



Our Legends.

Clicking into the future



Year 5 Hampstead School students with their classroom Chromebooks, showing teachers how to do it. They are, from left, Fayah Smith, teacher Kendra Hall, Eeve Stephen, Archie Jameson, Principal Lois Eaton, and Carter McKenzie. Now Year 4 students will get Chromebooks, too.

Modern technology for modern kids means Chromebooks in classrooms, and digital learning. Thanks to a \$29,560 grant from the Braided Rivers Community Trust and Lion Foundation, which will fund the purchase of 75 Chromebooks, Year 4 students at Hampstead School will all have access to a class device. Principal Lois Eaton said the devices will ensure all students can participate in modern learning programmes, and online assessments. "Things are getting more modern now," Eaton said. "When students do tests online, they'll be able to use the class devices rather than relying on access elsewhere." The Chromebooks will support a range of digital learning platforms and allow

students to work more independently in the classroom, "at their own pace." The school has already introduced Chromebooks in its Year 5 classes with positive results. "We've found that it's been really good for them as they prepare to go up into intermediate," Eaton said. "It increases digital literacy and increases engagement." The new Chromebooks are expected to become a valuable learning tool for students, helping develop skill in an increasingly digital world. Most importantly, the grant will ensure every child has equal access to technology during the school day. "It really reduces barriers. Everyone has the same access to a class device," Eaton said.



Get ready Ashburton Mountain Bike Park teenagers because a new youth jump zone is coming your way.

The jump zone is coming

From an overgrown jungle to a jump area for keen mountain biking teens. That's what is about to happen with a new youth jumping area at the Ashburton Mountain Bike Park courtesy of a \$4,286 grant from the Braided Rivers Community Trust and the Lion Foundation. The funding will support the development of a dedicated space where young riders can build and ride their own dirt jumps away from the main park trails. Mountain Bike Ashburton committee member Rowan Feron said local teenagers have already shown their enthusiasm, creating informal jumps and tracks in an overgrown section of the park. "We're taking an overgrown weed patch and turning it into something they can really use." The grant will cover contracting costs, with ACL set to clear the area and prepare the

ground, "to tidy up the jungle," he said. Work is expected to begin this month, including moving new clay into the area, so young riders can design and shape their own jumps. "It gives them their own space, where they're not clashing with other adult riders," Feron said. "It's about freedom and creativity." The youth riders have already demonstrated their commitment, having spent the past four months working in the area to move dirt, create jumps, and build their own trails. "They've really proved themselves," Feron said. The new jump area will provide a safe, dedicated place for young riders to develop skills, confidence, and creativity. "It's the community getting behind their kids," Feron said. "That's invaluable."

Quick Response Grants – April	
Carina Lupton	\$500
Allenton Sports Club	\$500
Joshua Gilbert	\$500
Takiwatanga Whakatere	\$1,351
Quick Response Grants – May	
Sophie Lampe	\$500
Eliza McKenzie	\$500
Ashburton Itaukei (Fijian) Community	\$500
Lion Foundation	May \$301,753.00

ORGANISATION NAME	APPROVED AMOUNT
Ashburton Operatic Society Incorporated.....	\$18,100.00
Southern Netball Club Incorporated.....	\$25,500.00
The Ashburton Intermediate Board.....	\$8,425.00
The Hampstead School Board.....	\$29,560.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury Incorporated.....	\$9,291.00
Food Rescue Aoraki Trust.....	\$15,000.00
Hakatere Multi Cultural Council Incorporated.....	\$16,500.00
Ashburton Indoor Bowls Association Incorporated.....	\$3,000.00
Ashburton Learning Centre Charitable Trust.....	\$31,200.00
The Order of St John South Island Region Trust Board.....	\$19,891.00
The Mid Canterbury Cricket Association Incorporated.....	\$67,500.00
Mountain Bike Ashburton Incorporated.....	\$4,286.00
Tinwald Pony Club Incorporated.....	\$11,300.00
Mid Canterbury Youth Charitable Trust.....	\$37,250.00
Squash Midlands Incorporated.....	\$4,950.00

