



# COLUMBA COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

September 2008 ISSUE 7

Dear Parents and Students,

What a great success "**Oliver**" was! We were delighted with the response and support from the school community and the general public, and very pleased that the students performed to virtually full houses at the Mayfair Theatre all three nights. Holding the musical at the Mayfair Theatre proved its worth – everyone enjoyed the authentic theatre experience, the orchestra liked performing in a proper pit and students helping front of house and backstage with lights, props, sound and make-up appreciated the opportunity to gain skills in a real theatre.

The performers deserve full credit. From the orchestra to the singing, dancing and acting wonderful teamwork was evident and some great talent as well.

Thank you so much to all the Columba students involved and also to the boys from John McGlashan College and Otago Boys' High School for a very impressive and most enjoyable musical. Well done!

A special acknowledgement also to Mr David Corballis (theatrical director), and to the following staff: Mr Richard Madden (musical director), Ms Teresa Andrew (design), Mrs Janiene Hill (choreography), Mrs Christina West (stage manager), Mrs Jan Paterson (production manager) and Mrs Pauline Dunbar (make-up).

### Three Columba Old Girls head to Oxbridge



Left to right: Yani Hung, Emma Hutton and Dr Julia Matheson  
Photograph courtesy of the ODT

Julia, Emma and Yani leave this month to begin their studies at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Julia Matheson won a 2008 Rhodes Scholarship to study for a doctor of philosophy degree in medical oncology at Balliol College, Oxford University. Emma Hutton won the 2008 Girdlers' Scholarship, regarded as the undergraduate equivalent of the Rhodes Scholarship, which will take her to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, to study music. Yani Hung was short-listed for an undergraduate place at Oxford University and was successful at interview, and will study medicine at Pembroke College.

We warmly wish the three of them all the very best for their studies in the UK.

# “OLIVER”



## 4th to 6th September at the Mayfair Theatre



## University of Otago receives \$40m for gene technology



Photograph courtesy of the ODT

**Dr Rachel Elliot** (University Research and Enterprise Office business manager and consortium project manager) who is an Old Girl of Columba College was photographed with University of Otago staff and Research, Science and Technology Minister Pete Hodgson when the government grant was announced.

## New Junior School Class for 2009

We are now able to advise that Miss Eason has decided to stay in her present classroom and to continue to be the Year 0/1 teacher. Ms Pearson has decided also to stay in her present classroom but has chosen for next year to take the Years 2/3 class.

This means that the new full-time teacher who is being employed fixed term for 2009 will teach in Nancy Blackwell House and have a Years 1/2 class.

After Ms Pearson's 2009 Years 2/3 class, the progression of teachers will remain the same: Mrs Hogg, Mrs Evans, Mrs Bridger, Mrs Nees.

## Staff News

An appointment has been made to the full-time French position, starting next year. **Mrs Elaine Kelly**, MA(Hons) University of Aberdeen, PGCE (Secondary) Jordanhill College of Education has been appointed to a full-time permanent position to teach French up to senior level. Mrs Kelly is from Scotland where she started her teaching career and is now teaching languages at Auckland Grammar School where she began in 2004. Mrs Anstey, HOD Languages, will continue to also teach French classes as well as Years 12 and 13 Classical Studies.

**Mrs D. Nees** will return to her full-time Year 6 position next term after her period of leave. To Mrs V. Ashton and Mrs K. Lodge go our warm thanks for their good care of the Year 6 class during Mrs Nees' leave.

**Mrs C. Carrell** is travelling to the UK for her daughter's graduation at Oxford University and will be on leave from the 13th October to 28th October inclusive. **Mrs F. Clark** who has been relieving for Mrs S. Bishop in Term Three will stay on to relieve for Mrs Carrell. We appreciate the very good work Mrs Clark has done this term, and also her willingness to remain on a little longer to assist.

**Mrs M. Harris** has indicated her willingness to continue relieving next term for Mrs L. Wainwright who is on maternity leave, should this be necessary.

**The Rev. Fyfe Blair**, School Chaplain, is on study leave from the Highgate Church from the 22nd September to 8th December. Mr Blair will, however, be available to lead the Leavers' Service on Monday, 10th November and will be back from study leave to also lead the Carol Service at First Church on Sunday, 14th December at 6.00 p.m.

**Mrs P. Hooper** has been on leave this year from her position as HOD Music. We are very pleased to advise that Mrs Hooper has confirmed her decision to return to her position at the beginning of next year.

**Mr G. Hayden** has resigned from his position in the Intermediate Department. He and his family returned to Australia at the end of last year and have decided to remain there. This news was received with sincere regret as Mr Hayden made a valued contribution to the Intermediate Department during his short time on the staff.

## Congratulations to



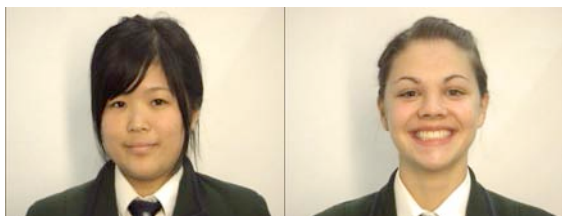
**Alice Waterman**

Alice is to be congratulated on her selection from the Otago finals to go to Wellington for the national finals for a PAD /NZGSE Scholarship which provides the funding for the successful candidate to go to Germany for two months over the northern winter.

## Senior Mathematics Competition 2008

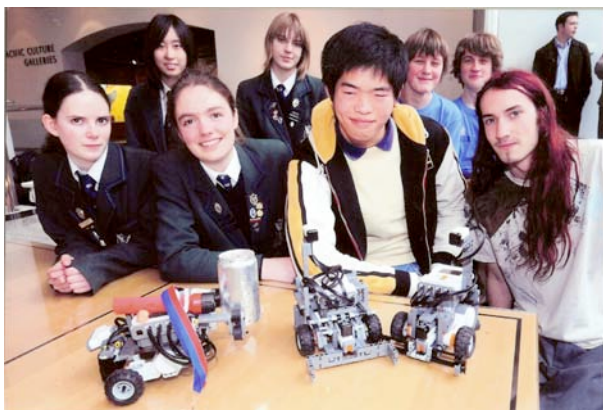
This is a prestigious and challenging competition for senior students.

We were delighted to hear that Nanae Sato was awarded a Top 100 certificate and was the 4th placed female student in New Zealand. Erin Wilson also in Year 13 did very well too and received a Merit Award.



**Nanae Sato and Erin Wilson**

## RoboCup National Finals in Auckland



**Front left: Amy Anderson and Anna Fields  
Back left: Tunan Pan and Lee White.**

The team of four girls was placed third in the premier robotic search and rescue category.

There are six categories in the RoboCup national finals: robotic dance (junior and senior), robotic search and rescue (junior and premier) and robotic soccer (junior and senior).

Event organiser and soccer referee, Harold Russ, made the following observation: *"The girls from Columba College were finally confronted with a challenge that was worthy of their programming and design skills, and I am sure they were an inspiration to many other female competitors, showing them that they can compete at the highest level."*

Mr L. Smith, Computing teacher at Columba, mentored the team and accompanied the girls to the finals – for which we express appreciation.

## PricewaterhouseCoopers Aspire Scholarship

Warm congratulations to Laura Manson in Year 13 on winning one of the 16 Scholarships awarded by PricewaterhouseCoopers for 2009. Laura was one of the two South Island recipients with the other 14 Scholarships going to North Island students.



**Laura Manson**

The Scholarship offers recipients summer internships as well as significant monetary allowances throughout the duration of their tertiary education (a package of \$7,000 with a further \$2,500 to complete a relevant double degree or postgraduate studies).

Laura is the third Columba recipient of a PricewaterhouseCoopers Aspire Scholarship in four consecutive years. She joins Sophie Toomer and Stacey Offen.

## Gifts to the College from the Monetary Policy Challenge Team

With their \$1,500 cheque for 2nd Place in the national finals of the Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge, the five girls in the team decided to buy the following:

Two Gold coins specially minted to commemorate Sir Edmund Hillary. 1,953 coins have been minted. Worth \$575.00 each. The coins will be displayed to show the profiles of Sir Edmund Hillary and HM the Queen.

A cup for Commerce to acknowledge Excellence in a Commerce subject at Year 13 level.

To Surangna Chansrichavala, Emma Elsom, Laura Manson, Kari Schmidt and Erin Wilson warm thanks for these very special gifts.



**Laura Manson, Erin Wilson, Kari Schmidt, Surangna Chansrichavala and Emma Elsom in the Board Room of the Reserve Bank**

# Australasian Science Competition 2008

## Year 13

### **High Distinction:**

Anna Fields (Gold Medal Winner).

### **Distinction:**

Amy Anderson and Laura Manson.

### **Credit:**

Rebecca Blanchette, Beverly Chen, Cassandra Li, Nanae Sato and Catherine Tsai.



**Anna Fields  
Medal Winner**

## Year 12

### **Distinction:**

Amy Chu.

### **Credit:**

Zoe Brook, Lucy Kent, Georgina Martin, Libby McMahon, Charlotte O'Leary, Guanyun Qi and Alice Waterman.

## Year 11

### **Distinction:**

Sophie Bang, Kirsten Browning and Sandy Chu.

### **Credit:**

Jasmin Alloo, Zoe Cadzow, Emma Eckhoff, Christina Johnston, Ashleigh Keen, Nali Lee, Nicole Martyn, Harriet Richardson, Sarah Robertson, Olivia Rorison, Alexandra Skerten, Chanika Thammarucha, Ariel Tsai and Katie Whitefield.

## Year 10

### **Distinction:**

Jessica Alsop, Holly Cadzow, Caitlin Dyas, Dannielle Hall, Aimee King, Stephanie Lambie, Fiona Nicoll, Sasha Roulston, Laura Schep, Ruth Sun, Annie Welvaert and Annie Zhou.

### **Credit:**

Anna Blair, Joanna Brook, Annika Costello, Sophie Ehlers, Ellen Kirkwood, Chiao Lin, Zoe Lenagh-Glue, Gigi Mogil, Ji Won Park, Laura Paul, Melanie Redding, Harriet Reith, Samantha Steel, Victoria Steiner, Caroline Strack, Rose Tansley-Broad, Miranda Waterworth and Flavia Wilson.

## Year 9

### **Distinction:**

Grace Oh.

### **Credit:**

Alannah Corson-Keogh, Annabel Drummond,

Paige Gale, Maple Goh, Elvina Khoo, Janine Konings, Hyoun Lee, Emma Lloyd, Kimberley Martyn, Claire McCorkindale, Emily Poon, Tiffany Robinson and Annabel Wennekes.

## Year 8

### **Distinction:**

Olivia Dodds, Angela Jenks, Shirley Kim, Katharine Swire and Charlotte Williams.

### **Credit:**

Kita Brazil, Laura Bridger, Rebecca Gross, Kelly Herbison, Sophie Johnston, Farah Kadada, Alexandra Krause, Erica Lovelock, Taylor McNeilly, Ellie Nesbit, Brianna Roxborough, Bridget Tompkins and Sarah Woodfield.

## Year 7

### **Distinction:**

Ella Barclay.

### **Credit:**

Holly Barclay, Ryely Burtenshaw-Day, Amy Carruthers, Fenella Christensen, Modi Deng, Julia Isoyama, Sohanya Jones, Lily Kelly, Kay Martin, Ashleigh Neill and Emma Winders.

## Year 6

### **Credit:**

Alexander Anstey, Sarah Dippie, Jimmy Jo, Judy Park and Ronald Poon.

## Year 5

### **High Distinction:**

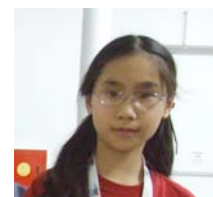
Chloe Lai.

### **Distinction:**

Kate Campbell, William Creighton and Benjamin McMahon.

### **Credit:**

Selena Ballantyne, Camelia Harrison, Brianna Palin, Alana Samuel, Lily Van Buskirk and Anisha Vohora.



**Chloe Lai**

## Year 4

### **Distinction:**

Ezra Barson-McLean, Quinn Campbell and Isabella Lau.

### **Credit:**

Maryam Alansari, Maruca Ciulacu-Nemteanu, Stephanie Jasperse, Tobias McDonald, Georgia McLellan and Hannah White.

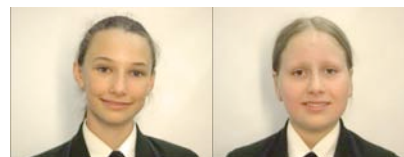
# ICAS Writing Competition 2008

## Year 8

High Distinction: Angela Jenks and Sarah Woodfield.

Distinction: Hannah Ker, Maddison Skeggs, Kate Tilson and Annie Zhou.

Credit: Laura Bridger and Charlotte Williams.



**Angela Jenks and Sarah Woodfield**

### **Year 7**

High Distinction: Modi Deng, Lily Kelly and Ashleigh Neill.  
Distinction: Aïcha Wijland.  
Credit: Ryely Burtenshaw-Day, Julia Isoyama, Sohanya Jones and Priyal Patel.



**Modi Deng, Lily Kelly and Ashleigh Neill**

### **Year 6**

High Distinction: Judy Park.  
Distinction: Christina Anson, Sarah Cooper, Rafe Duncan, Ronald Poon and Serena Waterworth.  
Credit: Imara Jones.



**Judy Park**

### **Year 5**

High Distinction: Chloe Lai.  
Distinction: Lily Van Buskirk.  
Credit: Kate Campbell, Benjamin McMahon, Alana Samuel and Connor Sutherland.

### **Year 4**

Credit: Stephanie Jasperse and Genevieve Walker-Radich.

## **ICAS Spelling Competition**

### **Year 7**

**Distinction:** Modi Deng and Liana Pollock.

**Credit:** Ella Barclay, Holly Barclay, Ashleigh Neill and Aïcha Wijland.

### **Year 8**

**Distinction:** Sophie Johnston, Sarah Woodfield and Annie Zhou.

**Credit:** Laura Bridger, Ban Dohan, Nicola Firth, Angela Jenks, Hannah Johnston, Simran Kaur, Hannah Ker, Shirley Kim, Joanne Schep and Maddison Skeggs.

### **Year 6**

**Distinction:** Judy Park and Ronald Poon.

**Credit:** Sarah Cooper, Rafe Duncan, Jimmy Jo, Durga Selvarajah, Serena Waterworth and Mary-Jane Wennekes.

### **Year 5**

**Distinction:** Camelia Harrison and Chloe Lai.

**Credit:** Selena Ballantyne, Madison Hughes, Courtney Miller and Alana Samuel.

### **Year 4**

**Distinction:** Quinn Campbell and Isabella Lau.

**Credit:** Silkie Alliot and Stephanie Jasperse.

## **Concours Oral 2008**

### **Year 9**

#### **2nd Prize**

Maple Goh

#### **Excellence Certificate**

Chloe Anson, Laura Barton, Elvina Khoo, Grace Oh, Tiffany Robinson and Grace Tarbotton

### **Year 10**

Excellence Certificate

Helen Kent, Lillian Richards and Kate Waterman

### **Year 11**

#### **1st= Place (Advantaged)**

Aislinn Furlong

#### **Excellence Certificate**

Ava Atkinson-Barclay, Sandy Chu and Sarah Robertson

### **Year 12**

#### **Excellence Certificate**

Lucy Kent, Alexandra Shiels, Alice Waterman

### **Year 13**

#### **3rd= (1st= Prize)**

Rachael Jones

#### **Excellence Certificate**

Marea Colombo



**Maple Goh, Aislinn Furlong and Rachael Jones  
Place-getters in the Concours Oral**

# Intermediate Classics Quiz for Years 7 and 8 Students (Dunedin)

1st Sohanya Jones, Priyal Patel, Katie Swire and Emma Winders.



Sohanya Jones



Priyal Patel



Katie Swire



Emma Winders

3rd Angela Jenks, Alexandra Krause, Megan Summers and Abigail Timms.

## Columba College Speech Competition Results

### Year 7

1st Ashleigh Neill  
2nd Ryely Burtenshaw-Day

### Year 8

1st Laura Bridger  
2nd Courtney Cunningham

### Year 9

1st= Laura Barton and Hannah Cowie  
3rd= Holly Cadzow and Jessie Chapman

Highly Commended:  
Kimberley Martyn

Class Representatives:  
Georgina Adam  
Elvina Khoo  
Michaela Little

### Year 10

1st Sarah Agyeman

2nd Penelope Couper  
3rd Renée Hodgkinson

Class Representatives:  
Yumeki Ando  
Caitlin Dyas  
Stephanie Lambie  
Ji-Won Park  
Melanie Redding  
Miranda Waterworth

### Year 12

1st= Lucy Kent and Alice Marsh  
3rd Alice O'Connell

Class Representatives  
Pitchapat (Pink) Asvasivayothin  
Leah Coghill  
Naomi Ireland  
Hayley Jenkins-McCaw  
Eh Jung Vichaidith

## Forty Hour Famine Awards

Many Columba students took part in the 40 Hour Famine for World Vision this year. Columba College received a Silver Award for its students' fine efforts in raising a total of \$7,783.90. The total raised throughout New Zealand was \$2,320,191.

Awards presented in assembly this week were as follows:

**Most Raised:** Stephanie Lambie, Year 10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Overall:** Claire Anglin, Year 6

**3<sup>rd</sup> Overall:** Rachel Buckingham, Year 10

**Junior School:** Mary-Jane Wennekes

**Years 7 and 8:** Alice Connors

**Years 9 and 10:** Lillian Richards

**Years 11, 12 and 13:** Amy Chu, Year 12

**Most Original Famine Fundraiser:** Hazel Loughrey, Year 12

This year, World Vision awarded T-shirts to students who raised over \$300. These were presented to Stephanie, Claire, Rachel, and to Connie McDonald.

Wrist-bands were awarded to: Samantha Allen, Sophie Bang, Ruby Beck, Danielle Brown, Amy Chu, Jessica Burton, Sandy Chu, Sara Colombo, Alice Connors, Alexandra Coombes, Jessica Coombes, Courtney Cunningham, Hazel Loughrey, Katie McConchie, Laura Napper, Lillian Richards, Sarah Robertson, Lydie Schmidt, Victoria Steiner, Mary-Jane Wennekes, Charlotte Williams. These were for raising between \$80 and \$299.

## Kapa Haka Group

Under the guidance of Ms Kezia Field, the Kapa Haka Group has been practising and learning new skills this year. The girls recently had the opportunity to perform in public at the Poly Festival on the 19th September where they did a support waiata for other performing schools.

The girls who were involved with Kapa Haka at the Festival are:

Samantha Allen  
Holly Bruce  
Emma Bull  
Olivia Burton

Tilley Carroll  
Caitlin Dyas  
Geogia Manera  
Hazel McCulloch

Melanie Noone  
Harriet Reith  
Olivia Rorison  
Caroline Strack

### **The Community Trust of Otago Outward Bound Scholarship (for a Columba College student)**

Sophie Hutchison in Year 12 is the recipient. Sophie will do a "Mind, Body and Soul" course at Anakiwa in January, 2009.

### **Correction**

#### **Otago Under 13B Hockey Team**

**Both Grace Brosnahan, Year 4 and Charlotte Sutherland, Year 8 were selected for the above team.**

## **Stage Challenge 2008 Event Photography by PhotoSales**

Buy a photo, or have an image mounted onto a mug, mousemat or postcard

Check out all the images for Columba College at <http://www.stageshowphotos.co.nz> passcode = dance

A CD ROM containing all the images for Columba College can also be purchased at a cost of \$75.00.

Please contact Mr Peter Holmes on 0210 272 7941 or by email at [peter.n.holmes@gmail.com](mailto:peter.n.holmes@gmail.com)



**Junior School Activities**

# Junior School News

## Year 6

In the Year 6 class, we have been studying "persuasive writing" by making ads for cereal. We created our own brands and even made the boxes. We acted out the commercials for our class. There was lots of creativity! Mrs Ashton has been teaching us about the Olympics, and in art we have been making masks out of papier mâché. In maths, we have been working on number problems, graphing and algebra. We have also been making an electric map box that lights up when you correctly match where the city is with its name. It's cool!

We have really enjoyed having Mrs Lodge and Mrs Ashton for the past three terms. We have learned LOTS and had lots of fun! Thank you, Mrs Lodge and Mrs Ashton!

**Claire Anglin, Year 6**

## Year 5

I asked some Year 5 kids what were their favourite things they had been doing recently. William said, "I like badminton". Ryan said, "I like all the PE" and Margot said, "I like making the puppet plays".

Other things Year 5 have been doing include: fractions in maths, puppet plays and limerick poems in writing. They have finished bridges and started health. In PE they have been doing badminton and gymnastics.

They are now waiting for the school holidays.

**Thomas Sinclair, Year 6**

## Year 4

This term the Year 4 class have been studying bridges as their theme unit. In writing the Year 4 class are learning how to write a recount. The Year fours have been learning about geometry as part of their maths this term. Annabelle Payne says, "I like doing art".

**Rafe Duncan, Year 6**

## Years 2 and 3

On Grandparents' Day Years 2 and 3 had a wonderful time painting and decorating masks. We were all grateful for the help they gave us. It was super discussing with them the differences between when they were at school and what we do today.

This term we had Heather Robertson join us in Year 3. Heather has settled well into her new school and has made lots of new friends.

We all enjoyed our visit from the storyteller, Kaitryn McMullan, who told us stories from four different countries and also the Keep Dunedin Beautiful Theatre group.

A small group of students in our class are participating in Science extension work with Mrs Blair. The Year 2 children have been exploring Pushes, Pulls and Forces. They have made boats and planes and tested these to see if they work. "It's really fun and we do cool worksheets", said Charlotte.

The Year 3 children have been studying Energy and have made thermometers out of bottles, straws and cardboard. "We have learnt a lot about heat energy", said Patrick.

In Visual Arts the children have explored the medium of construction. They have used boxes, straws and toothpicks with marshmallows to make some wonderfully creative structures.

**Judy Park, Year 6**

## Year 2

At the end of this term Ms Pearson's class is going to the Art Gallery for construction. They are going on the last week of term. They have just finished their 5+ a day, they got to have a shared morning-tea and they all brought fruit and vegetables along. YUM! Next week they are starting a science unit about Force and Motion. They have also been writing letters to Margeret Mahy, a New Zealand writer whose books they enjoy. They hope they get a reply. All of the children are enjoying the playground and can't wait until the holidays.

**Poppy Cooper, Year 6**

## Years 0 and 1

Once again the Year 0-1 class is making and creating! This time they made musical instruments from junk. They have their own orchestra including drums, guitars, shakers and xylophones. Miss Marsh (the third year Otago University student) is teaching the class about Sound and how sound travels. The children have been experimenting with low and high sounds. Last week they made telephones with plastic cups and string.

The class is looking forward to their first Spring Service at Maori Hill Church on Friday. They have been rehearsing songs with Mrs Borick and have been known to sing the catchy tunes in class!

The Junior School has had two visiting shows since our last Newsletter: 'Keep Dunedin Beautiful' and Kaitryn McMullan, a storyteller. Both were very entertaining and had good messages for the children.

**Claire Anglin, Year 6**



## SPORTS NEWS



## Netball



**Back row: Mrs J. Southby, Melissa-Jane Austen, Sophie Napper, Emily McKay, Gemma Duckett, Georgia Callander, Emma Elsom, Mrs R. Skerten (Manager)**  
**Front row: Zoe Cadzow, Biddy Skerten, Gemma Cowie, Samantha Edgar**

During the week of the 1st – 4th September, the Columba Senior A Netball team competed in the SISS tournament in Dunedin.

Columba won all of its games over the week, in particular some close games against Bayfield (24-22) and then Dunstan High School (31-21) to progress through to the Top 4 of B grade.

On the final day Columba played Cashmere High School in the semi-final. They came from behind to win 35-34 in a very tense and exciting finish.

Columba played Gore High School in the B grade final and won 30-26. It was an outstanding effort from a young team and while all players contributed, several players really stood up over the week, including Emma Elsom who played

mainly at C and lead from the front as Captain. In the shooting circle Biddy Skerten and Samantha Edgar shot consistently well and created good space for the feeders. On defence Gemma Cowie and Sophie Napper created a lot of turnover ball through intercepts and a lot of pressure on the opposition. Georgia Callander, Emily McKay, Christine Kirkland, Gemma Duckett, Ellen Kirkwood and Melissa-Jane Austen also contributed both on and off the court over the week to make this a great team effort. Zoe Cadzow performed well at both the defence and attack ends and earned a place in the Tournament Team.

**Janine Southby**  
**Coach**

# Hockey

The First X1 Hockey team travelled to Timaru to compete at the Mary Clinton Cup with an excellent final placing of 4<sup>th</sup>. The team played outstanding hockey during the week, playing to their potential, and showed its incredibly positive team spirit.

Game 1 produced a 4-0 victory over Kaikorai Valley College, with Erin Wilson scoring a hat trick. At 5.00 p.m. that night Columba defeated Riccarton 3-2 in an exciting and close encounter.

The highlight was the quarter final game against Cashmere where Columba was down 4-1 and came back to level the scores at full time 4-4 forcing a penalty stroke off where 5 players are chosen to have a 1 on 1 stroke off against the goalie. This was very tense and exciting and resulted in a draw 3-3. This meant the game now went into sudden death strokes, the first team to miss, lost. For Columba Samara Dalziel as first stroker stepped up and slotted a beautiful stroke to win the game, after Cashmere had a first-up miss. This result now put Columba into the top four play-off spot.

A semi-final match against Fielding followed on Thursday, which resulted in a well-deserved win to the North Island team. On Friday Columba played Gore High School for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The team was determined, played hard and never gave up despite being narrowly beaten.

The Columba College team was well led by Georgina Hodges and able assisted by year 13 girls' Erin Wilson, Michelle Hayman, Marea Colombo, Bridget Roulston, and Harriet

Leadbetter. Younger members formed a guard of honour for these girls after the final whistle on Friday and they were clapped off the turf. A nice touch for their last game in Columba colours. Thank you, girls, for your commitment, sportsmanship, loyalty, respect and positive attitude that made us the team we were in 2008.

Georgina Hodges was named Columba College player of the tournament and Samara Dalziel was named as one of the tournament players of the day.

A huge "thank you" to Gordon McDonald who was an outstanding manager, always thinking of the team and assisting the coach so ably - giving of his time for a week at tournament was appreciated by all.

To Mrs Hayes and Mrs Hayman, thank you for your support all week, Mrs Dalziel and Mrs Newton, your support for part of the week with the many tasks you all did washing, cooking, supporting, encouraging, being wonderful and caring for the team.

The team was inspired by the motto they set at the beginning of the season: **Commitment, Goals, Communication**. They reached their goal of finishing in the top 4 at tournament. Well done! The girls were a pleasure to coach and take on tournament.

**Shona Harvey**  
**First X1 Hockey Coach**



Back row: Mrs S. Harvey, Mr Gordon McDonald, Michelle Hayman, Georgina Hodges, Abbey Jenkins-McCaw, Hayley Jenkins-McCaw, Pippa Lucas, Erin Wilson, Courtney Morton, Harriet McDonald.

Middle row: Harriet Leadbetter, Samara Dalziel, Lucy Newton, Marea Colombo, Emma Funnell, Claire McCorkindale.

Front: Bridget Roulston

## Soccer

The Columba College First XI Soccer team competed at the South Island Secondary Schools' Satellite Soccer Tournament in Balclutha during tournament week.

The first game played was against Craighead, which the team lost 4-0. We then went on to play Hornby High School and Central Southland (the other two teams in the pool) and won both games 1-0. Unfortunately, due to points differential we were placed into the "bottom eight". The girls were determined to be the "winning team" in the bottom 8.

Our next game was against Kaikorai Valley College, which we won 1-0. Villa Maria was the next opponent and the girls were determined to win the game and win with a bigger score line. Some fine "shooting" by Sophie Hutchison saw the Columba team win 2-0.

This meant that we had qualified for the "final" of the bottom eight. After a hard fought game, Queens High School ended up beating us 1-0, to leave us with a final placing of 10<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks must go to the coach, Corydon Wheeler, for all of his preparation, coaching and motivation, and also to Libby Morgan for her on-

field and off-field captaining. Special mention must also go to Stephanie Lee who was voted as the Most Valuable Player for the Columba team (voted on by opposing teams).

Mrs Michelle Taylor and Mrs Julie Whitefield were the "camp mothers" for the week and they did a fantastic job! A big "thank you" to both parents. Mr Steve Taylor was "camp Dad" for one night also – thank you for your support. Also, sincere thanks to all of the parents who made the trip down to Balclutha to support the girls.

Finally, I would like to say what a pleasure it was to go away with such a fantastic team. The girls were a credit to all of their families and to the school. It is great to see that the sport has such wonderful family support and things are looking promising for future years.

Girls in the team were: Libby Morgan (captain), Alexandra Jenkins, Alice McKay, Rebecca Taylor, Sophie Hutchison, Kate Edgar, Naomi Ireland, Stephanie Lee, Alice Waterman, Alice Marsh, Harriet Richardson, Katie Whitefield, Laura Nailard, Helen Kent and Vienna Sutherland.

**Christie Sinclair**  
**HOD PE and Sport**



**Back row: Libby Morgan, Alice Waterman, Rebecca Taylor, Naomi Ireland, Alice McKay, Harriet Richardson, Katie Whitefield, Vienna Sutherland and Alexandra Jenkins.**  
**Front row: Kate Edgar, Stephanie Lee, Laura Nailard, Sophie Hutchison and Helen Kent.**

## Basketball

The Columba Year 9 team completed an excellent season to win Section 1 of the Year 9 grade. Team members are:

Holly Cadzow (Captain), Jessie Chapman, Hannah Cowie, Samara Dalziel, Jessica Elsom, Kimberley Martyn and Bridget Thayer.

## Swimming

Emily Poon recently attended the South Island Swimming Championships in Christchurch and gained outstanding results. At the competition, she won eight medals and set three new Otago records. Emily is currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Zealand for the 13 and Under Girls division.



**Emily Poon**

Emily's results were as follows:

200m Freestyle	Gold Medal and Otago Record
50m Butterfly	Silver Medal and Otago Record
50m Backstroke	Silver Medal and Otago Record
100m Freestyle	Silver Medal
200m Individual Medley	Silver Medal
100m Individual Medley	Silver Medal
50m Freestyle	Silver Medal
100m Breaststroke	Bronze Medal

Emily as well as Megan Summers and Nicole Martyn have qualified for New Zealand Spring Swimming Nationals in Mt. Maunganui. The qualifying criteria for this meet are very high, so it is a real accomplishment to have earned entry. They will be competing at this event during the school holidays and we wish them the best of luck.

## South Island Secondary Schools' Downhill Skiing Championships

The following results were achieved at the South Island Secondary Schools' Downhill Skiing Championships held at Mt. Dobson:

Albonie Skerrett	6th
Laura Nailard	11th
Alexandra Jenkins	18th

The team was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (girls' event) at South Island level, as well as coming 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Otago/Southland event.

## Columba College Cross Country

Championship Race – Boys' Cup

- 1st Ryan Whelan, Year 5
- 2nd Ryan Neill, Year 5
- 3rd Alexander Anstey, Year 6

Championship Race – Girls' Cup

- 1st Nicole Ker, Year 6
- 2nd Imara Jones, Year 6
- 3rd Kaitlynn Wheeler, Year 6

Year 5 Girls

- 1st Madison Hughes
- 2nd Margot Brown
- 3rd Camelia Harrison

Year 4 Boys

- 1st Michael Jones
- 2nd Quinn Campbell
- 3rd Zachary Beck

Year 4 Girls

- 1st Shanti Girande
- 2nd Isabella Lau
- 3rd Stephanie Jasperse

### Hills Cluster Cross Country Results

Year 4 Girls

- 3rd Isabella Lau

Year 5 Girls

- 1st Madison Hughes

## Ice Skating

Sarah MacGibbon passed her inter-silver freeski and her silver stoking medal on 2nd August. Sarah will now skate two grades up for New Zealand Nationals in Novice grade.

At the South Island Championships Sarah was 1st in the Technical programme and 4th in the Free programme, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Pre-Primary Ladies.



**Alexandra Jenkins, Laura Nailard and Albonie Skerrett**

Columba College rowing requires rowing coaches for the 2008/2009 rowing season.

The persons we are seeking will ideally:

- Have rowing coaching experience
- Have a sound understanding of rowing technique and knowledge

For further information, or expressions of interest, contact Christie Sinclair (teacher-in-charge of Rowing) on 467 5188 or [csinclair@columbacollege.school.nz](mailto:csinclair@columbacollege.school.nz)

Year 9 Ski Camp and International Ski Weekend



A very busy term will end tomorrow with a special outing for Years 8, 9 and 10 to the film, "Earth". With examinations for Years 11 to 13 students starting on Wednesday, 15th October, Term Four will also be off to a full-on start.

To all students, good wishes for a refreshing break and sincere thanks for all you have contributed to the successes and enjoyable activities of the past term.

Kind regards from

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Wilson'.

Elizabeth Wilson  
Principal  
25th September, 2008



"Oliver" poster and tickets designed by Alice Marsh, Year 12

## TERM FOUR DATES FOR NOTING

### **TERM FOUR**

**13th October to 17th December**

#### **WEEK 1**

Monday, 13th October  
Tuesday, 14th October

8.30 a.m. School resumes for all Year levels.  
Uniform Exchange re-opens 3.40 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday, 16th December inclusive.  
Years 11 to 13 examinations start.

Wednesday, 15th October

#### **WEEK 2**

Tuesday, 21st October

- Last day of Years 11 to 13 examinations.
- Level 1 Visual Art folios due in.

Thursday, 23rd October

7.30 p.m. Sports Awards and Blues Evening at school.

#### **WEEK 3**

**Monday, 27th October**

**Labour Day. School closed.**

Tuesday, 28th October

Level 2 Visual Art folios due in.

Wednesday, 29th October

Junior School Athletics Sports at the Caledonian. (Postponement date: Friday, 31st October).

Thursday, 30th October

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Year 9 Social at school.

Sunday, 2nd November

7.00 p.m. College Sunday at Knox Church.

#### **WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 4th November

Years 3 to 8 North Zone Athletics.

Wednesday, 5th November

Logan Park Road Race.

Thursday, 6th November

- Years 7 and 8 Social at Columba.
- Postponement date for the Years 3 to 8 North Zone Athletics.

Friday, 7th November

Level 3 and Scholarship Visual Art folios due in.

#### **WEEK 5**

Monday, 10th November

2.45 p.m. Leavers' Service. Year 13 released after the Leavers' Service.

Tuesday, 11th November

3.35 p.m. Year 12 released on study leave.

Wednesday, 12th November

3.35 p.m. Year 11 released on study leave.

Friday, 14th November

12 noon to 3.30 p.m. 2009 Year 9 luncheon and orientation afternoon.

Saturday, 15th November

NCEA Examinations begin with Scholarship.

#### **WEEK 6**

Monday, 17th November

- NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 Examinations begin.
- Year 8 Overnight stay at Otago Museum.

Tuesday, 18th November

Years 3 – 8 Otago Primary Athletics Championships.

Thursday, 20th November

- Bayfield Road Race.
- Postponement date Years 3 – 8 Otago Primary Athletics Championships.

Friday, 21st November

1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. 2009 Year 7 Orientation afternoon.

#### **WEEK 7**

Friday – Sunday,

28th – 30th November

Years 9 and 10 South Island Junior Waterpolo Championships – Invercargill.

#### **WEEK 8**

Tuesday, 2nd December

Years 8, 9 and 10 examinations start.

Wednesday, 3rd December

NCEA Examinations finish.

#### **WEEK 9**

Monday, 8th December

Years 8, 9 and 10 examinations finish.

#### **WEEK 10**

Sunday, 14th December

6.00 p.m. Carol Service at First Church.

Monday, 15th December

- Years 7 to 10 day outings.
- 5.00 p.m. Junior School Concert and Prize-Giving.

Wednesday, 17th December

- 4.00 p.m. Years 7 to 13 Prize-Giving in the Dunedin Town Hall, followed by the Leavers' Dinner.
- Full day for Years 1 to 6 classes.
- Years 7 to 10 classes released at 12.50 p.m.