dekker, 5th - Ged Wall. Boys' Under 17 Double Repechage 5th - Ged Wall, Paddy Dekker.

Wednesday Boys' Under 16 Single Repechage 5th - Ged Wall.

College Girls' Team Runners-Up and First Time-Ever Finalists

Playing in the Division 2 Secondary Schools' Softball Tournament in Christchurch from 26-29 March, the team emerged runners-up, only three home runs away from the top spot.



Team members (pictured above).

(Back row, left to right): Pat Patea (Coach) Jazz Surridge, Molly Jones, Anna Gray, Kate Flanagan, Stephanie Geeson, Waiana Woods, Madison Trusler-Clark.

(Front Row, left to right): Ashlein Lyttle, Billie Surridge, Lauren Taylor, Gemma Tapurau, Gemma Taylor (Captain), Jane Cribb. Team Manager was Penny Tuanui.

Results:

Seven teams contested Division 2, with the Pool Play results for the College team being a clean sweep of six wins, with the closest against Southland Girls' High School who they played in the final, resulting in another close finish.

The team's wins came in the form of: Against Riccarton High School (25-0), Nelson College for Girls (16-2), Southland Girls' High School (6-4), Dunstan High School (11-6), Avonside Girls' High School (14-4), Burnside High School (15-0).

Final

In the final, the AshColl Girls' team was pitted again, against Southland Girls' High School, with Southland reversing the Round Robin outcome to win the close encounter 14-12.

Manager Penny Tuanui said that the College team was put together about five weeks prior to the Secondary Schools' Tournament. However, as the majority of the team plays in the local Mid Canterbury competition, 'team spirit' was already part and parcel of the squad. She did say that, due to club commitments, organising practices for the squad was a bit of a nightmare. However, with some compromise, they got it worked out.

So, the team headed off to Christchurch with just a practice or two under their belts, a lot of excitement, and a fair amount of nerves to boot. Knowing softball is a game of strategy and that girls' teams were well known for 'chanting', a few chants were practised along the way. Penny said, thankfully 'Coach Pat' is slightly deaf!

Teams had two games a day, and with only Day 1 having the early morning game, organisation was easy.

Penny said that six games in Pool Play, with the outright winner of this going straight through to the final, seemed a long way off at the start. However, time flew by one game at a time.

All thirteen girls played their hearts out at each game, with the results proving that. Patience in the batter's box, excellent base running, which gave a huge advantage over a number of the teams, and the 'never-say-die' attitude, got the team across the winner's line every time. A couple of close games later in the week kept the team grounded.

Mountain Bikers Gained Good Results

Fifteen students competed across three days of racing, and were described by teacher Jess Bennett as a 'fab bunch'.

The team was: Brad Blundell, Riley Blundell, Kyle Cabading, Ben Donaldson, Mya Johnston, Christian Juntilla, Nick Kershaw, Mitchell Leath, Maddi Lowry, Seb McMillan, Nick Rattray, Charlie Savage, Jack Savage, Nick Taojo and Holly Trotter.

Teacher and Manager Jess Bennett said the downhill event was thought to be one of the biggest ever held in New Zealand, with over 230 riders. She said that all College riders 'gave it their all', pushing as hard as they could. With over 300 riders in The Enduro event, competition was also tough.

Results



Enduro Event - held on the Friday

Mya Johnston (pictured left): top-finished for College, in **3rd place**, in the Under 16 Girls' Enduro. Next best riders were Holly Trotter who finished 4th, and Ben Donaldson who placed 11th, even after taking a tumble.

Great rides were completed by all other riders-Brad Blundell, Ben Donaldson, Nick Rattray, Kyle Cabading, Charlie Savage, Nick Taojo and Jack Savage.

Downhill Event

Mya Johnston again top-finished for College, in 3rd place, in the Under 16 Girls' Downhill event, with great rides also by Ben Donaldson (11th), Riley Blundell (17th), Brad Blundell, Christian Juntilla and Jack Savage.

Cross Country Event – held on Sunday

In the Under 16 Girls' College featured well with Maddi Lowry finishing in 4th place; Mya Johnston in 5th; and Holly Trotter in 7th place.

In the Under 15 Boys' Riley Blundell placed 10th and Nick Kershaw 11th.

Brad Blundell rode well in the Under 17 Boys' event to place 6th from 36 riders.

Other Results

Mya Johnston's strong finishes earned her 3rd placing overall in her age group.

Brad Blundell finished 11th overall in the Under 17 Boys'. His best individual race result was 6th place in the Cross-Country.

Overall Results for College

College finished a very creditable 13th over from sixty three school teams.

Appreciation

A big thank you is given to Jeremy Savage and James Donaldson for marshalling on behalf of the College.

(Pictured above, left to right): Holly Trotter, Mya Johnston, Maddi Lowry, Riley Blundell and Brad Blundell at the Cross Country day's racing.

South Island Secondary Schools' **Athletics Championships**

Eleven College athletes travelled to Nelson for these Championships being held at the Saxton Oval in Stoke, from 29-31 March.



Boys' Under 17 Single G Final 3rd - Paddy Dekker. Girls' Under 18 Double Quarter Final 5th - Emma Stagg, Grace Adams.

Thursday

Girls' Under 18 Single Quarter Finals 1st - Mollie Gibson, 3rd - Aidan Elvines. 2nd - Emma Stagg, Grace Adams. Girls' Under18 Double C Final Boys' Under 16 Single Quarter Final 7th - Ged Wall. Girls' Under 18 Single Semi Final 2nd- Mollie Gibson, 7th - Aidan Elvines. Girls' Under 18 Coxed Quad Semi Final 1st - Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams, Harriet Leverton (Cox). 1st - Ged Wall

Boys' Under 16 Single D Final

Friday

Girls' Under 18 Pair A Final

Saturday

Girls' Under 18 Single B Final Girls' Under 18 Single A Final Girls' Under 18 Coxed Quad A Final

6th - Aidan Elvines. 6th - Mollie Gibson. 4th - Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Harriet Leverton (Cox).

8th - Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines.



(Pictured above): Under 18 Coxed Quad winning the semi-final (left to right): Grace Adams, Aidan Elvines, Mollie Gibson, Emma Stagg and Harriet Leverton (Cox).

After placing first in pool play, nerves did set in with the realisation of being in the final for the first time ever and against Southland Girls' High School, one of the best teams in the competition and College's toughest game of the week. Recognising that finals softball is next-level softball, the team knew if they could keep their nerves in check and errors to a minimum they could win.

For the first five innings the lead went back and forth between College and Southland, until Southland at the bottom of the 6th innings managed to get ahead of College, requiring College to get six runs home to win. This was quite a tall order, but one the team was definitely capable of. Unfortunately though, College was only able to get three home in the 7th innings, therefore losing the game narrowly, 14-12.

A huge thanks goes to our two parent helpers, Christine Gray and Tania Trusler-Clark, who travelled with the team, and to all those parents who travelled daily to support the team. You are all amazing, thank you.



(Pictured left): Homework still has to be done and, for all students, is part of the week. Ged Wall working his way through the tasks.



(Pictured above right, left to right): Post-race stretching - Emma Stagg, Mollie Gibson, Aidan Elvines, Grace Adams and Harriet Leverton (Cox).

In nine events College athletes finished within the top eight, which are sound results.

These athletes were:

Brynmor Workman	3rd	Under 19 Boys' Javelin
Tara Mellish	4th	Under 16 Girls' High Jump
Bri Gaze-Inia	5th	Under 14 Girls' Triple Jump
	6th	Under 14 Girls' Long Jump
Matt Pearce	5th	Under 15 Boys' 400m
	8th	Under 15 Boys' 200m
Kyle Cabangun	7th	Under 16 Boys' 100m
Toby Woolf	8th	Under 19 Boys 3000m, (with Ted Yee
		right behind in 9th place)
Lusungu Mbambo	8th	Under 15 Girls' 100m

Athlete with a Disability

Our only athlete with a disability who was able to travel was Tom Southby.

Tom was the only competitor in his category, therefore winning the Para Senior Grade 100m, Shot Put and Long Jump.



(Pictured above): Toby Woolf and Ted Yee currently 6th and 7th in the 3000m event.

(Pictured right, left and right): Toby Woolf and Ted Yee after their event.

