



COLUMBA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Students,

The success of three Year 13 girls in winning major Scholarships has been wonderful news this term. We congratulate Natasha Keillor, Laura Manson and Erin Wilson most warmly on their significant achievements.

Natasha Keillor is the recipient of one of the 21 Russell McVeagh School Leavers Law Scholarships worth \$7,000 and a University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship worth \$2,000. Natasha who received the only Russell McVeagh Scholarship to be awarded south of Christchurch plans to study Law at Otago and also complete a Science degree. Five of the Russell McVeagh Scholarships were awarded to South Island students.

Laura Manson won the Otago PricewaterhouseCoopers Aspire Scholarship worth \$7,000 – one of 16 awarded nationally. Laura is studying Law and Commerce at Otago University next year.

Erin Wilson won one of the five Kelliher Economics Foundation Awards (the sole recipient south of Christchurch) given nationally worth \$12,000 and a Victoria School Leavers Scholarship worth \$4,000 for academic excellence. Erin plans to study Economics at Victoria University next year.



Laura Manson, Natasha Keillor and Erin Wilson
Photograph courtesy of the ODT

Columba College Business Hall of Fame



Julia Aspinall and Barbara Anderson
Photograph courtesy of the ODT



Amanda Ellis
Photograph courtesy of the ODT

Julia Aspinall of Genetic Gains Ltd. and Barbara Anderson of BKA Interactive Ltd. were inducted into the Columba College Business Hall of Fame at a special function in Constance Hall on the 10th November, joining last year's inaugural recipients, Amanda Ellis, Miranda Caird and Sue Stevely-Cole.

Amanda Ellis had been unable to attend the function last year, and so it was a special highlight to have her in New Zealand and able to attend the function on the 10th November. Amanda also spoke at assembly in the morning about her career and work with the World Bank – an inspirational talk for the girls.

Amanda who now lives in Washington, D.C., has been with the World Bank for five years. She heads up the World Bank group gender action plan, a four-year \$US25 million programme promoting gender equality within economics, which involves spending much of her time in African countries.

Amanda has worked for Westpac in Australia as Head of Women's Markets and national manager for Women in Business, the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs, OECD in Paris and has managed NZ aid programmes in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Citation for Barbara Anderson **Attended Columba College 1972 – 1976, Forms 3-7** **Founder and Director of BKA Interactive Limited**

In this competitive modern era, online marketing has become a necessary tool for many businesses. Barbara anticipated this market and through her vision, passion and determination her company, BKA Interactive Limited, has assisted over 1000 clients to grow their own businesses by providing top-end strategies, design and development of online solutions.

After completing a teaching degree at the University of Otago, moving to Auckland with her husband and raising three young children, Barbara decided to start all over again and studied at the Auckland University of Technology's Art School where she graduated with a Visual Arts degree, specialising in conceptual and digital art.

In 1998 she was employed by Saatchi & Saatchi in its interactive division as a production assistant for the Telecom website development and "caught the bug". This position was followed by a role in the online division of CMP Medica, a medical publishing business.

After only four years in the industry Barbara set up BKA Interactive Limited, a website and software

development company. The business started with just Barbara in a back-room of her family home and has now grown to become a leading online service business that uses a combination of design, strategy and communication tools to custombuild web-based solutions for a very diverse range of clients. The BKA interactive culture is a blend of entrepreneurial know-how, imagination, technical excellence and rigorous project management methodology.

BKA Interactive Limited's catch phrase is Better, Better, Better. Barbara wants a better place to work, better people, better ideas and better results for her clients.

Always thinking and planning ahead, Barbara is not content to sit back and enjoy her current success, she is continually strategising to ensure the development of her own business. In the fast-paced Internet industry, BKA Interactive is a proven stayer.

The selection committee was impressed with Barbara's attitude, ambition and ability to develop her business to its current level of success and is proud to present Barbara Anderson with this well-deserved award.

Citation for Julia Aspinall
Attended Columba College 1971 – 1975, Forms 3-7
Animal Breeding Consultant – Founder and Director of Genetic Gains Limited

Julia has specialised in animal breeding since 1985 and has been involved in some of New Zealand's most intensive genetic reproduction operations.

Growing up on a farm in Wanaka, Julia attended Columba College as a boarder throughout her high school years. During the holidays she would return home to Wanaka where she worked on her parents' Station.

In 1979 Julia graduated from the University of Otago with a BHSc and worked as a breeding technician at MAF, based in Mosgiel. With this practical experience and an obvious passion for the work she was undertaking, she decided to move to Canada in 1982 and studied and worked at the University of Guelph, completing a Masters Degree in Science.

On returning home to New Zealand Julia applied and developed her knowledge and skill as a breeding technician working with many businesses – including Aspiring Animal Services, Agrienix, MAF and Ag Research. In this role Julia was actively involved in implementing embryo transfer programmes for sheep. While working at MAF and Ag Research she developed commercial sheep artificial insemination and embryo transfer services, and became a breeding consultant. Over the years her proven talent and ability enabled her to climb to management positions within these organisations.

In 1995 Julia established Genetic Gains and began independently contracting her services and expertise to

organisations and clients in both New Zealand and overseas, while also managing the Woodlands Artificial Breeding Centre for Ag Research. She built the business up over the initial years and in 1999 Genetic Gains acquired the Woodlands Animal Breeding Centre, and incorporated as Genetic Gains Limited. In 2001 the business also became responsible for the Invercargill Sheep Improvement Limited Bureau, one of eight Bureaus in New Zealand.

The company provides Artificial Insemination and MOET (embryo transfer) services for sheep and an animal recording service which is interfaced on a national database for breeders.

Julia's goal is to promote animal breeding services which meet the needs of New Zealand breeders and which will inherently improve the genetic pool of the New Zealand sheep industry.

Julia has been contracted by businesses all over the world that demand her specialist services and she is clearly a leader in her field. Julia has been able to grow her lifelong connection with the farming industry into a successful business which endeavours to improve the standards of one of New Zealand's most essential sectors.

It is for this reason that the selection committee considers that Julia is a truly entrepreneurial person and is proud to induct her into the Columba College Business Hall of Fame.

Staff News

Ms A. Chen Ms Chen has been appointed to the Chinese position for 2009 and will teach the Chinese classes from Year 6 to NCEA Level 1 inclusive. Ms Chen who is from Taiwan has a BSc (National Cheng-chi University, Taiwan), a Graduate Diploma in Theology (Bible College of New Zealand) and will graduate from the University of Auckland at the end of this year with a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary). During this year she has enjoyed her postings at Lynfield College and Epsom Girls' Grammar School in Auckland.

Mrs J. Southby Mrs Southby has been appointed to the Year 8 position. Next year she will be a Year 8 Form teacher and teach all the Years 7 and 8 Physical Education, both Year 8

Social Studies classes, as well as Health to the two Year 8 classes. She will also be involved with Years 7 and 8 swimming. Mrs Southby has a BEd, DipTchg.

Mrs P. Hooper It was with regret that we received notification from Mrs Hooper last week that she has now decided not to return to her position as HOD Music next year. Mrs Hooper has decided to remain in Christchurch where she has been teaching for most of this year and has accepted a position at Cashmere High School. We wish Mrs Hooper well for the future.

The position of HOD Music has been advertised and we hope to make an appointment before the school year closes.



Mrs Cecylia Klobukowska
Recipient of Poland's Golden Cross of Merit
Photograph courtesy of the ODT

At a ceremony at the Otago Settlers Museum on Friday, 7th November to launch the Joseph Conrad Exhibition, the Polish Ambassador to New Zealand conferred Poland's Golden Cross of Merit on Mrs C. Klobukowska and four other founding members of the Polish Heritage of Otago and Southland Charitable Trust.

Mrs C. Klobukowska is currently Chair of the Trust.

The Golden Cross of Merit is one of Poland's highest civil distinctions and is awarded to individuals who have performed services of particular value to Poland.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Year 13

Distinction:

Nanae Sato and Crystal Zong.

Credit:

Amy Anderson, Anna Fields, Deborah Lambie, Laura Manson, Asayo Takada, Grace Tsai, Erin Wilson and Misuzu Yagi.

Year 12

Distinction:

Amy Chu, Nicola Crawford and Jessica Todd.

Credit:

Hae-In Choi, Penpitcha Chongklonvanont, Samantha Edgar, Elizabeth Fraser, Lucy Kent, Rattanatorn Kerdduayboon, Jirachaya Kerpanya, Alice Marsh, Harriet McDonald, Jessica Napper, GuanYun Qi and Maddie Reith.

Year 11

High Distinction:

Sophie Bang.

Distinction:

Sandy Chu, Chanikarn Samutpanich and Katie Whitefield.

Credit:

Samantha Allen, Anne Dillon, Dalice Keogh, Yin Lin, Amanda Navaratne, Salila Pitakannop, Harriet Richardson, Sarah Robertson, Bidy Skerten, Chanika Thammarucha and Ariel Tsai.

Year 10

High Distinction:

Ji Won Park.

Distinction:

Sophie Borland, Chiao Lin, Elizabeth Park, Laura Schep, Ruth Sun and Flavia Wilson.

Credit:

Jessica Barton, Anna Blair, Danielle Browne, Emma Bull, Shannon Edgar, Sophie Ehlers, Dannielle Hall, Ellen Kirkwood, Katarina Konings, Stephanie Lambie, Fiona Nicoll, Melanie Redding, Harriet Reith, Sasha Roulston, Yun-Chia Song, Victoria Steiner and Kate Waterman.

Year 9

Prize:

Grace Oh.

Distinction:

Holly Cadzow, Samara Dalziel and Annabel Drummond.

Credit:

Jessica Alsop, Laura Barton, Alannah Corson-Keogh, Elvina Khoo, Janine Konings, Hoyoun Lee, Heeyoung Lim, Cherie Liu, Kimberley Martyn, Shannon Morton, Emily Poon and Jane Yang.



Grace Oh

Year 8

High Distinction:

Shirley Kim and Youri Lee.

Distinction:

Nikita Brazil, Olivia Dodds, Nicola Firth, Angela Jenks, Ellinor Lee and Erica Lovelock.

Credit:

Rebecca Brensell, Courtney Cunningham, Olive Dippie, Kelly Herbison, Farah Kadada, Hannah Ker, Alexandra Krause, Lily Le Brun, Taylar McNeilly, Ellie Nesbit, Maddison Skeggs, Megan Summers, Hazel Tansley-Broad, Kate Tilson, Abigail Timms and Charlotte Williams.

Year 7

Distinction:

Ella Barclay, Ryely Burtenshaw-Day and Julia Isoyama.

Credit:

Holly Barclay, Jo-Ann Chin, Fenella Christensen, Modi Deng, Sohanya Jones, Lily Kelly, Ella MacDiarmid, Gabrielle Magnuson, Se A Mo, Ashleigh Neill, Priyaa Patel, Liana Pollock, Kenzie-May Smith, Aïcha Wijland, Emily Willis and Emma Winders.

Year 6

Credit:

Jimmy Jo, Judy Park, Ronald Poon, Hamish Timms, Mary-Jane Wennekes and Katie Willis.

Year 5

High Distinction:

Chloe Lai.

Distinction:

Reva Grills.

Credit:

Selena Ballantyne, Madison Hughes, Alana Samuel and Olivia Sycamore.

Year 4

Credit:

Maryam Alansari, Silkie Alliot, Grace Brosnahan Quinn Campbell, Shanti Girande, Isabella Lau, Annabelle Payne and Niyati Verma.

ICAS Computer Competition

Year 11

Distinction:

Ava Atkinson-Barclay.

Credit:

Sophie Bang, Sandy Chu, Christina Johnston, Ashleigh Keen and Sarah Robertson.

Year 10

Distinction:

Katarina Konings, Ruth Sun and Annie Welvaert.

Credit:

Sophie Borland, Annika Costello, Imogen Davis, Dannielle Hall, Aimee King, Stephanie Lambie, Zoe Lenagh-Glue, Constance McDonald and Flavia Wilson.

Year 9

At their Ski Camp at the time of the Competition.

Year 8

Distinction:

Alexandra Jones.

Credit:

Sophie Johnston, Maddison Skeggs and Megan Summers.

Year 7

Distinction:

Julia Isoyama.

Credit:

Ella Barclay and Ashleigh Neill.

Year 6

Credit:

Sarah Cooper and Judy Park.

Year 5

Distinction:

Connor Sutherland.

Credit:

Chloe Lai.

Year 4

Distinction:

Isabella Lau and Hannah White.

Credit:

Quinn Campbell.

National Bank Junior Mathematics Competition

This year there were 9,168 entrants from 202 schools. Columba College students performed very strongly – a view supported by the National Bank representative who presented the girls with their certificates in assembly. She commented that Columba College students received the most certificates in Dunedin from this year's Competition which is regarded as a particularly challenging one for Years 9 to 11 students.

Special congratulations to Chiao Lin in Year 10 who was 4th nationally for her Year level and the top placed female student.



Chiao Lin

Year 11

Top 100:

Sophie Bang and Sandy Chu.

Top 200:

Jasmin Alloo, Olivia Rorison and Biddy Skerten.

Year 10

Top 30:

Chiao Lin.

Top 200:

Ruth Sun.

Merit:

Sophie Borland, Danielle Hall, Zoe Lenagh-Glue, Melanie Redding and Laura Schep.

Year 9

Merit:

Jessica Alsop, Claire McCorkindale and Tiffany Robinson.

Years 7 and 8 Problem Challenge

16,819 Year 8 students participated this year, and 13,992 Year 7 students.

Problem Challenge is a New Zealand-wide competition for Intermediate students run (since 1991) by the University of Otago. It consists of five question sheets issued once a month during the two middle terms. Students have up to 30 minutes to answer five questions. These are marked by the teacher and results entered on an online data base. All students are issued with Certificates of Participation, Merit or Excellence and this year those scoring 19 or higher are eligible to sit the final Challenge in November. This final Challenge is very hard but the twelve Year 8 girls who have earned this opportunity are interested to "give it a go."

Mary Hill, Teacher of Years 7 and 8 Mathematics

Recipients of **Excellence** certificates are:

Year 8

Shirley Kim (a Prize-Winner – this places Shirley in the top 1.7% nationally), Nikita Brazil, Laura Bridger, Olive Dippie, Olivia Dodds, Ella Haig, Hannah Ker, Youri Lee, Maddison Skeggs, Katharine Swire, Megan Summers and Charlotte Williams.



Shirley Kim

Year 7

Holly Barclay and Modi Deng.

Recipients of **Merit** Certificates are:

Year 8

Courtney Cunningham, Ban Dohan, Nicola Firth, Farah Kadada, Alexandra Krause, Erica Lovelock, Taylar McNeilly, Abigail Timms, Bridget Tompkins and Sarah Woodfield.

Year 7

Ella Barclay, Ryley Burtenshaw-Day, Rina Goi, Sohanya Jones, Lily Kelly, Kay Martin, Ashleigh Neill, Priyal Patel.

National Young Designer Awards in Christchurch

Congratulations to Paige Parslow-Boyd in Year 13 who was awarded 1st Place nationally in the category Photography at the finals presentation – an outstanding achievement.

Well done also to Hazel Loughrey in Year 12 who gained 2nd Place nationally in the category Communication Design – Book Cover.

Columba College Speech Competition

Year 13

1st Natasha Keillor
2nd Marea Colombo
3rd Harriet Leadbetter

Class Representative
Georgina Hodges

Year 11

1st Aislinn Furlong
2nd Amanda Navaratne
3rd Jasmin Alloo

Class Representatives
Alice Brown
Abbey Jenkins-McCaw
Yin Lin
Lydie Schmidt

2008 Arts Blues

Sophie Bang	Music
Marea Colombo	Dance (<u>Re-awarded</u>)
Sorcha Costello	Speech and Drama
Kelsey Davis	Dance
Cassandra Li	Speech and Drama
Nanae Sato	Music (<u>Re-awarded</u>)
Asayo Takada	Music (<u>Re-awarded</u>)

Concours Oral 2008

Hoyoun Lee in Year 9 also received an Excellence Certificate at this year's Concours Oral. Hoyoun's name was omitted from the list of recipients in the September issue, and this oversight is regretted.

Librarians' Badges

The following girls received **Senior Librarian** badges:

Danielle Browne
Sandy Chu
Imogen Davis
Aislinn Furlong
Danielle Hall

The following girls earned their **Librarian** badges:

Chloe Anson
Abigail Burgess
Jessie Burgess
Penelope Couper
Maple Goh
Christina Johnston
Elvina Khoo
Katarina Konings
Alexandra Shiels

New Zealand Economics Competition

Certificate of Distinction

Philippa Cleave, Alexandra Jenkins, Kari Schmidt and Erin Wilson.

Certificate of Credit

Panchalee Areethamsirikul, Surangna Chansrichavala, Emma Elsom, Megan Kliegl, Brittany Laing, Tunan Pan and Danita Rajah



Philippa Cleave



Alexandra Jenkins



Kari Schmidt



Erin Wilson



Michelle Thayer (in white) in "Oliver"

Congratulations to Michelle Thayer in Year 13 on being one of the 20 students selected out of over 200 applicants to study at NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts) next year for a three-year degree in the Performing Arts.

Music Badges

Madrigal Choir

Gold

Rachel Blair
Abigail Burgess
Tori Hall
Asayo Takada
Ashleigh Willis

Silver

Danielle Browne
Sandy Chu
Imogen Davis
Elizabeth Kim
Laura Schep
Rose Tansley-Broad
Grace Tarbotton

Orchestra

Gold

Nicola Crawford

Silver

Sandy Chu
Christina Johnston

Wind Symphonia

Gold

Rachel Blair
Abigail Burgess
Nicola Crawford
Som Fields

Silver

Renée Hodgkinson



Deborah Lambie

Along with Natasha Keillor, Deborah Lambie is the recipient of a Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship from Otago University and we congratulate Deborah also on this prestigious award.

Junior Choir Badges

Selena Ballantyne
Margot Brown
Raleigh Fields
Reva Grills
Camelia Harrison
Courtney Miller
Sophie O'Driscoll
Alana Samuel
Olivia Sycamore
Lily van Buskirk
Anisha Vohora

Junior Orchestra Badges

Jayden Baker
Chloe Lai
Reva Grills
Benjamin McMahon
Judy Park
Durga Selvarajah
Lily van Buskirk
Ryan Whelan

Gift from the Year 13 Students to the College



**"Matau"
by Rob Baker**

**Contemporary Fishing Hook form
Prosperity and Well-being for the Body, Mind and Spirit.**

"The gift of a Matau provides many meals, the gift of a fish provides one."

The very attractive carving in Oamaru stone was gifted to the College by all the Year 13 Leavers. It was chosen by Harriet Leadbetter and Jessica Waterworth on behalf of the Year 13 girls and presented at assembly by Natasha Keillor on their last school-day. We acknowledge with sincere appreciation this very special gift.

Service Awards 2008

40 Hour Famine

Christina Heye (*see also Junior School*) - Step 1
Gemma Lindsay - Step 1
Alyse McDonald (*see also Junior School*) - Step 1

Badminton

Charlotte O'Leary - Step 1

Equestrian

Laura Carruthers (*see also Junior School*) - Step 3

Enviro Club

Kari Schmidt - Step 1
Lee White - Step 1

Form Duties

Constance McDonald - Step 1
Kate Waterman - Step 2

French Tutoring

Zoe Brook - Step 1
Abigail Burgess - Step 1
Rachael Jones - Step 3
Lucy Kent - Step 1
Sarah Robertson (*see also Road Patrol*) - Step 2

German Tutoring

Sandy Chu - Step 1
Ashleigh Keen - Step 1
Natasha Keillor (*and the College*) - Step 2
Kimberley Ohren - Step 2

Hockey

Georgina Hodges - Step 1

International Department

Suthida Kanokruangrong - Step 1
Jirachaya Kerpanya - Step 1
Wachiraphon Laoroekutai (*see also Road Patrol*) - Step 2

Junior School

Jessica Burton - Step 3
Rebecca Boyce - Step 1
Laura Carruthers (*see also Equestrian*) - Step 3
Philippa Cleave - Step 2
Alisa Hasdarngkul - Step 1
Christina Heye (*see also 40 Hour Famine*) - Step 1
Naomi Ireland - Step 1
Rattanatorn Kerdduayboon - Step 1
Alyse McDonald (*see also 40 Hour Famine*) - Step 1
Georgina Martin - Step 1
Sarah Pearce - Step 1
Madeleine Reith - Step 2
Jessica Waterworth - Step 1
Ashleigh Willis - Step 2

Mathematics Tutoring

Jessica Burton - Step 1
Polly Dawes - Step 1
Dalice Keogh - Step 1
Alice Williams - Step 1

Music

Sophie Bang (*see also Road Patrol*) - Step 2
Christina Johnston - Step 2
Nanae Sato (*see also Road Patrol*) - Step 3 (second re-award)
Asayo Takada - Step 3

Netball

Emma Elsom - Step 1

Road Patrol

Sophie Bang (*see also Music*) - Step 2
Olivia Burton - Step 2
Surangna Chansrichavala - Step 3
Jessie Chapman - Step 1
Sandy Chu - Step 1
Som Fields - Step 1
Wachiraphon Laoroekutai (*see also International Dept*) - Step 2
Anna McFarlane - Step 1
Georgia Manera - Step 1
Amanda Navaratne - Step 2
Chammika Navaratne - Step 3
Hiromi Okayama - Step 1
Harriet Richardson - Step 1
Sarah Robertson (*see also French Tutoring*) - Step 2
Olivia Rorison - Step 1
Nanae Sato (*see also Music*) - Step 3 (second re-award)
Yu Shibata - Step 1
Lauren Williams - Step 1

Rowing

Bridget Roulston - Step 1

School Canteen

Nicole Bridson - Step 1
Alison Conroy - Step 1

School Council

Anna Fields - Step 1

Tennis

Alice Marsh - Step 1
Paige Whitaker - Step 1

Year 13 House

Rachel Blair - Step 3 (second re-award)
Lena Bryant - Step 1

CPR Certificates

Jasmin Alloo, Lauren Barker, Olivia Burton, Tilley Carroll, Sandy Chu, Farren Dick, Gemma Duckett, Abbey Jenkins-McCaw, Monica Kaldas, Dalice Keogh, Leigh McKenzie, Nicole Maley, Lucy Newton, Hiromi Okayama, Olivia Rorison, Chanikarn Samutpanich, Makoto Teramoto, Ariel Tsai, Jessica Wong and Irene Zeng.

These certificates arrived after the girls went on NCEA study leave, so we will include them in the end-of-year mailing.

German GATE Programme “Die Kartoffel”

The Goethe Institute in Wellington runs a short film competition, with different topics every year, to promote the German language. This year's topic was based on the year of the potato and read quite simply “Die Kartoffel” (the potato). A group of four Year 11 students (Sophie Bang, Sandy Chu, Amanda Navaratne and Katie Whitefield), as part of their GATE programme produced a short film which starred the potato itself. Out of 63 entries the girls won a special prize in the category Years 11-13 (only three prizes were given out), which is a great achievement.

Their short film entry was based on the ten most likely ways the world could come to an end, which included more realistic topics like global warming and a re-occurrence of the ice age right through to black holes (starring a vacuum cleaner), volcanoes (starring the Chemistry Department) and more light-hearted ones like an Alien attack. The production of the movie involved a planning stage, sketching of ideas, script-writing in German, colouring of numerous potatoes and the final demanding task of the actual filming and editing of the piece.

The girls have done a brilliant job, have shown great enthusiasm for the task and deserve to go up to Wellington in December to collect their prize.

A big “thank you” to Mr Evan Baddock, who helped with the filming, Dr M. Vickers for the Chemistry and Ms P. Sharma as GATE Co-ordinator for her ongoing support.



Mrs Noble, Sophie Bang, Katie Whitefield, Amanda Navaratne and Sandy Chu

Gift from the Otago Settlers Museum

Following an enjoyable visit to the Otago Settlers Museum the Years 1 and 2 children were excited to learn that the School had won a lucky draw for \$400 worth of goods from the Museum shop. Miss Eason, Ms Pearson and Mrs Thew selected some music CDs and New Zealand picture books to be used in the Junior School - *Wacko Kakapo*, *Pandora's Potato Romp*, *Taniwharau* and others. We were also able to choose some senior books for the local history section of our library. *Hold very tight, please* is an illustrated history of Dunedin's cable cars and *Ladies, a plate* is a recipe book with a difference.

All of these books are currently on display in the library.

Each pupil in Years 1 and 2 has written a beautiful letter of thanks to the Museum and we as a School also record our appreciation of this gift.

Year 8, 9 and 10 School Examinations

They begin on Tuesday, 2nd December and will continue until Wednesday morning, 10th December for the girls in Years 9 and 10.

There is no study leave during these examinations.

Request to share transport in 2009 from the Victoria Road area.

Parents of a new pupil in Year 5 next year have enquired if there may be parents who would be interested in sharing transport to and from school next year from the above area.

Please contact Mrs S. Hanna in the School Office for more details if you may be able to assist.

Junior School News

'Iron Brion' Man

In late October we had a fantastic morning being entertained and informed of the benefits of eating a healthy and balanced diet and in particular the importance of iron in our daily lives led the by the team of Mark, Claire and Sean from the Beef and Lamb Marketing Bureau.



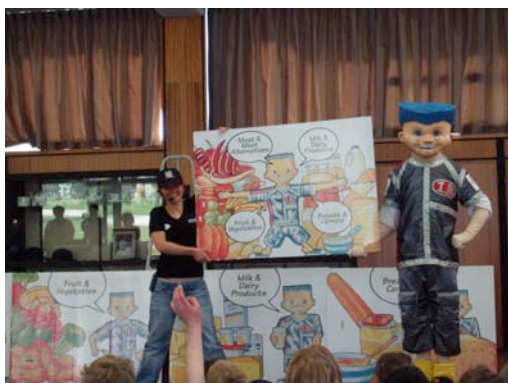
The message to us was via a magnificent singing, dancing character called 'Iron Brion' who told us about healthy eating in a fun and exciting way. Superb props, singing and dancing and fantastic activities and prizes for competitions held throughout the presentation all added to our enjoyment.

Of course the best part was the 'yummy' healthy hamburgers filled with lettuce, tomato and a scrumptious beef pattie, which we all got to eat at the end of the show.

Mrs Timms, Mrs Anglin, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Wennekes, Mrs Barson-McLean and Mrs Robertson did a wonderful job of preparing 150 hamburgers which were quickly devoured by us. It was really nice that they were presented with beautiful Beef and Lamb recipe books as thanks for their assistance by the presenters.

Now we know how to be fit and healthy kids like 'Iron Brion' man.

We do hope that 'Iron Brion' will be able to come back and visit in the future as it was a top performance from the team.



Athletic Sports

With the weather often being unsettled at this time of year it was not surprising that we had to postpone our sports on the scheduled day. However, all turned out for the best on Friday, 31st October when we all clambered onto buses and headed down to the Caledonian. Although a little chilly to begin with, the clouds cleared and it turned into a great day.

The Year 6 children began their preparation for the sports before school. We got into the House spirit by wearing tops in our House colours, spraying our hair and painting our faces. This was lots of fun and a special treat.

On arrival we got our seating for the day and then quickly got into the action beginning with the age races followed by the relays. These events certainly built up an appetite, so next it was morning-tea.

We all participated in the tabloid events which included hurdles, high jump, sack races, throwing activities and egg and spoon races (actually golf balls and spoons).

Lots of parents came to watch and help with these events which was really neat.

After lunch Years 1, 2 and 3 children returned to school. The Years 4, 5 and 6 children then participated in the House relays followed by the 400 metres and 800 metres long distance races around the Caledonian. At the end of the day House points were tallied up with first place going to Braemar with 228 points, second Girton on 218 points, third Solway with 198 points and fourth Iona with 139 points.

We had a fabulous day and we are all looking forward to next year's Athletic Sports.

Judy Park, Claire Anglin (Year 6) and Mrs M. Hogg





SPORTS NEWS



North Zone Athletics

Under 12

Nicole Ker 2nd 800m
 Laura Napper, Kenzie-May Smith, Phoebe Pegg, Nicole Ker
 2nd Under 12 relay

Under 13

Jo-Ann Chin 2nd Long Jump
 Hannah Ker 2nd 800m
 Penny Wennekes, Nikita Brazil, Hannah Ker, Jessica Elsom
 1st Under 13 relay

13+

Ban Dohan, Olivia Dodds, Megan Summers, Alice Connors
 2nd 13 and over relay



**Penny Wennekes, Nikita Brazil, Jessica Elsom and Hannah Ker
1st Place**



Laura Napper, Phoebe Pegg, Nicole Ker and Kenzie-May Smith



Megan Summers, Ban Dohan, Alice Connors and Olivia Dodds

Equestrian

Isabella Kloogh in Year 7 competed in the Ashburton A&P Show on *Dream* and gained Champion A Ring Pony, Supreme Pony at the Show and also won the NZ Riding Pony Sash and the NZ Pony Breeders' Sash.

Logan Park Individual Road Race

Senior Girls

2nd Charlotte O'Leary

Tennis

Bridget Thayer in Year 9 was selected to represent Southland at the Tennis Southern Region Tournament which was held in Dunedin.

Ryan Whelan in Year 5 has been selected for the Otago Tennis Squad for boys aged 10 and below. He was also placed third in the 2008 Otago Primary/Intermediate Schools' Tennis Championships, Year 6 and below, held at Logan Park on the 29th October.

KiwiSport Leadership Awards

The Year 12 Physical Education class gained these certificates by coaching a group of primary school pupils through a series of lessons.

The girls were assessed on their skill teaching, communication, planning and management.

Rebecca Boyce, Rebecca Duff, Kate Edgar, Samantha Edgar, Annelise Haddon, Naomi Ireland, Stephanie Lee, Charlotte O'Leary, Madeleine Reith, Rebecca Taylor and Rachel Wilson.

Otago Rowing Coaching Scholarships

Two Rowing Coaching Scholars, Tamsyn Hayes and Matthew McGovern, have been allocated to Columba College for the 2008/09 rowing season as a result of their successful nominations for Meridian Otago Rowing Coaching Scholarships.

Phoenix Cup for Otago and Southland Secondary Schoolgirls' Sailing

This cup was last won by Columba students in 2000 (Jane Valentine and Hannah Wright). Samantha Steel in Year 10 is the 2008 recipient (along with fellow team members from city schools). Congratulations to Samantha on this success.

This is a reminder for parents and students that the School owns a Sunburst yacht that is stored at the Vauxhall Yacht Club.

If there are any girls interested in sailing out of the Vauxhall Yacht Club, please let Mrs Sinclair or Mrs Harvey know so that arrangements can be made for you to access the yacht. No cost is involved in using the yacht.

We hope the NCEA examinations have started well for all students and that they are finding their preparations are standing them in good stead.

With good wishes to you all as we approach the end of the school year.



Elizabeth Wilson
Principal
20th November, 2008

Black Watch Dine and Dance

On the 18th of October the second Black Watch Dinner was held in Constance Hall.

The first year we held the dinner we struggled to get 100 people there, but this year we struggled to keep it under control with over 130 people attending.

It was a fabulous event with everyone dressed up beautifully for an evening of dining, wining and dancing. This whole event would not have been possible without the amazing support of our sponsors, Highgate Bridge, Umbrellos, Corstorphine House, Bell Pepper Blues, Plato and of course the wonderful staff in the Boarding House kitchen. Wine was provided by Aorangi Limited, Gardens New World, Akarua Vineyard, Black Quail Estate, Southern Wines and Meenans Wines, with Pak'n'Save supplying the beer. Silver Fern Farms very kindly donated the lamb for the main dish with Edmonds Fish Supply providing the salmon.

The very generous support of the above-mentioned companies along with the many items donated for the Auction enabled us to raise just on \$18,000.00 for the Parents' Association to assist us with fulfilling the ongoing requests from the School for the resources that help make Columba College the special school it is.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Dinner and trust that you all had a most enjoyable evening.

Kind regards

Pam Timms
Parents' Association President

