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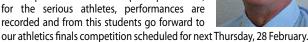
News

Message From The Principal

Athletics Prelims Day

Last week Ashburton College enjoyed the festival of colour that is our athletics sports prelims day. Most of you will know that it is a chance for students to 'strut their stuff' and compete for their House.

The emphasis is on fun and participation but, for the serious athletes, performances are recorded and from this students go forward to



My thanks go to Head of Sport Ron Carlson and Sports Co-ordinator Darion Gray for their organisation of these events, and to staff House Leaders Sarah Lassen, Stacey Monk, Hayley Wards and Clair Bedward for their superb organisation of the Houses, alongside of House Captains and Executives.

Community Meetings

Currently we are hosting a series of cultural hui to reach out and establish connections with our various and growing ethnic communities.

On Monday we hosted our Māori community and were supported by our marae committee and also Ngai Tahu. Next Monday we welcome our Pasifika community and on 11 March we host our Filipino community. As advertised further through this newsletter, all of these meetings are

being held at the Hampstead Rugby Club. These meetings have a two-fold purpose. Firstly, for staff to meet and

engage with parents and caregivers outside of a school setting; and secondly, to hear the aspirations and thoughts of these communities as we plan for Ashburton College going forward.

caregivers can provide is time.

Also next week is our first round of Ako interviews. These will be threeway conferences where the learner, their whanau and their Ako teacher

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an extended period of time to discuss academic progress and career aspirations and goal-setting, but also to have the opportunity to get to know families on a personal level. Again, the most important resource that both the school and parents and

We hope to see as many parents and caregivers, as is possible, attend on Tuesday 26 February.

The interviews can be booked on-line and any issues can be forwarded to the College office. At Years 9 and 10 the interviews will be 25 minutes long, and at Years 11 to 13 the interviews will be 15 minutes in length.

Our number of Ako teachers is restricted by the number of teaching spaces we have available to us. Currently there are sixty four Ako groups on our system, being the same number of classrooms Ashburton College has available.

Start of Year

Can I congratulate both our newcomers and our returnees for the very settled beginning of our year. The students have begun the year in a positive manner and have settled in to work well. The teachers all report positive lessons with this year's learners.

Congratulations

And our final congratulations must go to Chrizia Cayanan (pictured left) who, we have just heard, achieved an NCEA scholarship in Accounting last year. Nationally this is only awarded to the top 2% of students in a subject and involves a very

rigorous exam process.

Clair Bedward, who went the extra mile with Chrizia to make this achievement possible. **Ross Preece, Principal**

I would also like to acknowledge her teacher,

Information

Ako Meetings/College Closure/Venue Change – next Tuesday 26 February Please note that the College will be closed for normal instruction on this

day, in order to hold Ako interviews for all year levels, a new innovation this year. The closure is Board of Trustees approved. The meetings will consist of three-way interviews for each student to

share information, and plan and set goals, with their Ako teacher and parent/caregiver. These will be -• fifteen minute interviews for Year 11, 12, 13 students.

- · twenty five minute interviews for Year 9 and 10 students.
- It is expected that all students attend, with their parents/caregivers, in order to be part of the three-way conversation.

Note change of venue

The interviews will be held at Ashburton College, on 26 February 2019 in your child's Ako room, from 9:00am-8:00pm.

There are no bookings available between the lunch break of 1:00-2:00pm. Interview Booking Arrangements -

have been emailed to families. Please note: These meetings are with Ako Teachers only.

Subject teacher interviews will be held in May.

Information

Community Meetings A series of meetings is being held with our ethnic communities in order for

the College to gain information on how we can best support students and

Further through this term an additional meeting will be held for families who were not involved in the Māori whanau hui, or the two below.

The two remaining meetings are being held as below, and are open to all

Pasifika communities Monday 25 February

Filipino community Monday 11 March (note change of date) All meetings are being held at the Hampstead Rugby Club rooms,

Bridge Street, Netherby, starting at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cyber Safety Presentation – Open to all Schools' Families and Community Members Are you a parent/caregiver concerned

about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Hosted by New Zealand Cyber Security expert

this presentation is available to you at the Ashburton College Auditorium, Monday 04 March: 7:00pm-8:30pm.

There is no admission charge. These workshops raise awareness of the dangers associated with the inappropriate use of Digital Communication Technology.

Solutions to reduce risk are discussed with parents/caregivers. All College students will attend sessions through the school day, also on 04 March, and staff after school.

For further information, go into the website: www.s2e.co.nz

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE **JOHN PARSONS**

Cyber Safety for Children

John Parsons



- All styles of Dance from Ballet to Hip Hop Class groups, Cultural groups, Solo performances
- **Performance night:**

Tuesday 19 March, 7:00pm, College Auditorium. **Tickets: \$3:00**

Available from the College Office, from Wednesday 27 February.

Tickets for pre-purchase only, no door sales.

The College Netball Club has a good problem.

We have a total of 115 players wanting to play netball this season. <u>Therefore – more Coaches and Managers are needed for this season</u> Can You Help? Across all year groups - Year 9, Year 10 and Senior.

Ashburton College Netball

These girls all deserve to play. If you would like a new challenge, or a return to netball,

and want to help take Ashburton College Netball to the next level now is your chance - come on board and get to know our club. Please express your interest by contacting our President Vicki McArthur

on 0274913946 or email dandvmcarthur@gmail.com

Coming Events

- 23-03 March Pascal Gymnasium Sister School visit. Ropes Course day for 9M, Geraldine High School.
- Pasifika Community Hui, Hampstead Rugby Club Rooms, 5:30pm. Ako Interviews, Ashburton College, from 9:00am,
- all students/families. College closed for normal class instruction. Year 10 EXO trip to Adrenalin Forest.
- Athletics Finals, Ashburton Domain.

Events

Year 9 Students start their Ropes Courses

As advised in our previous newsletter, annually our Year 9 students travel to Geraldine to take part in the Challenge Ropes Course there, under the watchful eye of experienced instructors.

Class 9J

First up for this year's Ropes Course experience was class 9J with their Peer Support Leaders, staff, and parent-caregiver assistance. Teaching staff member Andrew Shepherd said the students and their Peer Support Leaders had a great day on Tuesday 12 February.

The student Peer Support Leaders run the initial activities in the morning and then the Ropes Course Instructors take charge when the class moves

A barbecue lunch, organised by the College, provided a welcome break between the morning's preparation and the high ropes in the afternoon. Throughout, the focus of the days is communication, team building and the students pushing themselves out of their comfort zone.

(Pictured right): Mia Chambers makes her way carefully across the high wires.

(Pictured below, left and right): Swinging around and making upward progress are Lily Campbell and Bailey Arras supported by the helpers below.



At this stage classes 9J, 9K and 9L have all successfully completed

- their days at Geraldine, with the remaining due as follows: • Monday 25 February - 9M • Tuesday 05 March - 9N
- Wednesday 06 March 9P - 9V Thursday 07 March Monday 11 March - 9W
- 9X Tuesday 12 March
- Wednesday 20 March 9Y
- Fun and Achievements at Athletics Prelims Day

(Pictured below): Cole Nicolson on the cross-bar ready for the next

stage.

In usefully cooler temperatures than those of the last week, this major day on the College annual calendar was held on Friday 15 February. This annual festival-style event is strongly about participation; dressing in House Colours; gaining House Points; festivity; but also qualifying for the

students are scheduled to compete in all events, in order to gain House This year all Houses competed on the College site, with only the events of Javelin and Cricket Ball Throw being held directly across the road in the Walnut Avenue Domain area. Events on-site were the 100m, 200m, 400m

College Athletics Finals Day for the more serious athletes. On this day all

and 800m events; Long Jump and High Jump; and Shot Put. For every event students compete in, and make a genuine effort in, they earn a House point.

A very big thank you is given to Head of Sport and Sports Co-ordinator Ron Carlson and Darion Gray for their significant organisation put into this day,

alongside of teaching staff assistance. Pictured below are some action shots from the day:





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Amazing Experience for Teacher in Israel At the end of last year we reported on teacher Greta Hampton's scholarship, for three weeks during the January holiday period, to study at the Yad

Greta, Specialist Classroom Teacher and Teacher of History and Classics, described the experience as awesome and amazing, and one from which she learnt a lot, saying she is excited to implement what she has learnt into the curriculum and classroom. While at Yad Vashem, amid winter and snow, and with the group of thirty

Vashem International School of Holocaust Studies, Jerusalem.

one teachers from New Zealand, undertaken were lectures in Jewish History, learning more about the roots of anti-Semitism, pre-war Jewish life, Hitler's persecution of the Jews and the 'final solution' - the Holocaust. Additionally the group was able to visit historically significant sites in Israel,

including the old city in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the borders

between Syria and Lebanon, the West Bank and the Dead Sea. Pictured left): Greta in the

Jewish Quarter of the Old City, Jerusalem.



had survived and a couple who were on Schindler's actual list and were saved by Schindler. In this case, set to be deported to Auschwitz, Schindler was able to 'do a deal' for women on the train, having them brought back to work in a factory. Greta felt very humbled to be able to share in their experiences, and is committed to the need to help spread tolerance of others, saying how fortunate we are to live where we do, have the societies we have, and the

opportunities that are available. Such experiences and information heightens one's perspective on life, endorsing the importance of family, friends and good health.

As the horror of the Holocaust years become more distant, Greta said its significance is still important. The lessons learnt apply to the modern world - regarding discrimination, the resurgence of anti-semitism, the injustices still happening and the importance of being upstanders not tolerating

prejudice and discrimination. There are lessons for us all, across the board.



Tavendale and Partners' New Zealand National Show Jumping and **Show-Hunter Championships** This prestigious event was held this year at McLean's Island, Christchurch,

(Pictured below): Jerusalem from the University.

from 01-03 February. We look at the very good results gained by two College students. Harriet Stock - 4th Placing Riding Eb Esperanza (pictured below, in action) in the National Pony

Championship, Harriet competed in this two round competition held over two days, in the 1.25m-1.35m class. At the end of the first day's

Eb Esperanza were leading the class. However, on day two of two rounds within the one class, they dropped two rails which took them to 4th place. At national level, though, this is an impressive outcome

speed class Harriet and



To compete at this level a rider has to be already riding at Grand Prix level, which means these classes were made up of elite level riders and horses, comprised of a top eight group of starters from which one pairing didn't

Harriet has now competed in four shows as a Grand Prix rider but only jumping to 1.30m.

Congratulations Next on their calendar are two shows in the North Island, with the first

being the Takapoto Estate Show Jumping Event, extending over a range of events from 16-23 February, for all ages, and showcasing the best of New Zealand's riders, in an incredible facility backing onto Lake Karapiro. Following this is New Zealand's Premier Equestrian competition, the Land

Rover Horse of the Year, held in Napier from 12-17 March. Entry to this show is by qualification, and with the allowance to qualify up to the day of the competition places are never assured until after a horse and rider combination competes in their last qualification event. For Harriet this is a class two days before the Horse of the Year. For these events Harriet is planning on taking two horses, Eb Esperanza and

Following this there will be some rest for the horses during winter. This season is Harriet's last on ponies, as ponies can only be ridden by riders until

they turn seventeen years of age. Therefore, next season it will be the step up to horses, and a challenging farewell to her ponies and the partnership they have shared. **Ruby Thomas** Year 9 student Ruby Thomas also competed at the above national event, in

New Zealand Child Equestrian Champion in the Show Hunter 12 years'



the pony classes, with very good results indeed.

and under category, jumping at 80cm.

Winner 90cm Show Jumping speed round.

3rd place in the Champion Hand Hunter Class.

4th placing in the Category C National Title Class.

Ruby's Impressive Results, with her horse Chico, were -

Show Hunter jumping at the National Championships.

(Pictured left):

Chico and Ruby,



had a number of good outcomes at events on her Dressage Pony, Camesso Royal Flush (Roy). At the Ashburton Dressage Championships in December and at the Canterbury Dressage Championships she won the Champion Level 2 Pony Class, and at the Canterbury Championships was overall Pony Champion.

Preceding these

successes Ruby had



Champion at Level 2 and were selected for the New Zealand Equestrian Sport South Island Talent ID Dressage Squad.

On her show jumping pony, Chico, the duo represented the Rakaia Pony Club at the South island Team Show Jumping Championships in Mosgiel, gaining an individual 4th placing in one of the rounds. Coming up, Ruby said she and Chico will be riding for Ashburton College at the forthcoming inter-schools show jumping, riding at junior level, at 80cm

jumps; and then will be eventing, at 80cm level, over the winter.

New Zealand Pony Club Dressage Championships Success Brittany Fowler learned over the weekend of 9-10 February that she, with her horse Apsley Backchat Kid, won the overall Senior Secondary School Rider class. Brittany was captain of the Canterbury Dressage Team which she competed

with. The team also finished in top placing in both the South Island competition and nationally. The pathway to this outcome started in November when she trialled for the Dressage Championships, at that stage riding up an age group into the senior section, in which she gained 1st place.

The New Zealand Dressage

(Pictured left): Brittany and Apsley Backchat Kid at the trials in November.

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Championships competition took place in Blenheim towards the end of January. However, this national competition was run firstly in the South Island and then the North Island, with the same judges managing both events. It was therefore a matter of waiting three weeks to see what scores were gained by riders in the North Island competition.

The competition also has regions' senior riders competing against each other, in six member teams. In this competition, due to proximity of the venue, the Wellington region competed at Blenheim rather than travelling the horses to Auckland for the North Island competition. Brittany's current focus is trialling to make the Canterbury Eventing Team

to compete at the three day national competition, at Kikihiki Auckland in April. Currently she is sitting within this framework based on results from two of four trials. She has two trials still to finish, with the top three results counted. The team will be advised in March. Also on the agenda is a National Three Day Eventing competition in Taupo

in May, where Brittany would compete in the Two Star pony event. **House Executive Committees**

As outlined in our last newsletter we now meet the students who make up the hard-working House Executive Committees. The committees have

already been busy encouraging House spirit and participation in the Athletics Prelims Day, where the first allocations of the year's House points were up for the taking. House Executives are comprised of Year 13 students plus Year 12 students for the purpose of continuity/succession planning for each following year.

Blue House Executive (Front row, left to right): Ann Moriarty, Co-Captains:



Liam Pram, Meg McIntyre, Poppy Kilworth (Year 12 representative). (Back row, left to right): Bryden Smith, Zac White, Louie Pabualan, Liam Sullivan (Year 12 representative). **Absent** (pictured left and right): Isabella Roulston, Lupepe Saofai. **Green House Executive**



Co-Captains: Katie Polmear, Josh Jones; Charlotte Jackson. (Back row, left to right): Sapphire Kururangi (Year 12 representative), Sasha Begbie, Courtney Quinn, Sophie Kemp. **Absent:** Meg Dudley (pictured left) Orange House Executive (Front row, left to right): Katie Danielson,



Co-Captains: Titus Lambert-Lane, Aidan Elvines; Sarah Rawlings, Chloe Buchanan. (Back row, left to right): Sophie Adams, Brynmor Workman, Reece Watson, Bradley Phillips. Absent: Jemma Donnelly (pictured left). **Red House Executive** (Front row, left to right):



Tegan McIntyre, Dani McArthur, Co-Captain: Grace Adams; Alena Patterson, Teresa Herewini, (Year 12 representative). (Back row, left to right): Fotu Hala, Quinn Ritchie, Co-Captain: Sam Pearce, Jacob Body (Year 12 representative). (Absent): Kaleb Finn (pictured left).