

**Columba College**

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Issue 1, 2007**

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Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings to you all at the start of a new school year. We trust everyone has enjoyed a happy Christmas and a pleasant holiday, and hope that 2007 will be a productive and rewarding year for all students. We extend a special welcome to new school parents and their children to our school community.

## **School resumes as follows:**

**Years 1 to 8**                      **Wednesday, 7th February at 8.30 a.m. (full days to follow).**

**Years 9 to 13**                    **Thursday, 8th February at 8.30 a.m. (full days to follow).**

The areas for students to report to on their respective first days are:

Junior School	All Years 1 to 6 children are to go straight to their 2007 classrooms.
Years 7 and 8	Sports Centre (entry from Oban Street)
Year 9	Sports Centre (entry from Oban Street)
Year 10	Caroline Freeman Theatre of Girton
Years 11 and 12	Assembly Hall
Year 13	Miller Lecture Theatre

There will be senior students at the main entry points to the College on Wednesday and Thursday to help students unsure of where to go.

## **Course Confirmation for Years 11 to 13 Students**

All girls in the above Year levels are required to attend the Course Confirmation session in Girton. Heads of Departments, the Careers Adviser and senior staff will be present.

Each girl will be issued with a course confirmation sheet which HODs will sign, indicating that any course prerequisites have been met and giving course approval.

The date and times are: **Wednesday, 7th February**                      **2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.**

## School Canteen in 2007

Years 7 to 13 students are reminded about the trial new location for the School Canteen this year.

The School Canteen will operate out of the boarding-house dining-room with the food for sale being set up near the hatch area.

Advantages of the trial as we see them are:

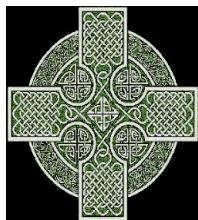
- Most of the food is prepared in the boarding-house kitchen so staff will not have to carry food across to Katharine Buchan House
- The Years 7 to 12 girls will gain another area to have their lunch as they will be able to eat at the dining-room tables as well as still being able to use the Recreation Room in the lunch-hour.

Entry to the dining-room will be through the side doors not through the boarding-house proper which will continue to be out of bounds in the lunch-hour.

## 2007 Student ID Swipe Cards

The 2007 Years 7 to 13 ID cards will be set up as swipe cards so that girls can use them to buy food at the School Canteen and operate the colour photocopier in the Library.

They will operate as a modest credit card with the girls able to load cash on them in the School Office. Parents can also telephone the Bursar to load funds on to their daughter's card or they can complete the transaction in the School Office. **The ID photographs are being taken on Friday, 9th February. We expect the girls to have their cards the following week so for Weeks 1 and 2 purchases at the Canteen will still be in cash. From Week 3 on, we expect the ID cards to be operational in the Canteen.**



### Commencement Service at Knox Church

Monday, 12th February at 7.00 p.m.

A Church Service at Knox will be held to mark the start of the new academic year with all school families invited to attend.

Girls in Years 7 to 13 will be required to attend the Service (attendance is optional for the Junior School).

#### HOMESTAY REQUEST

#### 2007 EDOGAWA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

26th February – 17th March

#### An Urgent Request

Please are you able to assist the College by hosting an Edogawa student this year? We require a further twenty-nine host families.

If you require more information, homestay forms or have any queries, please telephone me.

We are very grateful to the Columba families who have already offered to host a Japanese student. A profile of the Edogawa student you will be hosting will be sent to you in the near future.

Thank you,

Anne Hancock  
Visit Co-ordinator  
Telephone 467 5476

**Some Dates for Noting** (Service of Installation for Year 13 students, Athletics Sports, School Fair, St. Andrew's Summer Tournament, etc.)

Friday, 9th February	8.30 a.m. start - Years 7 to 13 ID photographs.
Tuesday, 13th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.30 p.m. Service of Installation for the Prefects and Year 13 students in Constance Hall.</li><li>• 3.40 p.m. - 4.10 p.m. Uniform Exchange opens and every Tuesday thereafter for Term I.</li></ul>
Wednesday, 14th February	Year 13 students out for the day on a Leadership Training day (Postponement date: 15th February).
Thursday, 15th February	Year 9 day outing. Postponement date tbc.
Friday, 16th February	Years 7 to 13 Athletics Sports at the Caledonian. Postponement date: Tuesday, 20th February.
Saturday, 10th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships - Dunedin.</li><li>• Otago Secondary Schools' Rowing Association Head of Harbour Regatta - Lake Waihola.</li></ul>
Friday, 16th March - Sunday, 18th March	World Vision 40 Hour Famine.
Saturday, 17th March	Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships - Invercargill.
Sunday, 18th March - Tuesday, 20th March	Columba College hosts the Summer Tournament with St. Andrew's College.
Monday, 19th March	9.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. National Young Leaders' Day (Secondary) - Regent Theatre.
Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th March	South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships - Dunedin.
Monday, 26th March	<b>Otago Anniversary Day (School closed).</b>
Monday, 26th March - Sunday, 1st April	NZSSRA National Championships (Maadi Cup) - Lake Karapiro.
Tuesday, 27th March	Junior School Swimming Sports at Moana Pool.
Saturday, 31st March	11.30 a.m. School Fair.
Sunday, 1st April - Wednesday, 4th April	Year 13 Geography field-trip to Queenstown.
Thursday, 5th April	3.35 p.m. End of Term One.

**Fittings for New Winter Kilts**

Mrs A. Corry of Helean Kiltmakers will be at school on **Thursday, 22nd February from 1.00 p.m. to 1.50 p.m.** to measure girls who require new winter kilts. **The fittings will be in the School Office on the Hill Jack campus** with parents very welcome to attend. Winter uniform is worn in Terms II and III with summer uniform worn again in Term IV.

## **Physical Education Uniform (Years 7 to 13)**

The new tracksuit introduced last year is mainly for sport with the following used for P.E. classes:

- Regulation plain navy blue shorts (Canterbury) - compulsory
  - available through School Office at a reduced price
- Navy blue sports shirt with school crest - compulsory
  - Uniform Department, Arthur Barnett
- Regulation rugby jersey for extra warmth - compulsory
  - School Office
- White ankle socks and gym shoes - compulsory
- Regulation plain navy blue trackpants (Canterbury) - optional
  - School Office (also at a reduced price)

With proper facilities now in the Sports Centre for the girls to change in, all students are expected to wear correct P.E. uniform for their P.E. classes.

- **Shoes**                      *Black lace-up school shoes are compulsory for Years 7 to 13 (no slip-ons).*
- **Kilts**                        *Two are required:*
  - Summer kilt                      Terms I and IV*
  - Winter kilt                        Terms II and III (and dress occasions)*
- **V-neck Vests**            *The older style proved to be a mixed blessing as it was short to begin with and seemed to become shorter with every wash. Not helpful with keeping blouses tucked in! A longer length vest has been introduced and is now available in the Uniform Department of Arthur Barnett. It would be much appreciated if the earlier ones that have become too short could be replaced.*
- **Make-up**                    *The wearing of make-up with school and sports uniform became quite an issue with a few girls last year who were disappointingly quite persistent in their attempts.*

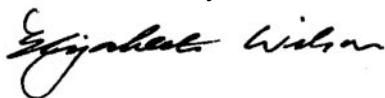
*A special request: Parental assistance with ensuring that girls don't come to school wearing make-up would be very much appreciated by school staff.*

## **2007 School Diary and Homework Note-Book**

All girls in Years 7 to 12 inclusive are issued with the School Diary and Homework Note-Book on Day 1 (it is optional for Year 13).

With warm good wishes to you all for 2007,

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Wilson  
Principal  
29th January, 2007