



Columba College

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Dear Parents and Students,

Term Four is traditionally a term which flies by as it contains so many important dates and deadlines for senior students in particular and staff. Later in this newsletter there is a list of key dates for the balance of the term which we hope will be useful.

An essential part of Term Four is planning for the following school year and appointing new staff. This process is well underway with a number of very good appointments made for next year.

The school roll is going to be full again in 2010 and is currently predicted to reach just over 600 later in the year when all the New Entrants are in (this number includes our full fee-paying students). The boarding roll is also looking healthy with a very pleasing intake of 24 Year 9 local boarders from Otago and Southland for 2010. The total number of boarders for next year is looking to be 120 which is an increase on this year.

Wearable Arts



1st Place Years 7 and 8
"Tree Sprite"

Designer Aïcha Wijland
Model Lily van Buskirk



1st Place Years 11 to 13 and Overall Supreme Award Winner
"Colourful Bomb"

Designer Jessica Doré
Model Rebecca Doré



1st Place Years 9 and 10
"Card Game Queen"

Designer and Model Bella Hurley-Skegg

Staff News

Ms M. Stevely has announced her decision to move to Wellington next year to be nearer her three daughters who live in the North Island. This has been a very big decision for Ms Stevely as she grew up in Dunedin and was educated at Columba College, and has also spent most of her professional life at Columba in various rôles, most recently as Head of Science. She has made an outstanding contribution to the College and will be missed both as a colleague and teacher. We all wish her well for her move north.

We have advertised the HOD Science position (Years 7 to 11) with applications closing on the 26th October.

Mrs M. Hill is also moving north to Christchurch to be nearer her two daughters and their children and will finish at Labour Weekend. Like Ms Stevely, Mrs Hill has had a number of rôles during her time at Columba, and has currently been teaching Years 7 and 8 Mathematics (two classes). She is an excellent teacher of Mathematics and will also be missed by her students and colleagues.

Mrs E. Kelly, French teacher, will be on maternity leave all of next year and **Mrs A. Noble**, German teacher, will be on maternity leave for Terms One and Two of next year.

During Mrs Anstey's leave, Mrs Kelly will be Acting Head of Languages (19th October until the end of January 2010), and Mrs P. Dunbar will be Acting HOD Classics – for the same time-frame.

Warm congratulations to **Mrs J. Southby** who has been announced as the NZ U21 Netball Coach for the next two years. From next year on Mrs Southby will teach full-time at Columba and will continue to coach our Senior A Netball team – fortunate girls! Mrs Southby will be a Year 8 Form teacher and will teach all the Years 7 and 8 Physical Education, some Years 9 and 10 Physical Education, the Year 11 Physical Education Unit, both Year 8 Social Studies classes and three Intermediate Health classes.

Ms I. Ding, Bachelor of Business Studies (Massey), Graduate Diploma in Teaching Secondary (Massey), Diploma in Teaching (Beijing Normal University), has been appointed to a full-time permanent position starting next year. Ms Ding will teach our Chinese classes from Year 6 to Year 12, and also ICT Units in Years 9 and 10.

Ms Ding is currently teaching in Wellington and will move to Dunedin in the New Year, after having attended a special course in Beijing over Christmas for native speakers of Chinese who are teaching Chinese overseas. Ms Ding

comes originally from Beijing but has lived in New Zealand for a number of years.

Mrs S. Harold, BA Hons (University of Wales, Bangor), Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing (Chartered Institute of Marketing), Post Graduate Certificate in Education (University of Wales Institute, Cardiff), will be on our staff full-time next year, relieving for Mrs Kelly. Mrs Harold and her family have recently settled in the city from Wales. We are very fortunate to have been able to appoint a teacher of Mrs Harold's calibre and French teaching experience for 2010. She also played the 'cello in the Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra, and her interests include long distance running.

Mr B. Wolpert, Post Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning (Secondary) from the University of Canterbury College of Education, BSc (University of Hohenheim, Germany) will be relieving full-time for Mrs Noble in Terms One and Two 2010 while she is on maternity leave. Mr Wolpert has relieved at Columba on occasion and is currently teaching at Logan Park High School. He is a native German speaker, largely educated in New Zealand.

Ms C. Walker has been appointed to a short-term relieving position in the Intermediate Department to teach Mrs Hill's two Mathematics classes from Labour Weekend until the end of the year. Ms Walker has been completing a Masters in Health Science at Otago University. Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Education, a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning and a Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Medicine. She has had four years' teaching experience in a variety of rôles, subjects and schools, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Ms Walker was a member of the 2001 NZ U18 Women's Hockey Team, was a recipient in 2001 of the NZ Prime Minister's Scholarship (Hockey) and from 2004-2008 played in the Canterbury Women's Hockey Team.

New Zealand Young Designer Awards

Congratulations to Georgia Callander and Kirsten Williams, Year 12 who were Highly Commended in the Communication Design section of the New Zealand Young Designer Awards.



Georgia Callander and Kirsten Williams



2010 Languages in the Junior School

We have been very pleased with the Years 4 to 6 children's response to learning a language and have decided that from next year the languages will be offered for a whole year.

This means that the children will have language lessons as follows for two half hour lessons a week for a whole year:

Year 4	French
Year 5	German
Year 6	Chinese

Also planned for next year is the introduction of a report for parents (mid-year and end-of-year) for the Junior School languages programme.

KnowledgeNET

The decision has been made to purchase KnowledgeNET as our Learning Management System and to have it up and running for the 2010 school year. We have been advised, however, that it takes about two to three years to maximise all the benefits of KnowledgeNET, so there is a lot of work to be done.

What is KnowledgeNET?

It is an online environment which allows easy communication between students, teachers, and parents. It also allows the easy transfer and access of information such as assessment results, contact details, attendance data, etc., that is drawn from the school's student management databases.

For Students: Individual logins will give access to course information, notes and other learning resources for each of their school subjects, homework and assignments from their teachers, ability to create electronic portfolios of their best work, submit assignments electronically, access calendars and notices, and individualise their own home pages. A managed Research Zone also allows quick access to relevant information sites and other online resources that are targeted specifically for schools.

For Parents: Again, through individual logins, parents will be able to access their children's homepages, view and amend medical and contact details, view their children's assignments and their progress on them, as well as attendance and achievement data that is held by the school. Notices, calendars, newsletters and other key resources will also be easily accessed.

Otago Regional Finals of Young Enterprise

The Otago Regional Finals of Young Enterprise were held at the Otago Museum on the 14th October. We were delighted to hear the announcement that Mrs S. Bishop, HOD Commerce, is to be the 2009 recipient of the Sir James Fletcher Award for Outstanding Contribution to Enterprise. This award is made annually to a teacher in New Zealand who has made a consistent contribution over a number of years to Enterprise, not just within the teacher's own school but to Enterprise in New Zealand.

Our 2009 Young Enterprise Company, "Lucrative", also did very well, gaining 1st Place for Best Financial Performance and 2nd Place for Best Marketing Plan.



Mrs S. Bishop

It was great news to hear that "Lucrative" was one of the two Otago companies to be named to go forward to the National Young Enterprise Finals to be held in Wellington on the 4th November. "Lucrative" has been nominated for an Excellence Award at national level – the category will be announced in Wellington on the night.

Hayley Jenkins-McCaw and Elizabeth Fraser will represent "Lucrative" at the National Awards Function.

A full list of the Year 13 girls who are members of "Lucrative" follows: Hae In Choi, Leah Coghill, Elizabeth Fraser, Alisa Hasdarnkul, Alice Hunter, Sophie Hutchison, Naomi Ireland, Hayley Jenkins-McCaw, Jirachaya Kerdpanya, Alyse McDonald, Kate Manson, Courtney Morton, Libby Richards and Jessica Todd.

Our apologies for an error in Issue 6
ICAS Writing

**Year 7
Credit**

should have read **Emily Williams**.



Passenger Transport School Bus Service from Portobello

Up until very recently Columba College has not been included in this bus run in from Portobello which has made it difficult for a number of families living on the Peninsula to get students to and from school. We are now included in Passenger Transport's route, morning and afternoon, but some fine-tuning is still needed to make the service really work for our students. Our students are currently dropped off last and picked up first and with our 8.30 a.m. start and 3.35 p.m. finish, girls are arriving at school late and having to leave class early to catch the bus.

We appreciate the fact that Passenger Transport is now collecting our students on the Portobello route and hope that together we can further improve the service.

For noting, the bus starts at Harrington Point at 7.15 a.m. and picks up at stops on the Peninsula Road.

Peter Smart Writing Competition

Congratulations to Tiffany Robinson in Year 10 who entered the Peter Smart Writing Competition online and won First place in the Junior Prose section for her short story "*Jump Off*".

The judge, poet and writer James Norcliffe said of Tiffany's entry: "This is a strongly-plotted story with a well-engineered surprise ending which lifts the story beyond the conventional. It develops and sustains tension well. The story scored highly over all areas."

Tiffany will receive \$50 in prize money.



Tiffany Robinson

NZ Chinese Essay Competition

Gabrielle Mogil in Year 11 won a prize for "Best Description" and Yumeki Ando also in Year 11 received an award for "Outstanding Essay" in the NZ Chinese Essay Competition for secondary school students.



Gabrielle Mogil



Yumeki Ando

Kelliher Economics Foundation 2009 Awards

Congratulations to Kate Manson in Year 13 who has been granted a special award, being a one-off ex-gratia payment of \$2,000 toward her tuition costs at University. Kate's application impressed the Trustees as well as her enthusiasm to study Economics in the future.



Kate Manson

Dunedin Students' Mufti Day Fundraiser for the Otago Community Hospice

This was a very commendable initiative by the Dunedin Head Prefects' Committee to support a locally based charitable organisation that does so much good for the community. All our Year levels supported the initiative, not just the secondary school, and thanks to two Mufti Days held at Columba on the 18th September and the 14th October, a total of \$992.30 has been raised by our students and forwarded to the Hospice.



Back row: Luke Johnston (King's High School), Hayden Dalton (Taieri College), Nick Dunbar (Otago Boys' High School), Tyler Smith (Kavanagh College), Jeff Notman (Bayfield High School), Nik Borland (Kaikorai Valley College). **Front row:** Campbell Garry (John McGlashan College), Kirsten Ward-Hartstonge (Taieri College), Sarah Stephen (Kavanagh College), Rosie Paterson (Kaikorai Valley College), Kate Wilson (St. Hilda's Collegiate), Kelsey Brown (Otago Girls' High School), Roxanne White (Bayfield High School) and Alice Marsh (Columba College).



Southland Speech Competitions

Elizabeth Fraser in Year 13 has performed at the Southland Speech Competitions since the age of eight years. For the past three years Elizabeth has been taught by her Speech teacher Patricia Richardson. This year the competitions were held in Invercargill on the 25th - 28th September at Repertory House.

Elizabeth was nominated to represent Southland by the Performing Arts Competitions Association of New Zealand at the nationals held on 16th - 18th October in Invercargill. She was the recipient of a National Young Performer Award. This event was last held in Invercargill 20 years ago. In the photograph she is wearing the sash presented to her at the Southland Speech Competitions by Adjudicator, Sheridan Hickey, from Palmerston North and the Convener, Mrs Cody.

Elizabeth also received the Invercargill Licensing Trust Senior Speech Scholarship and six trophies. It was a great weekend with many age groups performing poems, improvisations and impromptu speeches.



Elizabeth Fraser

Columba College Public Speaking Competition

Year 12

- 1st Place:** Biddy Skerten
- 2nd Place:** Tilley Carroll
- 3rd Place:** Nicole Martyn
- Highly Commended:** Yijing Wei
Katie Whitefield
- Class Representatives:** Gemma Cowie
Abbey Jenkins-McCaw
Cassandra Todd

Year 8

- 1st Priyal Patel
- 2nd Modi Deng
- 3rd Ashleigh Neill

Year 7

- 1st Poppy Finn-House
- 2nd Imara Jones
- 3rd Fa'ao'osala Lale

International Week



Monday and Thursday assemblies and International Mufti morning



Australian Spelling Competition

Year 8

High Distinction

Modi Deng.

Distinction

Ella Barclay, Liana Pollock and Nanako Shitara.

Credit

Holly Barclay, Lily Kelly, Ashleigh Neill, Kim Schultz and Aïcha Wijland.

Year 7

Distinction

Helen Gregory, Fa'ao'osala Lale and Judy Park.

Credit

Kaia Bishop, Poppy Cooper, Momoka Matsubara-Park, Jennifer Patman, Durga Selvarajah and Alice Toomer.

Year 6

Distinction

Chloe Lai.

Credit

Selena Ballantyne, Kate Campbell, Reva Grills, Camelia Harrison, Benjamin McMahon, Alana Samuel, Sonalia Singh and Lily van Buskirk.

Year 5

Distinction

Quinn Campbell and Isabella Lau.

Credit

Silkie Allott, Annabelle Payne, Ella Porter and Hannah White.

Year 4

High Distinction

Patrick Hantler.

Distinction

Alexander Byars, Janice Chu, Claudia Gallagher and Nicole Samuel.

Credit

Andrew Hughes, Nirhjah Selvarajah and Fiona Schultz.

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Year 13

High Distinction

Amy Chu and Nicola Crawford.

Distinction

Samantha Edgar.

Credit

Laura Lee, Georgina Martin, Harriet McDonald, GuanYun Qi, Le Ying Tran and Alice Waterman.

Year 12

High Distinction

Sophie Bang, Sandy Chu and Sze Ooi.

Distinction

Gemma Laws, Chanika Thammarucha and Ariel Tsai.

Credit

Nicole Martyn and Harriet Richardson.

Year 11

Award of Excellence Plaque

Ruth Sun

High Distinction

Danielle Hall, Chiao Lin, Fiona Nicoll and Nichakorn Tuchinda.

Distinction

Amrita Baweja, Shannon Edgar, Sophie Ehlers, Laura Schep and Wilanda Unhalakjit.

Credit

Danielle Browne, Annika Costello, Jasmin Johnston, Stephanie Lambie, Gabrielle Mogil, Sasha Roulston and Rose Tansley-Broad.

Year 10

High Distinction

Grace Oh.

Distinction

Jessica Alsop, Laura Barton and Maple Goh.

Credit

Tiffany Robinson.

Year 9

High Distinction

Laura Bridger, Olivia Dodds and Sarah Woodfield.

Distinction

Olive Dippie, Angela Jenks, Shirley Kim, Youri Lee, Christina Taylor and Charlotte Williams.

Credit

Kita Brazil, Erica Lovelock, Maddison Skeggs and Dayna Tan.



Ruth Sun

Year 11

Award of Excellence Plaque



Librarians' Badges

The following girls have been awarded **Senior Librarian** badges:

Chloe Anson
Abigail Burgess
Jessie Burgess
Penelope Couper
Christina Johnston
Alexandra Shiels

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

Ashleigh Brensell	Grace Oh
Courtney Cunningham	Albertine Ongley
Sarah Graham	Joanne Schep
Natasha Kumar	Taarn Scott
Ishani Navaratna	Lisa Song
Amanda Navaratne	Sarah Woodfield

From the Library:

The huge number of returns in the first couple of days of Term 4 suggests that many of our students stocked up and read lots during the holidays. A good number are avid series readers: *Lady Grace*, *Molly Moon*, *Inkheart*, *Alex Rider*, *Twilight*, *Cherub*, *Charlie Bone* and *Lemony Snicket* are current series favourites.



While our senior students gear up for exams and use the library as a comfortable study space the juniors continue to enjoy their weekly visit to the library. Story time with Miss Eason's, Mrs Hutton's and Ms Pearson's classes is always a highlight. It is good too to see the children gaining in confidence as they make their own reading choices.

New in the library - some recent NZ books:

- Brooker, Susan *Saving Sam* A boy finds comfort and companionship with an unwanted dog (Intermediate/Senior)
- Fearnley, Laurence *Mother's Day* A new novel from a Dunedin author (Senior)
- Hegarty, Elizabeth *Salt River* Based on a true story of the 1920s (Intermediate/Senior)
- Hessel, Jenny *Grandma McGarvey and the Puddle Street Gang* This grandmother is one of our children's best-loved characters (Junior)
- Johnston, Phyllis *Brother sister soldier cousin* A wartime story set in rural New Zealand (Intermediate/Senior)
- Kahukiwa, Robyn *The forgotten taniwha* A picture book from one of New Zealand's best known illustrators (Junior)
- Mahy, Margaret *The dark blue 100-ride bus ticket* More magic from a loved and admired author (Junior)
- Ogonowska-Coates, Halina *Krystyna's story* A fictional account of a Polish refugee immigrant (Senior)
- Meduna, Veronika et al *Atoms, dinosaurs and DNA* Profiles 68 scientists over two centuries of science in New Zealand (Senior)
- Irwin, Brad *Let's get art* Children look at contemporary New Zealand art (Junior)

Thanks to Dr Graham and Mrs Bartha Hill for the donation of their own books:

- Hill, Graham *Surgeon scientist: adventures in surgical research* (Senior)
- Hill, Bartha *Kiwi adventures* exploration in this part of God's world (Junior)

Helen Thew
School Librarian



INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

English

In English in Year 7 lately, we have been learning to write descriptively, focusing on using complex sentences and adding language features, such as alliteration, assonance, similes, metaphors, personification, and adjectives. We have also been reading a novel and we completed activities based around Blooms Taxonomy. 7Va read 'Matilda' and 7Tu read 'Bridge to Terabithia'. Each activity was pretty fun, although at times hard work, demanding and time-consuming - this ensured that we used our brains thoroughly!

Poppy Finn-House

In Year 8 English both classes did a novel study, the books we read were 'Winter of Fire', 'Holes' or 'Rowan of Rin'. In these units we had to produce a 'Missing Person' poster. We have learnt heaps from doing this and the posters are now on the wall in the corridor for everyone to see. Our novel studies were also based on Bloom's Taxonomy and many of the activities that we chose made us think hard.

Science

During Term 3 Year 7 had two main topics. They were 'Forces' and 'Oozes and Slimes'.

During Science we learnt that a force is a 'push' or a 'pull' that makes something move or change. There are many different types of forces, for example, gravity and friction. Gravity is a force that attracts a body to the centre of a planet. Friction is a force that acts against the movement of an object (when two things rub against each other).

During the topic of 'Oozes and Slimes', we learnt about Oobleck. Oobleck is a strange material. It is a goeey kind of substance that is a solid and a liquid at the same time.

Hannah Keane

During Term Three for Year 8 Science we studied magnetism, electricity and erosion. The magnetism unit was fun because we got to experiment with iron filings and then make a board game. In electricity we learnt about the symbols they use and circuits - we even made our own working circuit. During the erosion topic we walked around the school looking for examples of erosion and some of us brought soil from home for us to test it to see what type of soil it was.

By the Year 8 girls

German Play

On the 22nd of September Years 7 and 8 students attended the Mayfair Theatre to watch a German play called 'Peterchens Mondfahrt'. Although they were speaking in German we could understand a little of it. We all enjoyed it and found it a laugh. It shows us how International students may feel coming into New Zealand, how hard it is and how they often can't understand everything we say.

Jessica Coombes

Classics Quiz '09

On Wednesday, 16th September, the 'Classics Quiz' was organised by and held at Otago University. The Intermediate Department entered three teams. Each team consisted of two Greek and two Roman experts. The Greeks met once a week at lunch-times with Mrs Walker and the Romans met once a week at interval with Mrs Chrisp so that we could get new topics to study for the forthcoming week. Our hard work paid off because the Columba 1 team finished 4th.

The questions were tricky at the best of times, here are some examples:

1. Which two people were said to have discovered Rome? (Romulus and Remus)
2. Who brought elephants over the Alps? (Hannibal)
3. Who was the Roman God of Fire? (Vulcan)
4. Who was Alexander the Great talking to? (This was a video to watch)

Some of the questions had really been thought about by the organisers to catch us out. It was a great experience and our teams would be sure to enter again.

Hannah Pearson 8WK

SPORT

Hockey

This year our Hockey team was made up of Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 students. We had many new players to the sport as well as some more experienced players.

With a lot of hard work and practices over the season, we progressed into being a good team. Our games were held every Friday night. In the end we finished well, coming 3rd= in our pool, against Tahuna Normal Intermediate.



I would like to thank Rodney Jones for being our coach, Paula Whelan for being our manager and Harriet McDonald for helping us out throughout the season. Also - the parents who came along and supported us at the games. Thank you!

I would also like to mention that we had five players who were chosen to represent Otago.

- Caitlin Doran-Taylor, Caitlin Heale and myself (Alex Menzies) for the Collier A team.
- Ryan Whelan for the Hatch A team.
- Grace Brosnahan for the Collier B team.

We had a great time and enjoyed our season.

Alex Menzies
8Wk

Active8

On the 17th September Ashleigh Neill, Penny Wennekes, Priyal Patel and Alex Menzies attended Active8. This is a competition between schools in Dunedin.

This year it was based on orienteering. We joined four boys from Balmacewen Intermediate to make a team of 8. It was a race to complete the tasks in the quickest time. We had to run around Logan Park, the Gardens and the University doing tasks such as taking photos on sustainability in our community. We also had to use the clues in the tasks to find out what to take photos of.

When we returned to the College of Education, where we had started, we did a quiz on sports and general knowledge. We were pleased with the quiz as we won it! We did not do so well in the race but we still had a good time and enjoyed our day.

Thank you to Mandy Wennekes for taking us down and back from the College of Education and for encouraging us as well.

Alex Menzies
8Wk

Netball

Year 8

At the start of the netball season Mrs Southby and Miss Tustin held trials for both Years 7 and 8's to get into either the A or B team. Practices were held in the gym and we had a lot of fun and learnt lots of new skills. Netball games against other intermediate schools were played on a Thursday after school. All teams gained excellent placings in their sections, ranging from 1st - 4th place. Thank you to all of the coaches who gave up their time to participate this season. Everyone had fun and learnt a lot.

Emily Huddleston

The Year 7 2009 netball season was very successful for both the A & B teams. The 7A netball team won the top Year 7 grade and also won the next grade up, which was a Year 8 grade.

Making the finals of the Year 8 grade was very exciting, especially as we took out the finals with the score being 27 - 13 which was a great result. We had lots of fun during the season and learnt not only new skills but also learnt a lot about the rules of the game. This was thanks to our coaches Will and Hinerangi Nielsen. They were very dedicated to the team and the girls loved working with them. A big 'thank you' to Will and Hinerangi for all the time they put in to the season.

7B also made the finals of their grade, playing against East Otago High School 7. It was a very close game but in the end East Otago finished on top. It was great to see the improvement in the team and this was thanks to the coaching skills of Alofa Lale. Thank you so much for your commitment and dedication to the team. With such a good season six girls made the Dunedin Representative Netball Team: Kaia Bishop, Hannah McConnachie, Cherish Nielsen, Maddie Spence, Emma Turner and Kaitlynn Wheeler. Well done, girls.

A big 'thank you' goes out to all of the families who assisted with the teams and for the cheering on the sidelines.

Emma Turner

Badminton

Every Monday at lunch-time, a few Years 7 and 8 girls would go to the Sports Centre to have badminton coaching with Mr Hoffman. On Tuesdays, right after school, we would play our games. Priyal Patel, our best player, is an Otago Representative. In our first game, Columba 1 versus St. Hilda's 1, we won the matches. We still have three more games to play this term. We hope we get a placing in the tournament draw!

Intermediate Cross-Country

In the Columba Intermediate cross-country the girls did very well with many people qualifying for Hills Cluster cross-country! In Year Eight the first five placings were:

1. Penny Wennekes
2. Priyal Patel
3. Holly Barclay
4. Emma Winders
5. Laura Napper



The first two placings in Year Eight qualified for the Hills Cluster cross-country. In Year Seven the first three placings were:

1. Caitlin Heale
2. Nicky Ker
3. Kaitlynn Wheeler

All of these three girls qualified for Hills Cluster cross-country. The competition at that cross country was very tough and although they didn't get any major placings. They still did well to qualify!

Emma Winders

Intermediate Mathletics

Mathletics 2009 was fun and challenging for all of the teams from Columba Intermediate. Although we didn't get a high placing we all learnt from it and it was a great experience. The questions were hard most of the time and were designed to make you use your strengths and work as a team. The teams from Year Eight were chosen by the highest mathematics exam marks from mid-year exams. The teams from Year Seven were chosen by highest test marks. Even though we didn't get a placing, we had an enjoyable time and hope we do better next year!

Emma Winders

Otago Daily Times Extra! Spelling Quiz



Ella Barclay, Modi Deng and Ashleigh Neill



Jessica Barton, Helen Kent, Melissa Austen, Sophie Borland and Sophie Ehlers of Columba with Clemence Blanche and Luke White (left and centre) at the mid-winter swim.

Otago Science and Technology Fair 2009

This term, a large number of students were lucky enough to attend the Otago Science and Technology Fair. This was held on Monday, 7th August at the Otago Museum (Discovery World). Everyone had worked hard on their projects which were then judged at school in the week beforehand. From this, the best ones were chosen for the Otago Science Fair.

We all had very good ideas and also won many awards/prizes, including an outstanding Premier Award, won by Anne-Sophie Pagé. My project on bad ice-cream sold at local dairies attracted a lot of media attention.

The Science Fair was great fun, and many people attended, thanks to our science teachers, Ms Stevely and Mrs Mortimer.

Kim Schultz

The Wearable Arts Competition

In Term Three Columba had its first ever wearable arts competition.

All of the girls who entered clearly put lots of time and effort into their amazing outfits. It must have been hard to decide the winner because all the entries were great. Lots of students entered, and there were many people in the audience, which made for an inspiring and exciting night. I hope that there will be many more wearable arts competitions in future.

Sarah Dippie



Arthritis New Zealand Service Co-ordinator Angela Ireland with volunteers Melissa Austen, Naomi Ireland and Lydia Ireland preparing for the Arthritis New Zealand Street Day collection.



Junior School

Spring Service

On the 19th September the Junior School enjoyed putting on a wonderful performance for the Spring Service. The Years 1, 2 and 3 classes sang three songs called "*This Little Light of Mine*", "*No One Like You*" and "*Like A Bright Star*". These were very well performed songs. The Years 4, 5 and 6 classes also sang two songs called "*In His Time*" and "*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*". The spring talk was done by The Reverend Barry Kelk and it was very good. There was also some enjoyable singing from the Junior School Choir. They sang a variety of songs that sounded beautiful. Year 6 pupils, Lily Van Buskirk, Connor Sutherland, Camelia Harrison, Ryan Whelan and Anisha Vohora also did some readings and poems. Year 6 pupil, Reva Grills, performed a solo item singing "*Panis Angelicus*". Overall the Spring Service was a great success and wouldn't have been possible without the help of Mrs Borick, the teachers and parents.

By Reva Grills and Chloe Lai

Years 5 and 6 Camp at Berwick Forest

On the 19th of August 2009, the Years 5 and 6 classes took a long bus ride to Berwick Lodge. As soon as we arrived everyone was filled with excitement and was eager to start the activities. When we first arrived, we all went to the lounge and went over the rules.

As soon as we had all been told the rules and given our schedules, we all rushed to our cabins and started to unpack our things. We were all quite happy with our room-mates and where we were sleeping. We all went outside to our camp directors, the Adventure Masters; Ru, Callum, Jo and Evan.

After being split into four groups, we all eagerly rushed to our first activities. This day's activities included abseiling, flying fox, team building challenges, bush survival and the confidence course. Breaks for morning-tea and lunch-time kept us going all through the day.

After dinner, we were very tired yet excited for what tomorrow would bring...I know my cabin wanted to stay up all night though!

We all woke up to a delicious breakfast, prepared by the professionals in the kitchen (the parents and teachers), of cereal and toast. Talk about gourmet catering! We were all chatting away when Mrs Hogg announced that it was time to start the activities. We were all so excited!

Today's activities involved archery, rifle and pistol shooting, more abseiling and bush survival, kayaking, the raft challenge and another round on the confidence course (which actually DOES improve your confidence).

Archery was MY favourite activity (Lily) and Libby's was rifle and pistol shooting. In that activity, you shot cute little woodland creatures. (Stuffed animals. How mean do you think we are?) In the pistol course, you shoot teddy bears hiding in secret places.

When those activities finished, and once dinner was eaten, (lasagne YUM!), we went back outside and played games in the dark. One of the games we played was an awesome game called 'Tails'. In tails, you tuck bits of wide, long (not too long) ribbons down your pants and run away from the parents and teachers. You have two ribbons and if they both get pulled out by the adults, you are out. This was one of the best games ever but it didn't last that long. Shortly after that we played 'nightline'. This is a game where you follow a line that is in the forest and have to avoid obstacles. It was fantastic!

On the last day we were all sad as it was time to leave, but not straight away...

First, we did an activity called 'Search and Rescue'. This was an exercise for practising using walkie-talkies. This was fun, but I think that the adults need some acting lessons!

Once our activity was finished, our cabins cleaned and our bags packed, we had lunch, then headed off home.

Thank you, parents and teachers, for making this camp possible. I know we really enjoyed it!

Lily Van Buskirk and Olivia Sycamore



Years 1-6

Sculpture

Sculpture has been the major Art focus in the Junior School. We have all had fun creating a variety of things from animals to pots, using the techniques of rolling, moulding, pinching and pulling. The classes have made sculptures from many things including tin foil, clay, paper and even rubbish. They also used tools to bring their art to life.



Andrew Hughes, Erin Dailey, Patrick Wennekes, Hugh Ross and Alfred Richardson

“Spring Into Art” Exhibition

All the junior pupils have produced art work to enter into the “Spring Into Art” Exhibition which will be held between Friday, 30th of October and Sunday, 1st November. We do hope that all our parents will come along to see our paintings.



Back row: Joshua Grills, Charlotte Wheeler and Benjamin McMahon
Front row: Annalise Copland, Vivienne Lau and Scarlett Elliott

Swimming

Swimming at Moana Pool is always lots of fun. Each class will be having lessons with the Swimsation Instructors this term. Years 3 to 6 will go on a Tuesday morning and the junior classes will go on a Friday afternoon.

Athletics

We all have been practising hard for our Athletic Sports. These will be held at the Caledonian Ground on Wednesday, 28th October. We are certainly hoping for a fine day for our sprints, relays and fun tabloid activities. We look forward to seeing you all at this special event.

Madison Hughes, Selena Ballantyne and Camelia Harrison



International Week 2009

International girls who have been at Columba the previous year ask on return in Term One "When is International Week?" and new girls ask "What is International Week?" They are always in for a treat – as is the rest of the School. This year was no different.

Planning began in earnest at the International Club Friday lunch-time meeting immediately after the International Ski Weekend in August. The objective of the week was "to show everyone in the school the different cultures that are around them". Much practice and planning went on over the next few weeks and Wachiraphon (Pam) Laoroekutai, from Thailand, designed the accompanying poster to advertise it.

The week began on Monday, 21st September, coincidentally with International Peace Day. The School Assembly Hall looked absolutely beautiful due to the efforts of the Korean girls. Laura Lee and Hae In Choi planned the decorations, hanging ten fabulous Korean "hanboks" down the sides of the Hall and many small lanterns with characters from the Korean alphabet interspersed across the middle.

Pam Laoroekutai, our International Prefect, opened the week, dressed in her Thai dance outfit as she was soon to dance. She handed over to Yin and Chiao Lin of Taiwan who showed a clip of Hayley Westenra and a singer from Taiwan singing "*The Moon Represents My Heart*" at the opening of the World Games 2009 in Taiwan. Yin thoughtfully said, "As these two singers from opposite sides of the world can stand on the same stage and sing as one, so can we."

Gabrielle Mogil from the United States then explained a new initiative, the provision of a large white-board in Girton for students from different countries to write "peace" in their own language. By the end of the week it was filled with different languages.

Thailand followed with three dances, introduced by Amrita (Ambi) Baweja. These were choreographed by Jirachaya (Mew) Kerdpanya, Pam Laoroekutai and Perada (Pla) Dulyapiradis, with the older girls teaching some of the younger ones their own cultural expressions. Nichakorn (Nikki) Tuchinda was the percussion rhythm controller. After the very gracious and flowing dancing, this ended with much noise and hilarity, surprising especially the Junior School who had come to watch in the front of the Hall.

Festivities continued at lunch-time in the Recreation Room with International Games – the best expression of International Peace. Ambi Baweja from Thailand, and Sarah Agyeman from the US and Ghana, organised these. It was a small group who enjoyed the hour, but enjoy, we surely did – it was packed with fun and exuberance! The games were 'Stop' from Columbia, 'Mother Snake' from Thailand, 'Darumasan Koronda' from Japan and Elbow Tag from "we are not sure where exactly". It reached its aim - to provide fun for the real mix of girls who came, including many Kiwi girls. A great new addition to International Week.

Tuesday opened with a meaningful celebration of International peace, taken by our acting Chaplain, The Reverend Susan Jones, assisted by girls representing different faith traditions and countries: Pam Laoroekutai from Thailand, Hae In Choi from Korea, Irene Zeng from China, Makoto Teramoto from Japan, Sze Ying Ooi from Malaya and Ambi Baweja representing the Sikh tradition. The Reverend Jones lit a central candle and the girls smaller ones from it while saying the "Golden Rule" as they had learnt it in their own mother language. The candle lighting didn't happen easily – as The Reverend Jones said "Peace is hard". Two Kiwi girls, Alexandra Shiels and Ava Atkinson-Barclay, did readings and another two, Mackenna Roxborough and Miranda Waterworth, sang the beautiful "Peace Song".

Tuesday was also International Food Day and as with last year Antoinette Wijland contacted people and did the main organisation for the day. The Dining Room looked very festive, hung with 35 flags – all the countries representing the backgrounds of Columba students – bought with the proceeds of last year's Food Day. The food was mostly cooked or supplied by school families and a few of the International girls (for example, Kelly Chun made Chinese dumplings). A group of Kiwi girls decided there was profit to be made from pineapple lumps – there was!

Wednesday brought the completion of the International Badminton Tournament, kindly run by Mr Jim Hoffman who coaches badminton at school. This was instigated last year just amongst girls "from away" in order that someone could take a small cup home and keep it. We broadened it this year to any girls who regard themselves as International and who attend International Club – but said that the cup would still go to the girl "from away" who achieved the highest place in the



competition. Consequently Alisa (Jeje) Hasdarngkul took the cup and Sze Ying Ooi, the actual winner, chocolates. Chanika Thammarucha and Jaya Ramarao were third and fourth. Well done, girls!

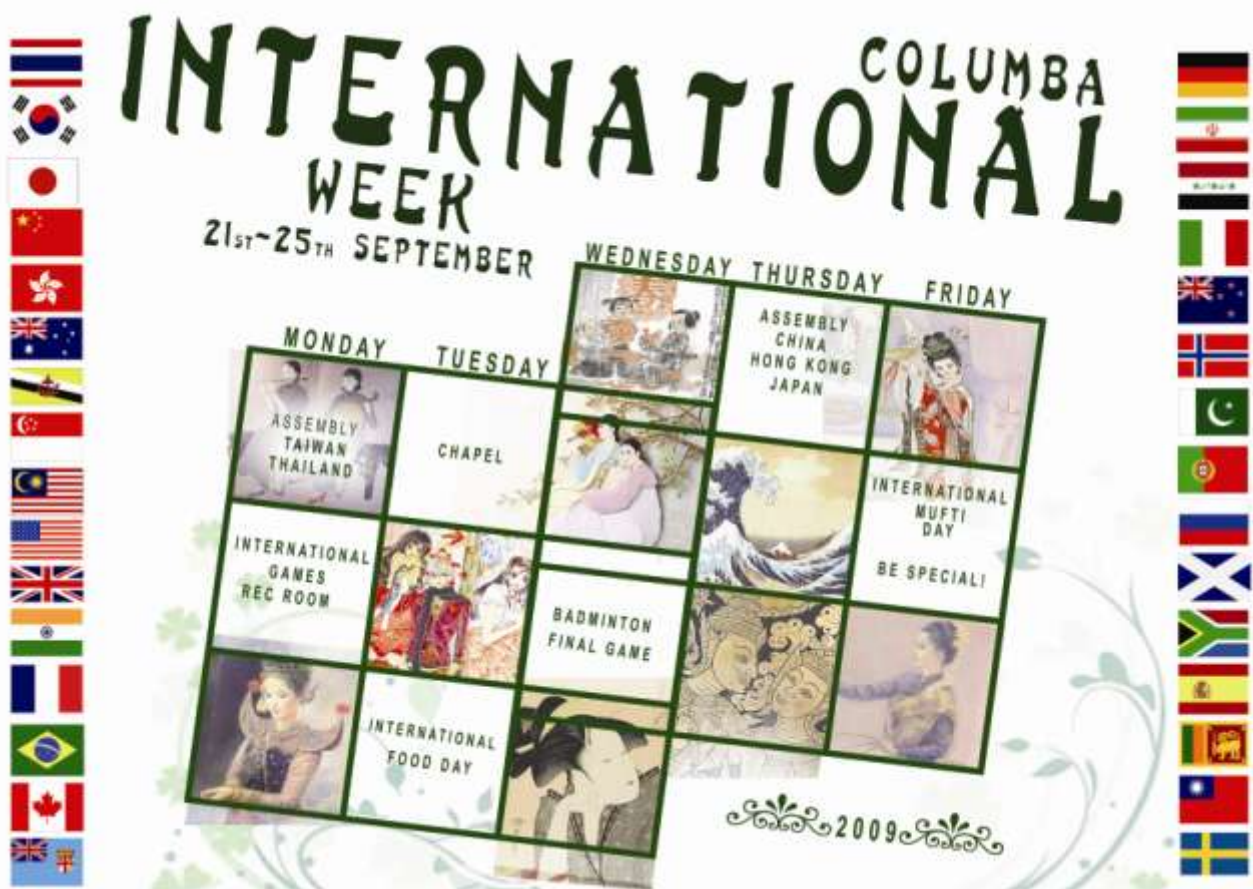
Thursday was back to the School Hall for another full assembly – introduced by Alisa Hasdarngkul, our Deputy International Prefect, This first featured China presenting a delightful and ancient traditional play, “*Butterfly Lovers*”, complete with costume and translated and crafted together by Yijing Wei and Irene Zeng with main parts also taken by Lin Lin and Xindi Zhao. Hong Kong, led by Kelly Chun and Amela Cho, followed with a dreamy lip-sync and a contemporary dance. Then Japan finished the Assembly energetically with “*So-Ran Bushi*”, the Fishermen’s Dance. A lot of work had gone into this latter, spear-headed by Hiromi Okayama and opened by Sato Onoue, with costumes generously supplied by Yumeki Ando.

The week was completed on the Friday with an International Mufti Morning (a school half day because of a teacher-only afternoon). The girls had decided they wouldn’t have a Costume parade this year but rather get more involved,

by asking everyone to come to school representing either their own country or culture or another’s if they had access to the costume. Unfortunately, New Zealand is not easy to represent other than perhaps with jeans/shorts, T-shirt and jandals, but the wearing of these clothes would have given us an ordinary mufti day. Therefore it was decided the costume needed to be identifiable as coming from a particular country or culture. Many wonderful costumes arrived and it was great fun and very colourful. About one third of the school, including a few staff, were dressed up so it did reach its aim of getting more people involved. I loved wearing my own real tabe socks (from living in Japan) but have to admit I was relieved to loosen the obi of my kimono by late afternoon!

It was an excellent week, because of the enthusiastic involvement of all the International girls – those from away and those living here – and reached the objective of the week, which was to celebrate the diversity of the Columba School Community – Thank you everyone!

Bronwen Strang
Dean of International Students



Designed by Wachiraphon Laoroekutai
 International Prefect



TERM FOUR

Dates for Noting ...

WEEK 3

Monday 26th October
Labour Day. School closed.

Wednesday 28th October

- Junior School Athletics Sports at the Caledonian.
- p.m. IGCSE Mathematics (Paper 22).

Friday 30th October

- Postponement date for Junior School Athletics Sports at the Caledonian.

Friday – Sunday 30th October - 1st November
“Spring into Art” Exhibition in Girton.

WEEK 4

Tuesday 3rd November

- Years 4 – 7 North Zone Athletics at the Caledonian. Postponement date 5th November.
- 3rd HPV vaccination programme at Columba (back-up date 6th November).

Wednesday 4th November
a.m. IGCSE Mathematics (Paper 4).

Thursday 5th November
Fonterra Science Roadshow at Balmacewen Intermediate.
10.20 a.m. – 11.40 a.m. Years 5/6.
11.25 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. Years 7/8.
1.35 p.m. – 2.55 p.m. Year 9.

Friday 6th November
p.m. AS Level English Language and Literature (Poetry, Prose, Drama – Paper 92).

WEEK 5

Monday 9th November
2.45 p.m. Leavers’ Service followed by afternoon-tea for Leavers, Parents and Staff.
Year 13 released.

Tuesday 10th November

- p.m. AS Level English Language and Literature (Composition – Paper 22).
- 3.35 p.m. Year 12 released.
- 7.30 p.m. – 9.45 p.m. “Hot Tips on Raising Teenage Girls” – Ian and Mary Grant.
Venue: Constance Hall.

Wednesday 11th November

- 3.35 p.m. Year 11 released.
- 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. Year 9 Social at Columba.

Thursday 12th November
p.m. IGCSE Global Perspectives Paper 3 (2 hours).

Friday 13th November
12 noon to 3.30 p.m. 2010 Year 9 luncheon and orientation afternoon.

Saturday 14th November
NCEA Examinations begin. Finish 2nd December.

WEEK 6

Tuesday 17th November
Otago Primary Schools’ Athletics Championships at the Caledonian.
Postponement date 19th November.

Thursday 19th November
Years 8, 9 and 10 examinations begin.

Friday 20th November
1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. 2010 Year 7 orientation afternoon.

WEEK 7

Tuesday – Friday 24th – 27th November
Year 7 Camp – Queenstown.

Friday – Sunday 27th – 29th November
Years 9 and 10 South Island Waterpolo Championships in Invercargill.

WEEK 8

Wednesday 2nd December
NCEA Examinations end.

WEEK 9

Sunday 6th December
6.00 p.m. Carol Service at First Church.

Monday 7th December
Years 7 to 10 Day outings.

Wednesday 9th December
4.00 p.m. Years 7 to 13 Prize-Giving at the Dunedin Town Hall followed by the Leavers’ Dinner.

Friday 11th December
2.30 p.m. Junior School Prize-Giving (Year 1 to 6).

Saturday – Sunday 12th – 13th December
New Zealand Secondary Schools’ Athletics Championships in Timaru.



Top 10 Exam Tips from Really Useful Resources:


1. Pay attention to what you wish to learn. Forcing yourself to remember something will achieve a recall 20 to 60% greater than if you don't make the effort. Spend half your time in reading and note-taking and the rest in reviewing, ordering and outlining. Little and often is most effective. Do 20 minutes then take a break.
2. A 50% increase in revision time equates to a six fold increase in recall. Never be without notes for books. Time planned is rarely wasted.
3. The more ways of stimulating your brain the more you will remember. Write things down, use colourful highlighters, pin study cards to the wall, or stick notes around your desk. Shuffle notes into smaller and smaller topic groups. All of these activities will give structure to random pieces of information and help funnel down from general to the specific. Test yourself frequently. Visualise your thoughts or map them out on the carpet. Walk around conducting an internal conversation or describe what you're learning to others. Things won't happen by magic, so be creative and marvel at what you can remember.
4. It's never too late to study. Often in an exam you will have a moment when you recognise something you looked at "just last night". Try to have lots of these moments.
5. As you get close to an exam, concentrate on the stuff you know best. This is the money in the bank. Don't leave the exam without having spent it all. Better to know 100% of one thing than 1% of a hundred things.
6. In an exam, keep the scoreboard ticking over. Don't waste precious time trying to squeeze an extra mark from a question you're struggling to finish. Move on and score big from a new question.
7. Examiners are not out to ambush you. Questions are designed to be frameworks upon which you can hang your knowledge.

They are tests of what you know, not what you don't know. Answer them with this thought in mind. You don't have to create a new theorem or write a totally new Harry Potter book during an exam. Use material you have practised before in course work and in class.

8. Spend a few minutes glancing through the questions. Like scouring the gossip columns, certain key words, phrases or names will leap out at you. That same technique will give you a sense of which questions you should spend time on. Don't rush in and struggle with question one when question ten might require all of your efforts.
9. Eating well does more to keep the mind awake than drinking coffee. Sleeping well does more to prepare you for a week of exams than burning the midnight oil. Exercise will stimulate the mind and body and doing something, anything, is always a better form of stress relief than doing nothing at all.
10. There is an old theatrical saying. "If you enjoyed the show, tell your friends and come again next week". Really Useful Resources provides great study aids, books and online resources. If you like our products let us know or tell your friends. Easy ordering online.

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SPORTS NEWS

Waterpolo

The Otago team travelled to the Nationals in Tauranga in October to compete in the U16 tournament. Otago won all games and went through to the finals with the top score. The final game was against Marist White (Auckland) with Otago having an outstanding win 9 - 1. Not only did they come away from the tournament with a gold medal, but this is also the first time Otago has been gold medal winners since the 1980's. Additionally three of the players (Columba girls) received the following:

Stephanie Lambie - **Most Valuable Player**
Sarah McDonald - **Most Promising Payer**
Kimberley Martyn - **Most Promising Player**

The team was Charlotte Boyce, Jamie Boyce, Holly Cadzow, Renée Hodgkinson, Stephanie Lambie, Kimberley Martyn and Sarah McDonald all from Columba as well as five other girls from local high schools.

Results of all games were:

Otago vs Marist White	13/3
Waitakere Aqua vs Otago	1/8
Southland vs Otago	1/12
Otago vs Waikato	9/1

SEMI FINAL

Otago vs Waitakere	10/1
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FINAL

Otago vs Marist White	9/1
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Back row: Karen Hodgkinson (Manager), Kimberley Martyn, Sarah McDonald (Columba), Yasmin Ali (St. Hilda's), Renée Hodgkinson, Jamie Boyce (Columba), Hannah Dickinson (OGHS), Louise Clark (Coach).

Front: Aleshia Pickering (Taieri College), Carolyn White (St. Hilda's), Stephanie Lambie (Columba), Saskia McCulloch (St. Hilda's), Holly Cadzow, Charlotte Boyce (Columba).



2009 Columba College Cross Country Results

Senior

1st	Biddy Skerten	8.17.00
2nd	Charlotte O`Leary	9.27.00
3rd	Sophie Napper	9.27.20

Years 9 and 10

1st	Laura Carruthers	8.03.39
2nd	Sian English	8.23.00
3rd	Emily Poon	9.01.59

Year 7

1st	Caitlin Heale	9.25
2nd	Nicole Ker	9.52
3rd	Kaitlynn Wheeler	9.53

Year 8

1st	Penny Wennekes	9.58
2nd	Priyal Patel	10.13
3rd	Holly Barclay	10.20

Otago Indoor Rowing Championships

The Columba College Rowing Team competed at the Otago Indoor Rowing Championships recently.

Overall they received 11 medals and one trophy (medals were given for first place only).

Following are notable results:

Girls Under 15

Georgina Caley

1st	100m and 500m
3rd	1000m and 2000m

Kate Manera

2nd	2000m, 1000m and 200m
3rd	100m

Girls Under 16

Tilley Carroll

3rd	100m
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Elizabeth Wallace-Gibbs

3rd	2000m
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Girls Under 17

Ellen Kirkwood

1st	2000m, 1000m, 500m and 100m
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Girls Under 18

Abbey Jenkins-McCaw

1st	1000m and 500m
2nd	100m

The 2000m team relay of Georgina Caley, Ellen Kirkwood, Kate Manera and Elizabeth Wallace-Gibbs was placed first in the Open event. They won a well-deserved trophy for this.



Opening of International Week

Left to right: Wachiraphon Laoroekutai, Yin Lin, Chaio Lin, Gabrielle Mogil and Amrita Baweja.

Diving

Bryn and Drew Schievink in Years 6 and 3 respectively recently competed in the South Island National Championships and achieved the following results:

Bryn Schievink

South Island National Championships

1st	11 yr Under boys 1 m (PB 137.90 points)
1st	12 and 13 yr Boys 1m (by invitation)

Diving NZ Winter National

3rd	11 Yr Under boys 1 m
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Drew Schievink

South Island National Championships

2nd	11 yr Under boys 1 m (PB 131.00 points)
2nd	Open age Platform (5m) novice



Chapel Service during International Week
The Rev. Susan Jones with Wachiraphon Laoroekutai, International Prefect.



Tennis

Rileigh Fields of Year 6 competed in the Otago Junior Spring Open in September. Rileigh played in the 10s girls' grade, making it to the final but unfortunately losing that in a very exciting tie break after the games reached 8 all. She reached the final after defeating a Southland player she lost to in February.

Rileigh then played the 10s girls doubles final with Abby Edwards from Balclutha, winning that 9-5.



Rileigh Fields

Congratulations also to Ryan Whelan on winning the 10's Boys' Singles at the Otago Junior Spring Open 2009 Tennis Championship held in Dunedin on the 26th-29th September.

Junior School Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils on their success:

Grace Brosnahan in the Collier Under 13 Otago Hockey Team.

Kaitlin Chamberlain in the South Island Under 13 Synchronised Ice Skating Team.

Rileigh Fields in the Otago Under 10 Tennis Team.

Benjamin McMahon in the Under 12 Waterpolo Team.

Ryan Neill in the Otago Town Rugby Team.

Nicola Pedlow gained a place in the Otago Year 6 Representative Netball Team.

Ryan Whelan in the Otago Hatch A Hockey Team, Otago Under 10 Tennis Team and Otago Section 2 and 3 Cricket Team.

Success in the Hills Cluster Cross Country:

Well done to **Guillaume Bennani, Margot Brown, Rileigh Fields, Madison Hughes, Isabella Lau, Ryan Neill, Annabelle Payne and Ella Porter** on going forward to the Otago Championship Cross Country event.

Basketball Otago Age Group Prize-Giving

At the Prize-Giving held at the Lion Foundation Arena of the Edgar Centre on the 16th October, Alice Brown in Year 12 was named Most Improved player in the Otago U19 Girls' A Team.

Well done to Alice on this recognition.



Alice Brown

Synchronised Swimming

The 2009 New Zealand Synchronised Swimming National Championships were held in the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre from 25th - 29th September with more than one hundred of the country's best Synchronised swimmers from around New Zealand competing (including swimmers from overseas).

Momoka Matsubara-Park was competing in the Team routine, 12 and Under solo, 12 and Under duet, Intermediate school routine and achieved following results:

- 12 and Under Solo: Overall score (Figure / Routine) **Bronze Medal**
- 12 and Under Duet: Overall score (Figure / Routine) **Bronze Medal** (Partner with younger sister)
- Team routine: **Bronze Medal** (10 swimmers)

Intermediate school Solo: 2nd Place (Columba College)

I hope you will have enjoyed reading our recent school news. To all of you, good wishes for an enjoyable Labour Weekend.

Elizabeth Wilson
Principal
21st October, 2009



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Library Books Fundraiser

A reminder

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Junior School Canterbury Tracksuits

Please contact the School Office if you have any concerns about pilling of the fabric used in the Junior School tracksuits.

This problem does not seem to have affected the Senior Canterbury tracksuits, but unfortunately some parents have reported a pilling problem with the Years 1 to 6 tracksuits.

We have brought this concern to the attention of the manufacturer who is willing to replace Years 1 to 6 tracksuits that show signs of pilling. We have indicated to the manufacturer that we do not believe the issue to be caused by laundering methods, rather by a different quality of fabric used in the Junior tracksuits.

