

2019 Ace Report

The Ace programme had an eventful 2018/19 season, with coach Andre assisting players to work hard on their game for 3 terms until his resignation due to illness at the end of Term 1 2019.

The dedicated group of players in Ace trained tirelessly over the season with many achieving steady improvements and personal goals - as well some who achieved tournament wins, and representative honours.

Recently four Ace players were in the team that won the Wilding Challenge 10s winter competition in Christchurch, well done to Riley Breen, Josh Gilbert, Ashton Cromie and Arlo Parsons. Congratulations also go to Ryan Watt for his top 16 placing at Nationals in January. Other highlights include Jake Parsons and Riley Breen representing Canterbury against Tasman in the annual fixture in Blenheim, with Jake also winning the South Island Year 6 boys singles and doubles titles as well as representing New Zealand in the under 11 boys team in Australia in June/ July 2019.

Thank you to our major sponsor ASB Bank for their support over the last 6 years, as well as our other sponsors - Regular Rubbish Removal, Brophy Knight and Subway Ashburton for their fantastic support over recent years.

Thanks very much to Andre who has been an inspirational coach to our young players over the past three seasons with his technical advice and coaching as well as his positivity.

I would also like to thank the other committee members - Lee, Neil, Robert and Cynthia for your support and work on the Ace Committee throughout the season, as well as Katherine for your hard work and dedication with the Ace programme administration.

Tim Parsons