



Columba College

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you will enjoy this Easter holiday issue of the newsletter. The extent of the activities and achievements is a huge credit to the school community of students, staff and parents.

It is a pleasure to record a very special vote of thanks to Mrs Jennifer Anglin, Fair Convener, who worked so hard to ensure a fantastic result and a really fun day.

As you will read, there is a new President of the Parents' Association following the AGM as the constitution requires a President to retire if her/his child is in the final year of school. We also wish to thank Mrs Kate McMahon for her valued contributions both as President of the Parents' Association and long-serving Committee member.

Visit by the Chinese Ambassador

Columba College has been the fortunate recipient of over 200 donated books and DVDs from Hanban, China. A special corner has been set up in the school library for the Chinese collection and on Tuesday, 7th April an opening ceremony for the collection was held. It was attended by all the girls currently learning Chinese, students who come from Chinese-speaking countries and invited guests.

Ambassador Zhang of the People's Republic of China flew especially to Dunedin for the ceremony and was accompanied by Mr Liu Jiang, First Secretary for Education, and Dr Hannah Han, National Chinese Adviser. We were honoured by their presence and appreciated their encouragement and support of our introduction of Chinese into the curriculum.

Gabrielle Mogil in Year 11 spoke in Chinese on behalf of the students, and we were all impressed by her delivery and intonation.



Ambassador Zhang and Gabrielle Mogil

The 2009 Columba Fair-a "FUN-tab-lous" event!

It was definitely a fun, fantastic and fabulous Fair! We were blessed with another GORGEOUS day, filled with laughter and friends. This year, the "Columba Family" set up and ran fifty-three stalls, games, events, contests, raffles and activities. The tables were laden with donations of clothing, household items, toys, sweets and baking. The upper school girls and their teachers arranged marvellous games that brought beaming smiles to lots of faces. It was great to see so many of the classes really getting into the "Best Decorated Stall" contest and all the fantastic student entries in the cake competition. The judges in both contests truly had a hard time-so many wonderful choices! And WOW! The generosity of the families and businesses donating items and money to the Fair was simply overwhelming and GREATLY appreciated. We had our biggest Dutch Auction ever-three tents were needed to contain it all!

From the Prefects greeting and welcoming our guests to the blast of "Rule Britannia" as the "Queen" graced us with her presence to open our Fair to the eager crowds waiting almost patiently outside for Constance Hall, the Books and Pre-loved Clothing stalls to open and filling the tents on the lawn to the Easter Bunny handing an egg to a delighted child to the satisfied diners at the various yummy food stalls to the eager entrants in the various contests to the fantastic items available at the Dutch Auction to the happy winners at the Tombola to the peals of laughter from the Midway - celebration and fun were in the air. A good time was definitely being had!

Many thanks to all who worked so tirelessly before, during and after the Fair. Weeks of preparation by countless people go into making sure the logistics are ironed out; tables and tents borrowed (and returned!); equipment is ordered; menus are determined and foods are arranged; items found, sorted and priced; volunteers lined up and everything is ready to go on time. The conveners are to be commended for their excellent work (see the list over the page so you can tell them "Great job!").

Every stall was humming with a buzz of excitement. And ALL of you wonderful people who volunteered to put those plans into action before and during the Fair as well those who volunteered to help shut it all down and return everything - you are VERY much appreciated. It takes many hands, heads and hearts to make an event of this scale happen and happen extremely well. It is also so gratifying to see the friends made at previous Fairs reuniting for a good cause. I especially loved seeing our children's names and Year levels on our name-tags and hearing many "Oh! You are so and so's Mum/Dad!" As a school that draws its students from near and far, it is events like this that knit us together as a community.

Many thanks to all the families who donated, made things and baked or cooked- the variety of items we had for sale was astounding. Many thanks to all the businesses who donated prizes for the raffles, Dutch Auction and foods for the Columba Café . It was an impressive (and delicious) array of goods that were enjoyed on the day and the generosity of many will be long remembered.

Through the efforts of the entire Columba community - parents, teachers, students and staff - I am pleased to report that the 2009 Fair raised \$48,000. These proceeds will be used to purchase ICT/computer equipment for Years 1 to 8, a new outdoor fitness structure for the senior campus and resources for our new Visual Arts rooms in Sargood House. We can all give ourselves a much deserved pat on the back for a job VERY well done!

It was a terrific day and plans are already in the works for 2010.
See you at next year's Fair!

Best

Jennifer Anglin
2009 Fair Convener

Mandy Metzger
2009 Fair Logistics





2009 Stall Conveners

Art - *Adrian Cartwright and Visual Arts classes*
Barbecue - *Boards of Trustees and Governors*
Barista - *Mike Darling*
Books - *Gillian McFarlane*
Bouncie Castles - *Louise Bell*
Café - *Lorinda Barson-McLean*
Cakes - *Jackie Reith*
Clothing & Accessories - *Janine Joyce*
Dutch Auction - *Marty and Marian Hughes*
Easter Booth - *Monique McConnon*
Elegant Junk - *Valerie Parkinson and Belinda van der Zande*
Garden and Gifts (Old Girls) - *Jennie Hughes*
Gourmet Foods/Produce - *Martha Bell*
International Foods - *Antoinette Gagarin*

Magician Shows - *Sonja Dillon*
Meat - *Stuart Pegg and Des Neill*
Mistress of Ceremonies - *Kerrie Waterworth*
Pikelets - *Mandy Wennekes*
Pony Rides - *Anthony Connors*
Pre-loved Labelled Clothing (Old Girls) –
Jennie Hughes
Raffles on the Day - *Angela Ireland*
Sweets - *Mari Crampton*
Tombola - *Leanne Kennedy*
Toys - *Murray Ross*
Transportation - *Alistair Noone*
Treasury - *Margaret Caldwell*
Triage - *Dave and Kyla Jasperse*
Weird Science - *Will Anglin*

A big "thank you" also to all the Form teachers, their classes and the teaching staff for the wonderful games, foods and "Staff Stall".

WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL RAFFLE

First Prize \$1,500 travel voucher from Brooker United Travel - *Heather Nicholls*
Second Prize Family Portrait Sitting from Kelk Photography - *Colleen O'Callaghan*
Third Prizes Complete Car Grooming from Cooke Howlison - *Marie Neylon*
\$200 voucher to Fleur's Place in Moeraki - *Russell McNeill*
Other Prizes \$150 Pak 'N Save voucher - *Marilyn Cottle*
10 Movie tickets from Rialto Cinemas - *R. Heyden*
\$100 Delicacy Restaurant Voucher - *Carol Carruthers*
10 "2 for 1" movie tickets from Rialto Cinemas - *Cheryl Kalolo*
\$50 voucher towards a treatment at Erban Spa - *Les Beck*

WINNERS OF THE CAKE CONTEST

We had another terrific response to the 2009 Cake Competition with a total of 32 entries - 15 from the Years 7 and 8 girls and 17 from across the Junior and Senior campuses, as well as from parents and friends. The standard was very high and our judge, Jim Byars from The Highgate Bridge shop, was particularly impressed with the effort and skill that was evident!

Years 7 and 8

Overall Winner Kay Martin, "*Bird's Nest*"
Most Creative Idea Priyal Patel and Aicha Wijland, "*Sleepy Ted*"
Best Piping Sohanya Jones, "*Flower Power Delight*"
Great Creative Idea Olivia Perry, "*Butterfly Surprise*"
Great Creative Idea Eleanor O'Neill, "*Waka Cake*"
The two "People's Choice" winners were Ashleigh Neill with "*Flower Power*" and Holly Hanson's "*Hedgehog*".

Open Category - Any pupil, parent or friend of Columba

Overall Winner Adele Cotton, "*Gingerbread House*"
Most Creative Genevieve Walker, "*Falling for Humpty*"
Best Piping Catherine O'Donnell-Jackways, "*Daisy Cake*"
Great Creative Idea Stephanie Jasperse, "*The Marble Easter*"
Great Creative Idea Kaitlin Chamberlain, "*Sushi for Two*"
The two "People's Choice" winners were Sophie O'Driscoll with "*Swimming Sports Day*" and Caroline Strack with "*Schnitzel House*".

Thank you to all the entrants and to our judge, Jim Byars.

Jackie Reith, Cake Convener

WINNERS OF THE EASTER BASKET RAFFLES

Easter Basket *Bill Landrebe*
Teens Basket *Sue Thompson*
Gourmet Basket *Trixie Scott*





WINNER OF "GUESS THE NUMBER OF CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS" at the Easter Stall
Rachel Mortimer won the container of chocolate Easter eggs with the closest guess. There were a total of 353 little eggs in the jar.

WINNERS OF THE "BEST DECORATED STALL" created by the Form Classes
Seven judges (three PTA, two Junior School and two others) rated the stalls on a 5 point scale for presentation, creativity, class participation and effort.

There were TWO (!) "Best Decorated Winners"
"Win a Goldfish"/ "Ball Toss" - Ms Riethmaier's Year 9 class
"Photography with the Queen" - Mrs van Aart's Year 7 class

And THREE "Runners-Up":
"Ping Pong Straw King" - Miss Tustin's Year 7 class
"Magnetic Fish" - Mrs Walker's Year 8 class
"Body Art" - Mrs Noble's Year 9 class

Congratulations! And thank you to ALL the participants.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support of Columba College and ask you to help support them with your business.

101 St. Clair Beauty	Highgate Bridge	Paasha Turkish Restaurant
Ace Alterations	Highlanders Franchise	PAK 'N SAVE
Akarua Wines	Hunter Lounge Suites	Paperplus
Alert Monitoring	India Garden Restaurant	Paperworx
Alison Shanks	Jacks Point Golf	Park N' Sell
Amalgamated Foods	Je Beauty Salon	Perfect Poultry
Aspen Global Markets	Jitsu Restaurant	Pier 19 Restaurant Queenstown
Best Removals	John Robinson Jeweller	Plato Restaurant
Bivouac Outdoor	Jon's Meat Supplies	Poultry Otago
Black Quail Wines	Kaan's	Rhubarb Restaurant
Bramwell Scaffolding	Kawarau Jets	Rialto Cinemas
Brocklebank Dry Cleaners	Kelk Photography Ltd.	Roslyn Medical Centre
Brooker United Travel	Kitchen Things	Rowing New Zealand
Brumby's	Knox & Anderson	Service Foods
Cadbury's	Lainie Scott Hair and Make-up	Sharpies Golf Barn
Cambrian Station Homestay	Lavender Cottage	Shona McRae Dental Hygienist
Canterbury of New Zealand	Lazer Electrical	Silver Peaks Lodge
Cooke Howlison	Les Mills	South Cool Heat Pumps and Electric
Cool Trans	Life Pharmacy	Stevenson & Williams Ltd.
Coronet Peak	Meenan Wine and Spirits Ltd.	Sub Zero
Corporate Direct	Mercure Hotel Queenstown	Tan Yough
Corstorphine House	Meridian Mall Pharmacy	Temple Art Gallery
Cottonsoft	Mitre 10	The Rain Forest Malaysian Cuisine
Darlings Packhouse	Monarch Cruises	The Todd Group
Delicacy	Monarch Wildlife Cruises	Toyworld
Dernier Cri	Mondillo Wines	Tuapeka Gold
Design and Garden Landscapers	Mrs. Isabel Robertson	Unichem Chemist, Centre City
Domino's Pizza	Mt. Difficulty Wines	University Book Shop
EB Games	Munslow Fine Wines	Wallace and Gibbs
Edinburgh Realty	No 6 The Lane	Warehouse Stationery
Erbas Spa	Nomad Safari Queenstown	Waugh's
Etrusco Restaurant	Olivier Home	Whitcoulls Ltd.
Felicia Fernando	Oritain Holdings Ltd.	Wing-On
Gibbston Valley Wines	Otago Business Equipment	Yaks N Yeti's
Gourmet Ice Cream Company	Otago Golf	
Great Taste Restaurant	Otago Museum	
Hair Care Market	Otago Sports Depot	

If we have missed anyone, please contact the School so we can be sure to thank them in our next newsletter. For more information about many of these businesses, please see their links on the school website (www.columbacollege.school.nz) on the "Columba Fair" page.



Staff News

Three internal staff appointments were finalised at the end of term. We have received three more Management Units from the Ministry of Education for 2009, and following consultation with staff three priority areas were decided upon and staff were invited to apply for them.

Deputy Dean of the Junior School

Miss Vivienne Eason

Development of Thinking Skills Years 1 to 8
(to assist the Specialist Teacher, Ms Julie
Armstrong-Homan, who is working on
Thinking Skills school-wide)

Ms Cheryl Pearson

Management of Student Assessment Data
Years 6 to 10

Mrs Susan Chrisp

Otago Shakespeare Festival

This year Columba College's 15 minute entry in the Otago Shakespeare Festival for secondary schools was directed by a student, Aislinn Furlong of Year 12, who composed music for voice, flute and guitar and choreographed dance and stage movement. All the girls involved showed amazing dedication, rehearsing two or three times a week for over six weeks.

Aislinn chose an extract from "*Love's Labour's Lost*" and demonstrated exceptional skills as a director. Columba's entry was a delight to watch with clever use of the stage, fluid movement and freshness being hallmarks of Aislinn's direction.

The entry received three awards:

"Best Use of Music and Song" (co-recipient with South Otago High School)

"Best 15 Minute Student Comedy"

"Best Staging and Choreography"

Along with Aislinn who acted in the play herself as well as composing the music and song (she is a director to be watched - as the adjudicator, Hilary Norris, commented "very promising"), fourteen girls had rôles and together they delivered a charming and fresh performance:

Samantha Allen, Megan Asher, Ava Atkinson- Barclay, Sophie Bang, Ashleigh Brensell, Abigail Burgess, Rebecca Duff, Elizabeth Fraser, Gemma Laws, Yin Lin, Amanda Navaratne, Alexandra Shiels, Lydie Schmidt and Samantha Steel.





Lee White
Year 13 2008

Recipient of three Scholarship Grades

In addition to English and Technology, Lee has also been awarded a Scholarship Grade in Design.

This means that four girls last year have now gained three Scholarship Grades each, making a total of 21 Scholarship Grades in 2008.

Parents' Association

The following appointments were made at the recent AGM:

President	Kevin Mechen
Vice President	Monique McConnon
Junior VP	Carol Elliott
Treasurer	Cathy Fitzsimons
Secretary	Margaret Caldwell

Mid-Year Examinations for Years 8 to 13

The dates are Wednesday, 24th June to Tuesday, 30th June inclusive. Term Two ends on Friday, 3rd July.

Congratulations to:

Annabel Drummond in Year 10 who has been selected for the New Zealand National Youth Orchestra for the second consecutive year.

Makenna Roxborough in Year 12 who, as in 2008, has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary School Choir.

Nicola Crawford in Year 13 on her 2nd placing in the Senior Girls' Teams section of the Dunedin Schools' Orienteering League.

Cherish-Peace Nielsen in Year 7 on her selection for the U13 Te Waipounamu Maori Netball Team which participated in the Aotearoa Maori Netball Tournament held in Hamilton over Easter Weekend.

Inter-House Singing Competition

Well done to all the House Captains and Deputies and to Nicola Crawford, Music Prefect, and Abigail Burgess, Deputy Music Prefect, for ensuring that this fun event took place in the last week of term. It was great to see all students in Years 7 to 13 involved.

Congratulations to everyone in Solway on a well-deserved win and to all Ionians on an honourable and equally well-deserved place as runner-up.

Performing Arts National Championships

Three weeks ago, 27th to 29th March, I travelled to Auckland to compete in the National Championships of Performing Arts. The competition is part of the World Championships of Performing Arts and is open to any age. There are categories for Dance, Drama, Singing, Modelling and Variety acts. Each of the categories is then divided into more specific performances, e.g., Drama, Classical. I competed in the Drama Category and did four one minute pieces, Classical, Dramatic, Comedy and Open. I had spent the past term preparing and rehearsing under the guidance of my coach, Ruth Wheeler. Together we had a lot of fun and I learnt some invaluable techniques to use in future performances.

At the end of a busy weekend performing and sight-seeing in Auckland I came away with two gold and two silver medals as well as the trophy for the Acting Champion for 2009. This meant that I had the highest individual score in the acting category. The competition was great fun and a good way to meet other people who enjoy performing in a variety of styles!



Imogen Davis
Year 11



ShelterBox



ShelterBox provides, on a world-wide basis, humanitarian aid and relief in the form of materials and equipment that give shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural disasters and epidemics.

Left to right: Alice Waterman (Prefect), Lucy Kent (President, School Council), Elizabeth Fraser and Amy Chu (Prefects).

Columba College students last year donated \$3,000 to fund two ShelterBoxes. They raised this money through their weekly Sponsorship donations.

How it all began

ShelterBox was the idea of Rotarian Tom Henderson of the Rotary Club of Helston Lizard in Cornwall, in the UK. Tom, an ex-naval search and rescue diver, came up with the idea of providing humanitarian aid in an easily transported box. In 2000 the Rotary Club of Helston Lizard adopted ShelterBox as its millennium project with the first 50 boxes being sent to Gujarat in India after a massive earthquake.

Since then Rotary clubs all over the world have responded by supporting the project and as of October 2008 ShelterBox had responded to 76 emergencies in 45 countries, sending out over 40,000 boxes, providing shelter to over 600,000 people.

What is a ShelterBox?

A ShelterBox provides shelter and warmth for up to 10 people for a prolonged period. Each box is uniform in size, and normally contains a 10 person tent, 10 sleeping-bags, a multi-fuel cooker, eating bowls, etc., and ancillary equipment such as water purification tablets, a treated mosquito net, spade, small tool kit and

a children's activity pack – all the essential basics a family would require after losing everything in a disaster.

The contents can be, and are varied when requests are received from aid agencies or when the boxes are being dispatched to tropical areas. The sleeping-bags are then replaced by sleeping covers, or a second tent for an additional 10 people.

The New Zealand authorised affiliate of The ShelterBox Trust is The Rotary Club of Mosgiel Charitable Trust in District 9980.

All organisations and individuals who sponsor a ShelterBox have their name placed on the Roll of Honour on the website www.shelterbox.org

The cost of a complete ShelterBox is \$NZ1,500.00. The boxes and all the contents are brand new and have been selected for their quality to have a long and useful life once distributed. The boxes are delivered by specially trained volunteers to 'those who need them the most' in any given disaster zone.



From the Library

Our 30 student librarians this year are led by Alyse McDonald, supported by four other Year 13 students. Most of these girls have a number of extra-curricular commitments yet manage to fit in their library duties each week. Given the large volume of issues and returns each day, the Seniors' help at the Circulation desk at intervals and lunch-times and the Juniors' assistance with shelving is invaluable. This term the girls have enjoyed two morning-teas where the team members have been able to get to know one another better.



The Library has received a number of significant gifts recently. We acknowledge the donation of over 200 Chinese books and DVDs from Hanban. A dedicated space has been created for this collection and we hope it will be a well-used resource for the teaching of Chinese in our school as well as for visitors.

Special thanks are due to Mrs Jennifer Anglin for her ongoing and enthusiastic support of the Library and her gift of many award-winning books from the US.

Recent acquisitions:

- All the books short-listed for the NZ Post Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards. These are in a special display and students are being encouraged to read and evaluate them.
- *1000 Events that Shaped the World* - published by *National Geographic* - a book donated by last year's Monetary Policy Challenge Team with a voucher they received as one of their prizes.
- *Marley, a Dog Like No Other* - the story of the Labrador retriever who inspired the movie.
- *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* - senior fiction, highly recommended.
- *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* - five fairy tales by J.K. Rowling in which there is more to be learned about life at Hogwarts.
- *The Magician of Hoad* - Margaret Mahy's latest Young Adult novel.
- *Inkdeath* - the long-awaited final part of Cornelia Funke's *Inkheart Trilogy*.
- *Eat, Pray, Love* - Elizabeth Gilbert's part travel, part autobiography, part spiritual quest - for seniors.
- *Herbert the Brave Sea Dog* - written and illustrated by Robyn Belton who is known to many of our students, and already a favourite with our juniors.

Reading is an integral part of learning and our library is well equipped to offer something for everyone. Please encourage your daughter or son to be a regular visitor to the library and to read during the holidays.

Helen Thew
School Librarian



Pathways and Possibilities - a career exploration workshop for teenagers aged 15-18 years and their parents / caregivers ...

This practical workshop will give teenagers the chance to consider their career options and discuss them with a parent or caregiver. Young people and parents will do practical activities and use web based resources to find out more about interests and work and training pathways both at school and in the future.

Please note: due to computer availability numbers are strictly limited to one parent/caregiver and one teenager per family.

When: 7th May 2009 7.00-9.00 p.m.

Contact Career Services to register for the workshop and get venue details

Phone 03 477 5395 or email fcurd@careers.govt.nz



Junior School

Themes for Term 1

This term the Junior School classes have been studying Octopus and Squid, Plants, Under the Sea, Painting, Money, Mini-Beasts and Spiders.

As part of these studies the classes have enjoyed trips to the Portobello Aquarium, the Art Gallery and the Museum. Years 4, 5 and 6 have also had an Art Specialist from the Mona Lisa Art Studio teaching them how to paint wildlife animals.

'Plant Mania'

All the children have designed and decorated pots to raise money for the School Fair. We put parsley in them once we had finished decorating them. Parents were invited in to view and buy the pots.

Activities

The Years 1-6 pupils were amazed by Algregoe's magic tricks. He also taught us about bullying and how to be a good friend and stand up for others.

We had a visit from 'Mica the Clown' as well who also performed wonderful magic tricks.

On a Wednesday we have been doing Buddy Reading. The younger children are 'buddied' with the older children and read books to one another.

This is a good opportunity to interact with other children in the Junior School and to have fun reading with our buddies.

Thinking

Thinking tools have been introduced to the Junior School with the younger classes learning about the 'Six Thinking Hats'. Years Three and Four have learnt about Thinkers' Keys and Years Five and Six Graphic Organisers. Mrs Hutton's class has been using the Red Thinking Hat to express their feelings and moods about the weather.

Edogawa Girls' High School

Twenty-nine students from Edogawa visited the Junior School on Thursday, 19th March. We had lots of fun being taught how to do origami and write our names in Japanese.

On Tuesday, 31st March we participated in our Swimming Carnival at Moana Pool. As well as swimming races there were also fun activities including the Radical Running Race, T-Shirt Relay, Noodalicious Relay, the Pyjama Race and the fantastic Amazing Moana Pool Race. We all had a super time.

By Lily Van Buskirk and Madison Hughes (Year 6)



Red Hat Thinking Weather

On the 24th of February we learnt how to use 'Red Hat Thinking' to talk about and write down our feelings. We each wrote our feelings about the awful wet and foggy weather we had been having for the last five days.

Then we all made cross and fed-up faces for the photo to show how we felt about the miserable weather!



St. John Ambulance CPR Training Certificates

The following girls in Year 11 were awarded certificates on completion of their training course:

Melissa-Jane Austen
Katie Baddock
Holly Bruce
Annika Costello
Jessie de la Roche
Sophie Ehlers

Danielle Hall
Lucy Hunter
Helen Kent
Lin Lin
Gabrielle Mogil
Satoi Onoue

Elizabeth Park
Harriet Reith
Laura Schep
Caroline Strack
Clementine Trengrove



Junior School contributions to the Fair

DUNEDIN EVENING CONCERT **Saturday, 18th April 2009, 7.30 p.m.** **Knox Church, 449 George Street**

The New Zealand Youth Choir will be performing an evening concert of exceptional choral music and singing at Knox Church on Saturday, 18th April.

Tickets are \$25 adult; \$20 seniors; \$10 students; and \$5 school age children.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Beggs Music Works, 326 Moray Place, or there will be door sales (cash or cheque, no eft-pos). As well you may purchase tickets by Internet banking – phone 04 802 4047.

Blood Donation – Advance Notice

Older students (16 years and above) will have the opportunity to donate blood on **Thursday, 30th April** with the NZ Blood Service in Dunedin operating a shuttle from Columba to their Dunedin headquarters between 10.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

More information will be given to the girls on the first day back next term, and the Youth Co-ordinator for the NZ Blood Service will do a presentation in assembly on the 30th April.

Do you want to learn to play the bagpipes or drums?

John McGlashan Pipe Band seeks students interested in learning to play the bagpipes and drums in a fun and friendly environment.

Call Tony Beck (Pipe Band Musical Director) (03) 488 4276 or 027 380 5721.

40 Hour Famine

This year Columba is again supporting the World Vision Forty Hour Famine.

Your daughter may have already brought home a Famine booklet. This year's Famine Leaders are Jasmin Alloo, Dalice Keogh and Bidy Skerten of Year 12.

They are planning some exciting events which will get underway in the new term. These include a Sausage Sizzle at lunch-time on the 1st May and a Quiz Night on the 7th May.

The Quiz Night will have an Open Section for teams which include adults and a Student Section for teams made up solely of students. There will also be a Silent Auction and plenty of raffles at the Quiz Night.



SPORTS NEWS

Taieri District Pony Club Secondary Schools' Equestrian Teams Event

Held at the Taieri Showground on Saturday, 28th March

To win a trophy for five consecutive years is a great achievement, and that is exactly what our 2009 Equestrian Team delivered against teams from Dunedin schools as well as from Otago.

Pippa Lucas, Equestrian Captain, and all the girls in the Columba team are to be commended on a wonderful set of results as well as their overall win. Special thanks to Mr Michael Lucas who took on the role of parent manager of the team from Mrs Pauline Carruthers and to all the parents who supported and encouraged the girls on the day.

Details of the results follow:

Dressage

85cm	1st	Rebecca Duff, <i>Just Paddy</i>
75cm	1st	Hannah Johnston, <i>Ebony Secrets</i>
	4th	Michaela Little, <i>Mr Max</i>
65cm	2nd=	Aline Hemmert, <i>Newsboy</i>

Show Cross

95cm	1st	Pippa Lucas, <i>Hi Ho Said Rolly</i>
	3rd	Anna Pedlow, <i>The Roman Warrior</i>
85cm	4th	Rebecca Duff, <i>Just Paddy</i>
65cm	4th	Gabrielle McFarlane, <i>Treasure</i>

Show Jumping

95cm	1st	Pippa Lucas, <i>Hi Ho Said Rolly</i>
	2nd	Anna Pedlow, <i>The Roman Warrior</i>
85cm	3rd	Stephanie Lambie, <i>Jacketto</i>
	4th	Rebecca Duff, <i>Just Paddy</i>
65cm	1st	Gabrielle McFarlane, <i>Treasure</i>
	3rd	Aline Hemmert, <i>Newsboy</i>

All the girls in the Equestrian Team contributed to the day's success. Warmest congratulations to all members:

95cm	Pippa Lucas, Georgina Martin and Anna Pedlow
85cm	Rebecca Duff, Stephanie Lambie and Tiffany Robinson
75cm	Hannah Johnston, Michaela Little and Ellie Nesbit
65cm	Gabrielle McFarlane, Aline Hemmert and Alannah Corson-Keogh



Secondary Schools' Mid-Week Tennis Competition Term One 2009

Excellent results were obtained by all eleven Columba College teams. Tennis is clearly in very good heart with depth evident at all levels. Well done, girls, on these great results and thank you to Mrs C. Klobukowska as Teacher in charge of Tennis for her co-ordination and management of such a successful season, and to Alice Marsh for her leadership as Tennis Captain.

1st place	Five teams	Columba 2, Columba 4, Columba 7, Columba 8 and Columba 9
2nd place	Three teams	Columba 1, Columba 5 and Columba 11
3rd place	Three teams	Columba 3, Columba 6 and Columba 10

Girls Division A

2nd= Columba 1 Samara Dalziel, Bridget Thayer and Sarah Wood

Girls Division B

1st Columba 2 Alice Hunter, Rose Hyndman, Alice Marsh and Rebecca Taylor

Girls Division C

1st Columba 4 Amy Chu and Elizabeth Fraser
3rd Columba 3 Naomi Ireland and Gemma Lindsay

Girls Division D

2nd Columba 5 Rebecca Duff and Alice Waterman
3rd= Columba 6 Amrita Baweja, Nikki Tuchinda and Samantha Steel

Girls Division E

1st Columba 7 Jessie Chapman and Anna McFarlane

Girls Division F

1st Columba 8 Natasha Kumar and Hoyoun Lee

Girls Division G

1st Columba 9 Cindy van Leeuwen, Sarah Thomas and Siobhan Watson

Girls Division H

3rd Columba 10 Ban Dohan, Shirley Kim and Youri Lee

Girls Division I

2nd Columba 11 Monica Bae, Elysia Shettler and Abigail Tillotson

Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Results

The Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships were held on the 13th and 14th March with the following results being achieved:

Under 14:

Sian English	1st	400m
	1st	800m
Olivia Wilson	2nd	1500m
	2nd	3000m

Alice Connors, Sian English, Hannah Lowe and Siobhan Watson
2nd 4 x 100m Relay

Under 15:

Laura Carruthers	1st	3000m
	2nd	1500m
Samara Dalziel	1st	300m Hurdles
	2nd	100m
	3rd	Long Jump
Emma Lloyd	2nd	High Jump

Monica Bae, Tatiana Biggeman, Libby Cochrane and Alexandra McKenzie
3rd 4 x 100m Relay



Under 16:

Sophie Napper 1st 400m
 Sarah Agyeman, Samantha Carswell, Olivia Kennedy and Kate Waterman
 2nd 4 x 100m Relay

Senior:

Biddy Skerten 1st 300m Hurdles
 1st 400m
 Naomi Ireland 2nd 100m Hurdles
 Pippa Lucas 2nd Long Jump
 Stephanie Lee 3rd 200m
 Samara Dalziel, Stephanie Lee, Sophie Napper and Biddy Skerten
 1st 4 x 100m Relay **Otago Record**



Back row: Tatiana Biggeman, Alexandra McKenzie, Stephanie Lee.
 Front row: Siobhan Watson, Samantha Carswell, Alice Connors.



Left to right: Samantha Edgar (Sports Prefect), Emma Lloyd, Tatiana Biggeman, Alexandra McKenzie.



Hannah Lowe



Olivia Wilson and Laura Carruthers



Left to right: Heather Thompson, Samara Dalziel, Libby Cochrane, Anna McFarlane, Naomi Ireland, Samantha Edgar.



Left to right: Kate Waterman, Samantha Carswell, Sarah Agyeman, Olivia Kennedy.



Left to right: Monica Bae, Tatiana Biggeman, Libby Cochrane, Alexandra McKenzie.





Left to right: Stephanie Lee, Bidy Skerten, Sophie Napper, Samara Dalziel.



Left to right: Sian English, Alice Connors, Siobhan Watson, Hannah Lowe.

Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Athletics Results

At the Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships held in 20th and 21st March the following results were achieved:

Under 14:

Sian English	2nd	400m
	2nd	800m
Hannah Lowe	2nd	100m
Olivia Wilson	2nd	1500m
	2nd	3000m

Under 15:

Laura Carruthers	1st	3000m
	2nd	1500m
Emma Lloyd	3rd	High Jump

Under 16:

Sophie Napper	2nd	400m
Sarah Agyeman, Olivia Kennedy, Kate Waterman and Siobhan Watson	3rd	4 x 100m Relay

Senior:

Bidy Skerten	1st	300m Hurdles
	1st	400m
Naomi Ireland	2nd	100m Hurdles
Stephanie Lee, Pippa Lucas, Sophie Napper and Bidy Skerten	2nd	4 x 100m Relay

Open:

Sian English, Stephanie Lee, Sophie Napper and Bidy Skerten	3rd	4 x 400m Relay
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Left to right: Sophie Napper, Bidy Skerten, Pippa Lucas and Stephanie Lee.



South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Results

Athletes assembled in Invercargill for the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships on the 4th and 5th April. After two previous weeks of qualifications at the Otago and Otago/Southland events, Columba College was represented by Athletics Captains Naomi Ireland and Stephanie Lee, team members Laura Carruthers, Libby Cochrane, Sian English, Emma Lloyd, Hannah Lowe, Sophie Napper, Bidy Skerten and Olivia Wilson.

All girls performed extremely well either equalling or bettering their personal bests in their selected events.

Biddy Skerten gained a South Island title in the 300m hurdles. Laura Carruthers and Olivia Wilson gained two individual placings in the 1500m and 3000m and Sian English gained a third place in the 800m.

The senior relay team was placed second in the 4x 100m, an outstanding effort considering the size of Columba compared to the bigger Canterbury schools. The senior team members were Hannah Lowe, Bidy Skerten, Sophie Napper and Stephanie Lee.

Thank you to Mrs Skerten who helped manage the girls, assisting with the numerous duties. The team had great team spirit, were very motivated and showed great sportsmanship.

Top 6 placings:

Under 14

Sian English	3rd	800m
	5th	400m
Olivia Wilson	2nd	1500m
	3rd	3000m
Hannah Lowe	5th	100m

Under 15

Laura Carruthers	2nd	1500m
	3rd	3000m

Under 16

Sophie Napper	5th	400m
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Senior

Bidy Skerten	1st	300m Hurdles
Naomi Ireland	5th	100m Hurdles
Stephanie Lee	6th	200m
Stephanie Lee, Hannah Lowe, Sophie Napper and Bidy Skerten	2nd	4x 100m relay

Shona Harvey
Sports Co-ordinator



Girls can do anything!



Naomi Ireland



Libby Cochrane and Naomi Ireland



Bidy Skerten



Sian English





Left to right: Biddy Skerten, Sophie Napper, Stephanie Lee and Hannah Lowe
2nd in the South Island Senior 4 x 100 Relay

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships

During "Summer Tournament Week" the Columba College Senior Rowing Squad competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships, which is also known as Maadi Cup, at Lake Karapiro, Hamilton. The squad which consisted of: Hayley Jenkins-McCaw (Captain), Rachel Wilson, Abbey Jenkins-McCaw, Albonie Skerrett, Tilley Carroll, Georgina Caley, Ellen Kirkwood, Sasha Roulston, Charlotte Foster, Elizabeth Wallace-Gibbs, was coached by Mr Matthew McGovern.

Crews competed in the following events: Girls Under 18 8+, Girls Under 18 Double, Girls Under 17 8+ and the Girls Under 16 4+. With a large number of entries in all events at Maadi Cup, the girls knew that the competition would be tough and that making it to a final would be a huge achievement.

The majority of the girls were under the age of 16 and were therefore racing in age-groups above themselves. The crew which raced in the Under 17 8+ raced a strong heat and repechage and despite achieving a personal best time of 7.11mins in the repechage, they did not progress to the final.

The Under 18 8+ raced strongly in their heat and repechage and progressed to the B Final. The crew had a very strong start and led, alongside Westlake Girls from Auckland, the entire race. With around 500m to go Westlake Girls took the lead and won by 0.8 sec over Columba. The girls finished 10th overall in this event and recorded yet another personal best time of 7.05 minutes, to the delight of the Columba parents and other supporters on the sideline.

I was fortunate enough to witness some wonderful racing by the girls and to see some effective coaching by Matt McGovern. The parents who stayed with the team were amazing! A special "thank you" to all of those parents who helped the girls during the week with food, laundry, transport, massage, etc., as without you the week would not have run so smoothly.

Special recognition goes to Hayley Jenkins-McCaw and Rachel Wilson, the two Year 13 students in the group. Hayley, the Rowing Captain this year, led by example on and off the water. She has rowed since Year 9 and has been a valuable member of the team. Rachel has rowed and coxed for Columba College rowing since Year 9. Her experience will be sorely missed.



Finally, everyone knows what a major impact a good coach can have on an athlete/group of athletes and Columba College rowing is fortunate to have just that in Matt McGovern – coach of the girls. Matt’s commitment and dedication to the girls is unmistakable. He was able to inspire the girls to be the best they could be and managed to motivate the girls to train hard on and off the water. Matt is set to continue in his coaching role for the College for at least the next couple of years which is great news for Columba College rowing. A special acknowledgment to the Kirkwood, Caley, Roulston, Jenkins-McCaw, Patterson and Wilson families who were able to attend Maadi Cup and help with the logistics for the week-long tournament.



Under 18 8+

Left to right: Tilley Carroll, Sasha Roulston, Charlotte Foster, Abbey Jenkins-McCaw, Hayley Jenkins-McCaw, Ellen Kirkwood, Georgina Caley, Elizabeth Wallace-Gibbs and Rachel Wilson (coxswain).

We look forward to the next rowing season with anticipation of even better results.

Christie Sinclair
Teacher in charge of Rowing

Otago Secondary Schools’ Swimming Championships

The Otago Secondary Schools’ Swimming Championships were held on 27th and 28th March. Columba was represented by a team of five swimmers – Olivia Dodds, Hannah Ker, Emily Poon, Megan Summers and Heather Thompson.

Top placings were gained by:

Emily Poon

- 1st 14 & under 50m Butterfly
- 2nd 14 & under 50m Freestyle
- 2nd 14 & under 50m Backstroke
- 4th 14 & under 50m Breaststroke

Olivia Dodds

- 2nd 14 & under 50m Backstroke
- 5th 14 & under 50m Butterfly

We were also placed 3rd in both the Girls 200m Medley and 200m Freestyle Relays.

Otago Primary Swimming Championships

The Otago Primary Schools’ Swimming Championships were held on Saturday, 28th March with the following results:

Nicola Pedlow Year 6

- 3rd 50m Freestyle 10 year girls

Benjamin McMahon Year 6

- 3rd 50m Backstroke boys
- 3rd 50m Breaststroke boys

Benjamin McMahon, Camelia Harrison, Ryan Whelan and Nicola Pedlow

- 1st Mixed Relay team 10 years



Waterpolo

Our Senior A Waterpolo team won the Otago Secondary Schools' Competition for Term 1 2009 by beating St. Hilda's 6-1 on Friday evening, 3rd April.

The team was:

Holly Cadzow
Zoe Cadzow
Tori Hall
Renée Hodgkinson

Stephanie Lambie
Kimberley Martyn
Nicole Martyn
Sarah McDonald

Charlotte O'Leary (Captain)
Kirsten Williams

The Senior A team will be competing in the New Zealand National Premier Secondary Schools' Waterpolo Championships during the school holidays – 16th to 19th April at the Huia Pool in Lower Hutt. Good luck, girls!

The team will include all of the above girls plus:

Charlotte Boyce

Jamie Boyce

Vienna Sutherland

Waterpolo has had a wonderful season with the girls bringing home three trophies to Columba: the 2009 South Island trophy, the Term 4 2008 Years 9 and 10 South Island Tournament trophy and most recently the one for the Otago competition. Charlotte O'Leary and the girls are to be congratulated!

Surf Lifesaving

The Otago Championships of Surf Lifesaving took place in Waikouaiti on the 8th March and Kim Schultz of Year 8 came 2nd in the Under 12 board race and 3rd with Hannah English (Sian's younger sister) in the board rescue.

Fiona Schultz in Year 4 came 2nd in Beach Flags and 3rd in Sprints. Fiona was overall 3rd top Under 8 girl in Otago Surf Lifesaving.

Winter Uniform for Years 7 to 13 Students Terms Two and Three

All girls are to wear:

- Winter Kilt (summer skirts not permitted in Terms Two and Three).
- White long-sleeved blouse.
- Regulation navy-blue panty hose Columbine "Ink" (available at the School Office). Cost: \$11.00.
Note: Girls in Years 7 and 8 may wear the above or knee-length dark navy blue woollen socks.
- Regulation black lace-up school shoes (slip-ons or gym-shoes styles are not permitted).

Plain dark blue woollen gloves are recommended for winter warmth (not mittens).

Only regulation Black Watch scarves may be worn with the school uniform. Umbrellas – plain black.

Understanding NCEA DVD

Will be available on the Columba College website from Friday, 24th April on.

www.columbacollege.school.nz

Click on Curriculum in the Navigation bar and then click the NCEA link.

NZQA has produced *Understanding NCEA* to explain New Zealand's senior secondary qualifications through the eyes of parents, teachers and students.

Discussing the structure of NCEA, certificate endorsement and multi-level learning, *Understanding NCEA* explains New Zealand's senior secondary qualifications in an easy to comprehend way.

Running time approximately 24 minutes.

Warm thanks to all members of the school community for a successful and action-packed first term. I hope you are all enjoying the holiday break and that together we will ensure another enjoyable and successful term for our students.

Elizabeth Wilson, Principal

