



Columba College

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Dear Parents and Students,

During the holidays our **Senior A Netball Team** will be competing in the National Secondary Schools' Netball Championships in Napier. Only 16 teams qualify to compete in the national finals with our team gaining its place with a fine 3rd place in the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships held in Nelson. Columba College also won the cup for best goal differential during the South Island tournament, a cup normally awarded to the winning team. Renaye Flockton, Sophie Napper and Bridget Thayer were all rewarded with South Island Tournament Team selections for their outstanding and consistent performances.

The girls in the Senior A Netball Team competing in the Nationals are:

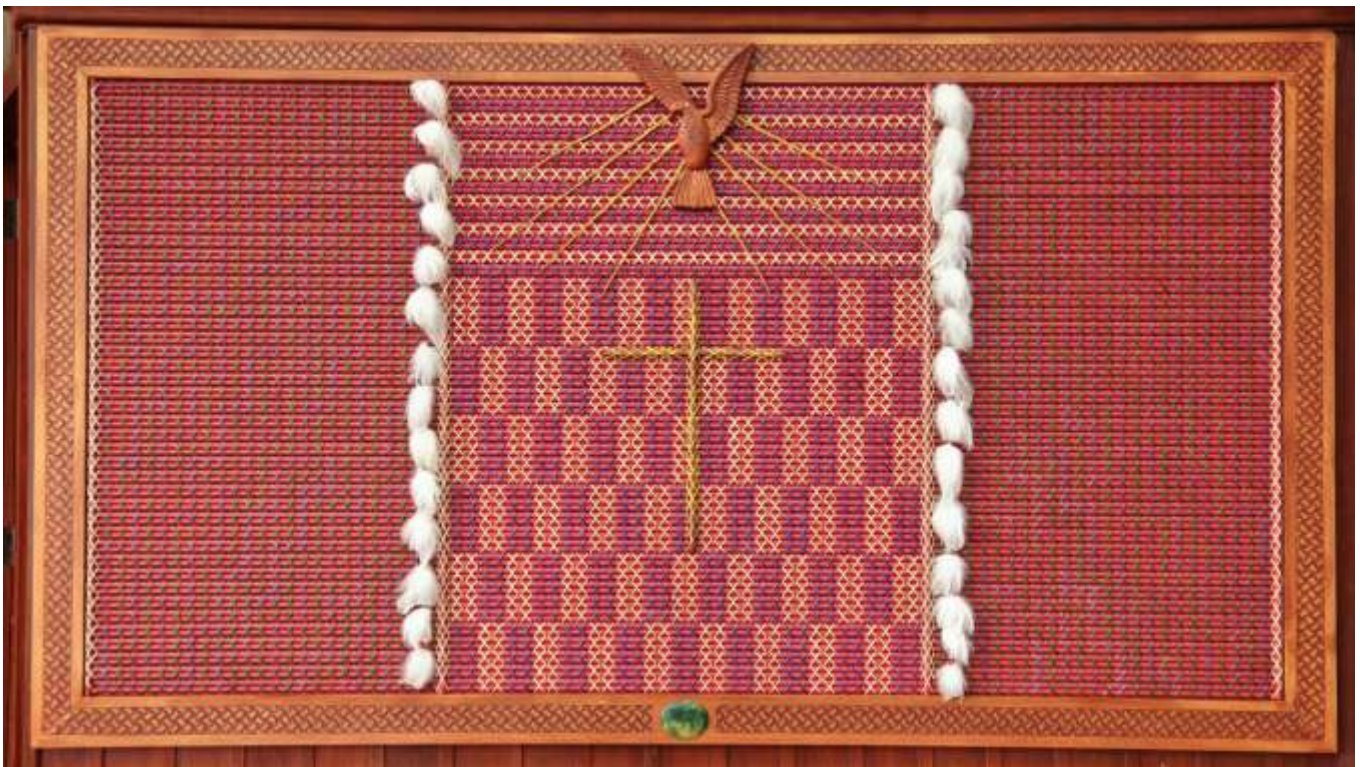
Holly Cadzow
Grace Carruthers
Annalise Cowie
Hannah Cowie

Renaye Flockton
Holly Hoogvliet
Ellen Kirkwood
Sophie Napper (Captain)

Bridget Thayer
Heather Thompson
Olivia Wilson
Sarah Wood

Travelling with them are their coach, Mrs Janine Southby, and manager, Mrs Clare Malthus, as well as parents. We wish the team all the very best for an enjoyable and successful national tournament.

The Tukutuku Panel



Later in this newsletter is the list of most recent donations by our Parents' Association. These donations really make a big difference across all levels of the College, and we acknowledge with appreciation the hard work and commitment of the Parents' Association Committee. Their next event is the very enjoyable "**Spring into Art**" Exhibition to be held in Girton from Friday, 4th November to Sunday, 6th November. The "Opening Night" is on the 4th November starting at 7.00 p.m. with tickets now available in the School Office at \$15.00 per person (drinks and nibbles included). Opening hours on the Saturday and Sunday are 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. for a gold coin entry.

Thanks to support from the community and the commitment of the President of the School Council, Melanie Redding, assisted by fellow Prefects, Jessica Barton, Sophie Ehlers, Olivia Kennedy and Helen Kent, the School Council's 2011 fundraiser has added \$4,947.00 to the students' centennial fund (through the sale of Entertainment books). The students' centennial fund to give a gift or gifts from the students of 2010 to 2015 at the time of the **College's Centenary, 12th to 15th March 2015**, now stands at \$13,962.00. From now until 2015 students will undertake one major fundraiser a year to build their fund.

This term has seen the establishment of a relationship between **Columba College and National History New Zealand** thanks to an initiative of the Asia:New Zealand Foundation which has as its aim the education of secondary school students about career opportunities in Asia which would foster understanding and business links between New Zealand and Asian nations. There are currently ten companies nationwide participating in the initiative. We consider the College very fortunate to have been linked with NHNZ which has close links with Asia and are grateful for the opportunities already being afforded us – an introductory talk in assembly by Mr Andrew Waterworth, Head of Production at NHNZ; a guided tour of NHNZ for interested students; the presentation to our school library of a complete set of NHNZ DVDs made on Asia; and coming up a series of four talks about aspects of NHNZ's work by NHNZ staff which will be open to interested students. NHNZ will provide inspiration and advice to Columba students who are interested in media and communications and specifically show them how they could be a bridge between New Zealand and Asian countries and cultures.

Dedication of the Tukutuku Panel (gifted to the College by the Friends of Columba)

On Thursday, 29th September a ceremony was held in Constance Hall to dedicate the Tukutuku panel designed and created by Mrs Roka Cameron, a distinguished Maori weaver and craftswoman. The carver of the frame and dove was Alex Whitaker, and Kendall Allum provided and polished the pounamu.

Mrs Angela Ireland, the new President of the Friends of Columba, was in attendance to announce formally the gifting of the Panel to the College and The Very Rev. Dr Graham Redding, member of the Board of Governors, lead the prayer of dedication which follows:

Kia tau te aroha noa o te Ariki o ihu Karaiti ki a koutou.

Loving and gracious God, we give you thanks for this wonderful country of Aotearoa New Zealand. We give you thanks for the bicultural heritage that has helped shape this nation and continues to shape our lives.

We give you thanks for the Christian Gospel that calls people of every race and creed to a life of discipleship and invites them to a life of freedom, reconciliation and peace.

We give you thanks for Columba College, which in its own history and heritage, reflects all these elements.

And we give you thanks for the ways in which the narratives that define and shape our lives can be portrayed through symbolism and art.

We give you particular thanks for the way this has been achieved in this Tukutuku panel, which we now dedicate to your glory.

We pray that all who look at it will find it to be a source of discovery and inspiration.

Thank you for hands that crafted it, and for the spirit of aroha in which it was done.

We pray these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mrs Roka Cameron and her husband, Mr Kerry Cameron, then both unveiled the Tukutuku panel and explained the various components and their symbolic meanings. The Kapa Haka group, assisted by Choir members, and with the Kapa Haka Tutor, Debbie Wai Kapohe, concluded the Service of Dedication with a song.

It was a simple and moving Service to dedicate a beautiful artwork that is symbolic of the bicultural heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Christian faith, and the Special Character of Columba College.





Staff News

Congratulations to **Mrs Julie McMahon** who was the recipient of a Teaching Excellence Award from the Technology Education New Zealand Council at the TENZ 2011 Conference held in Dunedin. Mrs McMahon's "*vision, passion and excellence in teaching and as a role model and Head of Department*" were recognised by the special TENZ Award for "*Subject Leadership in Technology Education.*"

Both Mrs McMahon and Mr Cartwright contributed to the success of the Conference, and it is noted that they also each have case studies in Scholarship and Integrated Technology units on the Techlink site.

Mrs T. McLean will be returning from her maternity leave to teach part-time in Term Four. The classes Mrs McLean will be teaching are: Year 9 Science (Set 3), Year 8 Science and Year 8 Mathematics.

Mr D. Martin will continue to teach Mrs McLean's Year 11 Science class until the Year 11 girls go on study leave on the 9th November.

Mrs J. Paterson will be back from her overseas holiday for the start of Term Four.

Mrs C. Cheyne has been appointed to a full-time position for 2012, teaching mainly in the Intermediate Department again where she will be a Form teacher. It is likely that Mrs Cheyne will also have a Junior French class.

Miss H. Navarro has been appointed to teach the Years 4 and 5 class again next year up until the end of Term Two when it will be necessary for her to apply for a further extension to her LAT (Limited Authority to Teach) from the NZ Teachers' Council.

Mrs D. Thornton has sadly decided to retire at the end of this year in order to spend more time with her family and to travel overseas with her husband. Mrs Thornton joined the staff in 2005 and her contributions as HOD Religious Studies (Years 7 to 13), Careers Adviser, Life Skills Co-ordinator (Years 11 to 13) and Year 13 Dean have been invaluable. We wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to **Mrs L. Piebenga**, Coach of the Otago U21 Netball Team, on the team's win at the National U21 Netball Tournament. In the final the team played Canterbury with the score 60-59. We have a Columba Old Girl in the team, Louise Thayer, who has recently been named in the new Southern Steel squad. Congratulations to Louise as well.

2012 School Examinations

In 2012 there will again be two lots of Years 11 to 13 examinations. The first will be:

Friday, 25th May to Friday, 1st June

(Years 8 to 10 will have their examinations at this time also). Reports will be issued for Years 0 to 13 at the end of Term Two.

The second will be:

Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st August

Reports will be issued for Years 11 to 13 students at the end of Term Three.

The Years 8 to 10 examinations will be held in November with reports to follow (also for Years 0 to 7).



2011 BNZ Literary Awards Columba College student wins the Young Writer Award judged by Penelope Todd

Penelope Todd wrote: *"When it came time to choose, I was drawn to the one that rewarded every new reading with new information gleaned from what was written, but more, from what was carefully left unstated."*

Chiao Lin in Year 13 is the writer of the story that Penelope Todd chose to win the most prestigious short story writing award for NZ secondary school students. It is the first time a Columba College student has won this award.

Chiao's prize was \$1,500.00 for herself and \$2,000 for the School. This special amount of money will be used to fund a Writer in Residence for a period of time next year to take some creative writing workshops for interested students.

"The Wrong One" covers only 15 minutes of present time, but is reflective of centuries of time past. Set in the 20th century, the story follows the lives of Chiao's relatives and how they were affected by sexism.



Chiao Lin

PwC Scholarship

We were delighted to hear that two students from Columba College were among the 21 recipients of a PwC Scholarship for their University studies, starting next year.

They are Sophie Borland and Sasha Roulston in Year 13.

Of the 21 recipients, four of the students come from South Island schools. To have two recipients from one school is especially notable (a first for us) – other schools with two recipients this year are Kristin School, Rangitoto College and St. Kentigern College, all in Auckland.

The fine record of achievement of Columba College students with regard to winning a PwC Scholarship is a credit not only to the students

themselves but to their Commerce teachers, Mrs C. Klobukowska, Accounting teacher in particular. Previous PwC Scholarship recipients from Columba are:

2009	Kate Manson
2008	Laura Manson
2006	Sophie Toomer
2005	Stacey Offen



Sasha Roulston and Sophie Borland

Speech and Drama

Sophie Ray in Year 10 has attained at a very high level in Speech and Drama.

Sophie has gained Grades 4 and 5 Speech and Drama Trinity College London with Distinction. Especially noteworthy is the fact that Sophie gained the highest mark in New Zealand in both Grades 4 and 5 Speech and Drama Trinity College London (2009 and 2010). Sophie has received certificates acknowledging these achievements, a \$50.00 examination voucher redeemable against any Trinity Guildhall examination (valid for a year) and also a Silver Medal for the highest mark in Grades 5 to 8 2010. Our warm congratulations to Sophie.

The website trinityguildhall.co.uk contains the full list of Award recipients.



Sophie Ray



Otago Peninsula Community Board Scholarship

Catherine O'Donnell Jackways in Year 12 is the recipient of the 2011 OPCB Scholarship and we congratulate Catherine warmly on this recognition.

Catherine was awarded a full Scholarship of \$300.00 to assist her to go on an Outward Bound Course with two other students receiving Scholarships of \$150.00. On her return from the Outward Bound Course, Catherine will be required to make a presentation to the OPCB and to Macandrew Bay School.

The OPCB Scholarship is available to secondary school students who live on the Otago Peninsula in the OPCB area and its aim is to enable students to receive additional funding to participate in leadership opportunities.



Catherine O'Donnell Jackways

NZSO Mentoring Scheme

Congratulations to Natasha Kumar in Year 12 on being selected to be a Michael Monaghan Scholar for the NZSO Mentoring Scheme on Clarinet.



Natasha Kumar

Student Exchange to France

At the end of this year, Tineke Jannink will be leaving to spend a year in France, living with a French family and going to school there to improve her knowledge of French culture and her French speaking ability.

Tineke who is in Year 12 applied for a Scholarship and placement in France through STS (Student Travel Schools) and was successful.

We wish Tineke all the very best for a happy and culturally rewarding year in France.



Tineke Jannink

Singing Success

Bethan Dunstone-Leitch in Year 7 won the Scholarship for her age group at the Dunedin Performing Arts Society Singing Competitions held in late August, also gaining three 1st places, two 2nd places, and a 3rd place for her six items.

Serena Waterworth in Year 9 was also awarded a Scholarship for her age group.



Bethan Dunstone-Leitch

2011 LanguagePerfect World Championships

Twelve countries participated in this online competition, representing 1,000 schools and 80,000 students. LanguagePerfect is an online self-directed learning tool which students can use to master a new language and from the comments of our students, it is clear they find it very useful.

Three Columba students were placed in the top 20% of 80,000 competitors in the world's largest online languages competition. Skills tested were reading, listening and writing.



Melissa Austen, Chiao Lin and Kate Waterman



ODT Extra! Current Events Quiz for Years 9 and 10 Students

Well done to our Year 10 team of Ashleigh Neill, Sophie Ray and Ailish Wallace-Buckland.

The girls gained 2nd equal place, just one point off 1st place.



Ashleigh Neill, Sophie Ray and Ailish Wallace-Buckland

Penelope Couper

Penelope, Year 13, is Columba College's 2011 Cultural Prefect.

Her credentials in Speech and Drama are impressive, with pass marks for examinations in the syllabi of both the NZ Speech Board and Trinity/Guildhall (London) Colleges being consistently high.

She has achieved an Advance Performance Certificate and an Associate Diploma in Performing Arts from Trinity/Guildhall and sat her final module of the Associate Diploma in Performance for the NZ Speech Board in September 2011.

Penelope is an able debater and is this year's Columba College Debating Captain.

As an active participant in the NZ Theatre Federation's Festival of One Act Plays, the play in which she was involved reached the South Island Finals, and her acting talents were on display again in the Columba College Production of "*Stigmata*" and "*Outside In*."

As an innovator, Penelope initiated, along with Flavia Wilson who is Deputy Cultural Prefect, the very successful "Cultural Week" which ran from 29th August to 2nd September.

Natalie Ellis-Wilson
Teacher of Speech and Drama



Penelope Couper





Fifi Liang in “*Outside In*”

Albertine Ongley and Laura Barton
in “*Stigmata*”

2011 Inter-House Debates

Senior Debates

1st Solway Penelope Couper, Maple Goh and Stephanie Lambie
2nd Girton Kate Fowler, Ellen Gipp and Dannielle Hall

Junior Debates

1st Solway Ella Barclay, Holly Barclay and Judy Park
2nd Girton Elizabeth Graham, April Gray and Laura Saville

2011 Aurora Otago Science and Technology Fair

Aurora Award

Ghazaleh Dousti and Ye Ji Lee
Laura Schep
Rui Ming Chen and Ziyao Jiang
Courtney Miller and Brianna Palin
Ophelia Yeung and Jenny Mi
Alana Samuel and Reva Grills

Useful Killers!!
What’s really in our Silverstream?
Years later – will the Leith River still be limpid?
Crazy Colours
Juicy Juice
What’s Really in your Hand Sanitizer?

Dairy NZ

Chloe Lai

To Mould or not to Mould

Department of Conservation Award

Lily Cunningham

If we are here, Are they there?

Department of Psychology, University of Otago Award

Kaitlin Chamberlain and Camelia Harrison *Colour vs Flavour*
Sonalia Singh and Zaena Al-Kawaji *Memory Lane*
Gabriella Perry and Mary-Jane Wennekes *Sweet Tooth Brainiac*
Madison Hughes and Margot Brown *The Face Inversion Effect*

NZ Statistical Association Award

Holly Hanson and Julia Isoyama

How fair is a fair test?

Otago Medical Research Foundation Award

Ghazaleh Dousti and Ye Ji Lee

Useful Killers!!

Otago Regional Council Award

Lily Cunningham

If we are here, Are they there?



2011 Eton Press Casio Senior Mathematics Competition

Top 100 Certificate Chiao Lin

2011 Junior Mathematics Competition

(organised by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Otago)

Year 11

Top 200 Katie Mulholland
Merit Yuri Lee

Year 9

Merit Hannah Keane, Eleanor O'Neill, Isobel Pearson and Alyssa Williams

2011 Otago Mathematics Competition

Two of our teams did particularly well in this year's competition.

The Year 12 team of Maple Goh, Emma Liyanarachchi, Grace Oh, Jayashanthi Ramarao and Jane Yang was placed 2nd (two points off first place).

The Year 6 team of Janice Chu, Timothy Dippie, Nicole Samuel and Fiona Schultz also gained 2nd place.

Well done to the above students.

2011 National Chemistry Quiz Results

Year 13

Credit Jessica Barton, Danielle Browne, Rui Ming Chen, Ghazaleh Dousti, Jasmin Johnston, Stephanie Lambie and Ruth Sun

Year 12

Class Excellence – 100%:

Distinction Grace Oh (**Plaque recipient**)
Holly Cadzow, Alannah Corson-Keogh, Maple Goh, Ye Ji Lee and Tiffany Robinson
Credit Cate Butcher, Libby Cochrane and Kesryn Phataralaoha

Year 11

Distinction Isabella Crawford, Olivia Dodds, Shirley Kim, Ellinor Lee, Katie Mulholland and Dayna Tan
Credit: Nikita Brazil, Sarah Graham, Anna Lee and Charlotte Williams

Year 10

High Distinction Ella Barclay and Alisa Carroll (**Plaque recipient**)
Distinction Holly Barclay, Lily Kelly, Emma Winders and Jamie Wood
Credit Ryley Burtenshaw-Day, Modi Deng, Emily Huddleston, Julia Isoyama, Melissa Macham and Ashleigh Neill

Year 9

High Distinction Kaia Bishop (**Plaque recipient**), Katia Shennan and Emily Williams
Distinction Olivia Adam, Jodie Llewellyn, Momoka Matsubara-Park and Judy Park
Credit Eleanor O'Neill

2011 Australian Chemistry Plaque Winners



Left to right: Grace Oh, Kaia Bishop and Ailsa Carroll



2011 ICAS English Results

Year 13

High Distinction Fiona Nicoll
Distinction Dannielle Hall and Ruth Sun
Credit Danielle Browne and Penelope Couper

Year 12

High Distinction Grace Oh
Distinction Alannah Corson-Keogh and Emma Liyanarachchi
Credit Jessica Alsop, Jacinta Dunn, Maple Goh and Tiffany Robinson

Year 11

Distinction Alice Connors, Isabella Crawford, Ellen Gipp and Sarah Woodfield
Credit Monica Bae, Nikita Brazil, Sarah Graham, Angela Jenks, Anna Lee, Ellinor Lee, Katie Mulholland, Taarn Scott, Dayna Tan and Charlotte Williams

Year 10

Distinction Holly Barclay, Modi Deng, Ashleigh Neill, Sophie Ray and Anna-Sophia Weidling
Credit Skye Anderson, Ella Barclay, Ryely Burtenshaw-Day, Charlotte Cahill, Ailsa Carroll, Amy Carruthers, Fenella Christensen, Caitlin Doran-Taylor, Julia Isoyama, Lily Kelly, Jacinda Kumar, Kiri Lenagh-Glue, Gabrielle Magnuson, Alexandra Menzies, Georgia Nichol, Natalie Paterson, Liana Pollock, Ailish Wallace-Buckland, Emily Willis and Emma Winders

Year 9

Distinction Eleanor O'Neill and Emily Williams
Credit Helen Gregory, Hannah Keane, Jodie Llewellyn, Tori Locke, Momoka Matsubara-Park, Amelia McGeorge, Shannon McKee, Judy Park, Katia Shennan, Alice Toomer and Alyssa Williams

Year 8

Distinction Kate Campbell, Camelia Harrison, Chloe Lai and Brianna Palin
Credit Selena Ballantyne, Kaitlin Chamberlain, Rose Finnie, Reva Grills, Alice Jones, Rika Matsubara-Park, Jenny Mi, Courtney Miller, Nicola Pedlow, Alana Samuel, Brittany Spark and Libby Sycamore

Year 7

Distinction Alice German and Stephanie Jasperse
Credit Silkie Alliot, Helena Chen, Maruca Ciulacu-Nemteanu, Clare Cocks, Shanti Girande, Chelsea Guthrie, Kate Hyslop, Ellena Khoo, Clara Kwon and Isabella Lau



Displaying the banner they created to be displayed on Dunedin Airport's control tower to welcome Ruby World Cup visitors are (left to right) Alice Toomer, Emily Williams, Kaia Bishop and Olivia Adam, Year 9, with Mrs Kate Lindsey, Dunedin airport's Air Traffic Controller.



2011 ICAS Science Results

Year 13

High Distinction Ruth Sun
Credit Stephanie Lambie, Ye Ji Lee and Laura Schep

Year 12

Credit Holly Cadzow, Maple Goh, Grace Oh and Kesryn Phataralaoha

Year 11

Credit Nikita Brazil, Laura Bridger, Olive Dippie, Olivia Dodds, Ellen Gipp, Angela Jenks, Taylar McNeilly, Katie Mulholland, Dayna Tan and Christina Taylor

Year 10

Distinction Nanako Shitara
Credit Skye Anderson, Ella Barclay, Holly Barclay, Ryely Burtenshaw-Day, Modi Deng, Holly Hanson, Parida Hasdarngkul, Emily Huddleston, Ella MacDiarmid, Melissa Macham, Ashleigh Neill, Emily Willis and Emma Winders

Year 9

Distinction Emily Williams
Credit Kaia Bishop, So Un Cho, Sophie Graham, Hannah Keane, Tori Locke, Amelia McGeorge, Judy Park, Isobel Pearson, Katia Shennan and Claudia Sim

Year 8

High Distinction Selena Ballantyne
Distinction Kate Campbell and Chloe Lai
Credit Camelia Harrison, Madison Hughes, Rika Matsubara-Park, Jenny Mi, Brianna Palin, Nicola Pedlow, Alana Samuel, Libby Sycamore, Lily Van Buskirk, Anastasia Varlamova, Anisha Vohora and Maddison Welsford

Year 7

Distinction Skilie Alliot, Alice German and Clora Quinlan-Thompson
Credit Shanti Girande, Ellena Khoo, Clara Kwon, Genevieve Walker-Radich and Claire Yang

Year 6

Distinction Janice Chu, Kate De Lautour, Heather Robertson and Nicole Samuel
Credit Lydia Joseph, Marie Meglinski and Fiona Schultz

Year 5

Distinction Saffron Lai and Galina Mandich
Credit Brielle Alliot, Joshua Chu, Emily Hill and Meg Sycamore

Year 4

High Distinction Arun Summerfield
Distinction Tessa Campbell and Joshua Hou
Credit Hannah Clarke, Sacha McConnon, Zhi Yuan Qi and Rebecca Rietveld

Fun at the Last Night of the Proms



Entering into the spirit of the Last Night are (left to right) Abbey Hamilton, Bethan Dunstone-Leitch (Year 7), Laura Hamilton (Year 5), Hannah White (Year 7) and Callum White (Year 4).



ICAS Spelling Results

Year 8

Distinction	Reva Grills, Camelia Harrison, Chloe Lai, Rika Matsubara-Park and Lily Van Buskirk
Credit	Selena Ballantyne, Kate Campbell, Kaitlin Chamberlain, Rose Finnie, Alice Jones, Keely Littlejohn, Jenny Mi, Courtney Miller, Alana Samuel, Brittany Spark and Anastasia Varlamova

Year 7

Distinction	Isabella Lau
Credit	Alyssa Beazley, Helena Chen, Alice German, Clara Kwon, Annabelle Payne, Ella Porter, Clara Quinlan-Thompson and Genevieve Walker-Radich

Year 6

High Distinction	Nicole Samuel
Distinction	Janice Chu
Credit	Alex Byars, Erin Dailey, Kate de Lautour, Claudia Gallagher, Lydia Joseph, Fiona Schultz and Nirhjah Selvarajah

Year 5

Distinction	Raunaq Bhabra
Credit	Brielle Alliott, Lisa Enochs, Rowena German, Emily Hill, Saffron Lai, Sennah Lee, Timothy Scott, Meg Sycamore and Savanna Westgate

Year 4

High Distinction	Hannah Liyanarachchi
Distinction	Tessa Campbell
Credit	Hannah Clarke, Annalise Copland and Sacha McConnon

ICAS Writing Results

Year 8

High Distinction	Kate Campbell, Reva Grills, Chloe Lai, Libby Sycamore and Lily Van Buskirk
Distinction	Selena Ballantyne, Camelia Harrison, Madison Hughes and Nicola Pedlow
Credit	Rose Finnie, Jenny Mi, Courtney Miller, Olivia Nuttall, Alana Samuel, Anastasia Varlamova and Emily Ward

Year 7

High Distinction	Ella Porter and Claire Yang
Distinction	Silkie Alliott, Georgina Couper, Alice German, Shanti Girande and Ellena Khoo
Credit	Clare Cocks and Isabella Lau

Year 6

High Distinction	Erin Dailey and Claudia Gallagher
Distinction	Sophie Cochrane, Kate de Lautour, Andrew Hughes, Heather Robertson and Nicole Samuel
Credit	Janice Chu, Lydia Joseph and Milly Nesbit

Year 5

Distinction	Neil Hutton
Credit	Rowena German and Sennah Lee

Year 4

Distinction	Tessa Campbell, Piper Charteris and Hannah Liyanarachchi
Credit	Hannah Clarke



2011 Alliance Française Concours Oral (Otago and Southland)

Excellent results were gained by our French students in this year's Concours Oral with Columba gaining the highest number of prizes and placings. This is a credit to our students and their French teachers, Mrs J. Anstey, Mrs E. Kelly and Mrs C. Cheyne.

Year 9

Kaia Bishop	2nd Prize
Momoka Matsubara-Park	Excellence Certificate
Briar Philip	Excellence Certificate
Katia Shennan	Excellence Certificate
Eleanor O'Neill	Excellence Certificate

Year 10

Modi Deng	1st Prize
Ryely Burtenshaw-Day	2nd= 2nd Prize
Ailsa Carroll (Advantaged)	2nd= Excellence Certificate
Liana Pollock	Excellence Certificate
Ailish Wallace-Buckland	Excellence Certificate

Year 11

Briar Topp	1st Prize
Dayna Tan	Excellence Certificate
Sarah Graham	Excellence Certificate

Year 12

Tatiana Biggeman	1st Prize
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Year 13

Chaio Lin	3rd= Place, 1st= Prize
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Tatiana Biggeman was also the fortunate recipient of the draw to win a two-week trip to Tahiti.

New Zealand Speech Board Certificates

Oral Communication in English for Speakers of Other Languages

Intermediate Grade

Distinction	Ching Man Yeung
Merit	Chanakarn Vantayavart

Foundation Grade

Distinction	Miu Iida, Sirintra Maneerit, Sawarin Maneerit and Mai Naito
Merit	Ayaki Iwahashi

The Fifth New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition

Well done to the students who gained these excellent results in a national competition:

2nd prize	Tineke Jannink and Natthakarn Sermsintham
3rd Prize	Holly Hanson
4th Prize	Jayashanthi Ramarao

2011 Latin Club Badges

Badges were presented to the following girls for their commitment, attendance and participation in our Latin Club throughout the year:

Jessica Alsop	Sarah Graham
Ella Barclay	Taylor McNeilly
Anna-Claire Barker	Catherine O'Donnell Jackways
Cate Butcher	Natalie Paterson
Sara Colombo	Ailish Wallace-Buckland



Most recent Donations from the Parents' Association

\$2,000.00 towards an Interactive Whiteboard

2 iPADS for the use of Science teachers, also \$100.00 to buy Splashtop Remote Desktop for iPad Software

1 Data projector for the Visual Art teachers in Sargood House

4 Octagonal outdoor tables (2 for the senior campus and 2 for the Junior School)

8 dining-chairs for Bishopscourt

\$1,170.40 for sundry P.E. and Sports items for the Junior School

2 Laminators (English and International Departments)

48 Copies of "The Torchlight List" for the English Department

4 Graphics Calculators for the Senior Mathematics teachers

2 Electronic Balances for the Mathematics Department

These above donations are to a value of approximately \$14,500.00 and are much appreciated.

2011 Language Exchanges

At the end of our International Languages Week held this past term, it was interesting to reflect on the wonderful opportunities that our Languages students have to try out their linguistic skills and to experience a different culture first-hand. Our students of Chinese can join the biennial trip to Shanghai, enjoying the generous hospitality of our sister school, Datong High School, and then travelling on to Beijing and X'ian. We enjoyed having this year's group of Datong students at Columba for three weeks (part of which was a ski camp at Coronet Peak). Special congratulations go to the Year 12 and Year 13 students, Tineke Jannink and Kate Waterman, who have won trips to China in the National Chinese Speech Competition.

Columba and John McGlashan Colleges have also hosted a group of French students from the Lycée International de Valbonne who spent two months living with host families and attending a special English extension programme as well as classes at the two Colleges and a lively Quiz evening with wonderful prizes, organised by Mrs Jenny Sutherland. We were also fortunate this year that the Years 11 and 12 Formals coincided with the French students' stay as attending a Formal is a novel experience and a real highlight for them. The Columba students hosting this year were:

Jessica Alsop - Elena Ceniccola
Sara Colombo - Chloé Baruffa
Alannah Corson-Keogh – Laura Gerard
Paige Gale – Constance Jean
Fern Grant – Anna Ballerand
Georgia Manera – Madeleine Janin

Claire McCorkindale – Blanche Davy
Kate Fowler – Anaïs Anfosso
Abigail Pegg – Selma Benzekri
Kim Schultz – Lise Frandon
Charlotte Sutherland – Julie Gros
Dayna Tan – Christina Cantisano

With the French exchange the New Zealand partners travel for the second part of the exchange, spending December and most of January in Provence. Students of French can participate in this exchange in Years 11 or 12.



The third exchange is the Nordrhein-Westfalen exchange for Year 12 students of German. The German students tend to be older than the French ones which is why we encourage students to wait until the end of Year 12. On this exchange students travel, also at the beginning of December, with students from other schools in the South Island where German is taught and it has the advantage and also the challenge of students being sent to individual schools in the state of North Rhine-Westfalia which means they are immersed more fully in the target language. They also stay for about seven weeks with their host families and come together as a group for a week-long trip to Berlin. The German host partner usually comes to New Zealand in February following the New Zealand student's return and they stay until the middle of the Term One holidays. This year the February earthquake in Christchurch meant our students came in two batches, with Victoria Steiner's and Madeleine White's partners, Alissa Tatschner and Ann-Sophie Pagenstedt, spending Term One in Dunedin and the remainder of the group arriving in the Term One holidays and spending most of Term Two with their host sisters:

Sara Foerg – Laura Fellermann
Fiona Nicholl – Anna Lauer
Laura Paul – Sophia Schleyken

Such exchanges inevitably present challenges along the way but the benefits of immersing oneself in a different culture by living as part of a family and attending school are immense, both for one's social and linguistic development and is an experience that one can really only enjoy to this extent while still at school. I urge all junior students of the three languages offered at Columba to persevere and to seriously consider participating in one of these exchanges. Not only are they personally enriching but they are increasingly valued by potential employers as an indication of adaptability and independence.

Jenness Riethmaier
Teacher in charge of the French and German Exchanges

Interview between Julia Anstey and Chen Chang

Chen Chang is Columba's first Mandarin Language Assistant who is sponsored by the Confucius Institute. The Confucius Institute provides support and opportunities for teachers of Chinese outside of China. Confucius was a great Chinese philosopher who advocated education for all without discrimination and teaching with 'tireless zeal'.



Chen Chang

J. Anstey: Why did you choose New Zealand?

C. Chang: I applied to go to New Zealand as I thought it would be a very special place to teach and it would be somewhere that I could be useful, where the teaching of Chinese is quite recent. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to improve my English as it is the second language in China. We learn from a textbook so I wanted to make my language skills more authentic.

J. Anstey: Do you enjoy your homestay situation?

C. Chang: Yes, absolutely! Living here is like living in paradise. My homestay is very, very nice and considerate and has a very good taste in arranging things and enjoying life. She is a good listener and friend. Besides, she is a fantastic cook! I enjoy the everyday life with her!

J. Anstey: Was teaching in New Zealand how you expected it to be?

C. Chang: I have been surprised by the enthusiasm of the students for learning Chinese. The positive attitude that the students have towards learning Chinese was not something I was expecting.



Miss Wilson and Chen Chang
Year 11 Formal



J. Anstey: What was your training in and what do you hope to do on your return?

C. Chang: I have done a five year degree in teaching languages. I have studied second language acquisition theories and now at Columba I am putting it into practice! I am working on how to make learning languages effective and plan to finish my Masters on my return. Then I would like to teach Chinese to speakers of other languages.

J. Anstey: What are your hobbies or interests?

C. Chang: I love listening to western Classical music, reading, playing badminton and the Chinese art of paper cutting and making wax seals.

J. Anstey: Have you developed any new hobbies since you arrived in New Zealand?

C. Chang: Cooking! Although it is very different here; not only the concepts but also the utensils used. I may add skiing to my list of hobbies but ask me after the Datong ski trip this week!

J. Anstey: You have fitted in very well to the Columba community.

C. Chang: All the teachers here are very supportive. I'm very impressed with the Columba staff, especially working with Ms Ding who works very hard. It has been great being a part of the achievements of students this year, such as the speech competition and the essay competition.

J. Anstey: Have you had the opportunity to see much of New Zealand?

C. Chang: I had a holiday with some of the other Mandarin Language Assistants. We travelled around the South Island and saw many beautiful places such as Wanaka, the Franz Joseph Glacier, Queenstown and Arrowtown. I have also spent time in Auckland when I went there on for a training seminar.



Years 9 and 10 Social at
Columba College

Wednesday, 26th October 2011

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Columba Old Girl

to compete at

2012 Olympics in London

Fiona Paterson

NZ Rowing Team



Junior School Regulation Trackpants

We have four pairs of regulation trackpants (size 8) available for purchase in the School Office.

A stock of regulation trackpants will in future be kept in the School Office – the order is due to arrive in Dunedin in November.

Junior School pupils will still be required to have the complete tracksuit, but parents will be able to buy a second set of trackpants independent of another jacket.

Years 5 and 6 Camp

Berwick Lodge

Finally on Monday, 22nd August, after snow postponed our initial dates for camp, the Years 5 and 6 students along with Mrs Nees, Mrs Bridger, Mrs Hogg and a fantastic group of parent helpers headed off on a three-day camp to Berwick Lodge.

It was a very fast-paced and activity-filled three days. The weather turned out to be beautiful and the trained instructors from Adventure Masters, along with our wonderful parent group provided fun, challenging and rewarding experiences for the children who seemed to have an unending supply of energy and enthusiasm.

On arrival, the children were allocated cabins, unpacked their bedding, met the Camp Warden, Mrs Jenny Scott, and were taken on a walk by the Adventure Masters team to familiarise themselves with the facilities, grounds and the rules for the camp.

Day One saw the children participating in the Confidence Course, abseiling down a very daunting wooden wall, target shooting and going on the flying fox. After tea they experienced games in the dark and went on a very special walk around the camp.

Kayaking on the pond on Day Two was really special. It was sunny and there was no wind. While groups were in the kayaks, others were attempting the Tube Raft Challenge which involved designing and making a raft out of giant tubes which had to be capable of taking them across the pond and back again. Warm showers for everyone followed. The children also participated in teams to complete archery, orienteering and more abseiling activities.

It was wonderful to see the children's faces as they mastered new challenges and kept on coming back for more. A Night Line activity for the Year 6 pupils, who still had the energy, saw the children following a rope in the dark with some interesting 'happenings' along the way.

We finished our camp on Friday with a Search and Rescue activity with some 'very badly injured' parents being safely found and brought back from out in the bush. All of these camp activities gave the children the opportunity to meet some of the challenges which may arise in life.

As you can imagine with the very busy day and night-time schedule, we had some very hungry children. Our mothers in the kitchen (Mrs Mandy Wennekes and Mrs Nickie Gallagher) were kept extremely busy for the entire three days and we all very much appreciated the wonderful meals, snacks and hot drinks. Well done, ladies. You did an amazing job.

All too soon our camp came to an end. It was a very orderly pack-up, clean, lunch and then on to the bus. We certainly had some very tired and exhausted children (teachers and parents too).

I know we will all look back on camp as an exciting and challenging experience for everyone, an experience that would not have been possible without the amazing support of our parent community. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed their time, skills and energy to making this camp another wonderful success.

Marion Hogg
Dean of the Junior School







Availability for Tutoring

Natasha Keillor, Head Prefect in 2009, has contacted the College to advise of her availability for tutoring jobs between the 5th and 25th November. Natasha is a second year student at the University of Otago, studying Law and Science.

Natasha's email is natashakeillor@hotmail.com

Visit to NHNZ



Left to right: Ciara Fitzsimons, Amelia McGeorge and Amy Logie trying a new game created at NHNZ.



Mr Andrew Waterworth, Head of Production at NHNZ, and Mrs Helen Thew, Columba College Librarian, with the DVDs presented by NHNZ



Key Events in Term Four

Tuesday, 25th October	8.30 a.m. School resumes for all students. 7.00 p.m. Course and Careers Evening for 2012 Years 9 to 13 students and parents in Constance Hall.
Wednesday, 26th October	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Years 9 and 10 Social in Constance Hall.
Thursday, 27th October	7.00 p.m. COGA Business Hall of Fame function in Constance Hall.
Friday, 28th October	2012 Years 9 to 13 option choices to be returned to the School Office. 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Grandparents' Day in the Junior School. 5.30 p.m. Mana Pounamu Awards, University of Otago College of Education. 7.30 p.m. Columba College Sports Blues and Awards Evening in Constance Hall.
Tuesday, 1st to Friday, 4th November	Year 7 camp at Lakeland Park Christian Camp, Queenstown.
Friday, 4th November	7.00 p.m. Opening of the "Spring into Art" exhibition in Girton.
Saturday, 5th November	10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. "Spring into Art" exhibition open.
Sunday, 6th November	10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. "Spring into Art" exhibition open. 7.00 p.m. "College Sunday" Service at Knox Church.
Monday, 7th November	2.45 p.m. Leavers' Service for Senior School Leavers, followed by afternoon-tea for parents, family members, leavers and staff. 3.35 p.m. Year 13 released on study leave.
Tuesday, 8th November	3.35 p.m. Year 12 released on study leave.
Wednesday, 9th November	3.35 p.m. Year 11 released on study leave.
Thursday, 10th November	9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. IGCSE Global Perspectives Examination at Columba. NCEA Examinations start.
Friday, 11th November	12 noon to 3.30 p.m. 2012 Year 9 luncheon and Orientation afternoon.
Wednesday, 16th November	TEACHER ONLY DAY FOR YEARS 9 TO 13 TEACHERS. School as usual for Years 0 to 8 classes. School closed for Years 9 and 10 classes.
Thursday, 17th – Wednesday, 23rd November	Years 8 to 10 examinations. No study leave.
Friday, 18th November	12.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. 2012 Year 7 Orientation afternoon.
Sunday, 4th December	6.00 p.m. Carol Service at First Church.
Monday, 5th December	Day outings for Years 7 to 10 students.
Wednesday, 7th December	3.00 p.m. Junior School Concert and Prize-Giving in Constance Hall.
Thursday, 8th December	4.30 p.m. Years 7 to 13 Prize-Giving and Closing Ceremony at the Regent Theatre, followed by the Leavers' Dinner.



Year 7 Medieval Banquet





SPORTS NEWS

Badminton Success for Year 8 Team

Well done to the Year 8 Badminton Team of Rileigh Fields, Maddy Foster, Simone Reid, Lily van Buskirk and Anisha Vohora on winning the local Year 8 competition, playing Balmecewen for 1st place.

The title of the competition is Girls' Badminton, Primary Schools' Challenge Shield.

Senior School Cross Country Results (Columba)

Years 11 to 13

1st Laura Carruthers 9.57
2nd Sian English 9.58
3rd Emma Lloyd 10.42

Years 9 and 10

1st Hanna English 10.01
2nd Charlotte Cahill 10.40
3rd= Grace Carruthers
Georgie Wood

Junior School Cross Country Results (Columba)

Year 4 Boys

1st Callum White
2nd Joshua Hou
3rd Zhi Yuan Qi

Year 4 Girls

1st Hannah Lyanarachchi
2nd Tessa Campbell
3rd Piper Charteris

Year 5 Boys

1st Arun Summerfield
2nd Geoffrey Bennani
3rd Raunaq Bhabra

Year 5 Girls

1st Isabella Johansson
2nd Maia Joseph
3rd Meg Sycamore

Year 6 Boys

1st Alexander Byars
2nd Patrick Wennekes
3rd Andrew Hughes

Year 6 Girls

1st Erin Dailey
2nd Nicole Samuel
3rd Fiona Schultz

Hills Cross Country Results

Erin Dailey was placed first in the Hills Cross Country in the Year 6 Girls. Meg Sycamore was placed first in the Year 5 Girls. Arun Summerfield was placed 5th in the Year 4 Boys and Alexander Byars 6th in the Year 6 Boys.

Otago Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships

The Columba College Cycling Team of Tara Bennett, Laura Bridger, Shannon Edgar (**Cycling Captain**), Olivia Kennedy, Jodie Llewellyn, Bailey Saville, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Kaitlynn Wheeler, Georgie Wood and Sarah Wood performed very well in the Otago Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships on the 10th August.

The Championships included Team Time Trial, Individual Time Trial and Road Racing events. Columba finished 2nd in Otago in the total points (after Taieri College) which was a great result for a relatively new sporting team. The girls worked together well in the Team Time Trial events and remained smooth and focused. The Individual Time Trial and Road Race were fast-paced, but the girls showed sustained effort and determination. Well done!



Results:

1st - Senior Team Time Trial

Laura Bridger, Shannon Edgar, Georgie Wood

1st - Junior Team Time Trial

Jodie Llewellyn, Bailey Saville, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Kaitlynn Wheeler

2nd - Senior Road Race, Under 20

Shannon Edgar

2nd - Senior Road Race, Under 17

Laura Bridger

2nd - Individual Time Trial, Under 20

Olivia Kennedy

2nd - Individual Time Trial, Under 17

Laura Bridger

3rd - Individual Time Trial, Under 17

Sarah Wood

2nd - Individual Time Trial, Under 15

Bailey Saville

3rd - Individual Time Trial, Under 15

Kaitlynn Wheeler

Julie McMahon

Teacher in charge of Cycling

Cycling – a new Sport at Columba



Left to right: Laura Nailard, Tara Bennett, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Bailey Saville, Kaitlynn Wheeler, Laura Bridger, Shannon Edgar (Cycling Captain), Georgie Wood, Jodie Llewellyn, Olivia Kennedy and Mrs Julie McMahon, Teacher in charge of Cycling.

The team is wearing tops kindly sponsored by Williamson Adams Lawyers.

Diving

Drew Schievink in Year 5, who was a member of the Diving New Zealand Schools Team, recently competed in Melbourne at the Australian School Games Diving Competition. Drew won Gold in the Boys 10 years springboard event and was placed 4th in the Boys 10-12 years platform event. He achieved personal best scores in both events. Congratulations, Drew!

Fencing

Phoebe Jennings in Year 3 is continuing to do very well in the sport of Fencing. In the regional U13 Fencing Competition, Phoebe came 3rd equal.

Overall Phoebe is currently 5th in the Regional Under 13 rankings – a great result for a seven year old.



Hockey

The girls in the Second XI Hockey Team had a very good win in the Division Three final against South Otago/Catlins B. The match was a draw at full-time and after one round of strokes, Columba won in sudden death strokes. Team members are:

Freya Anderson
Emma Booth
Georgina Caley
Gabrielle Crawford
Emma Findlater
Charlotte Foster

Bella Hurley-Skegg
Hannah Johnston
Connie McDonald
Ellie Nesbit
Laura Paul
Karla Robb

Joanne Schep
Taylor Smith
Charlotte Sutherland
Sarah Thomas
Abigail Tillotson
Gina Watts

New Zealand Under 21 Luging Title

Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill in Year 9 has been named the 2011 New Zealand U21 Luging Champion at this year's Luging Championships held in Naseby.

Tyla was also the top Junior Women's Luger in 2009 and 2010.



NZ U21 Luging Champion, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill

Netball Success for Year 7

The girls in the Year 7 Gold team had a very good season, gaining 2nd place in Section Eight.

Team members are:

Anuki Edirimuni
Margo Fowler
Grace Hu

Jamie McAuslan
Ciara O'Donnell Jackways
Ella Porter

Clora Quinlan-Thompson
Hannah White

Rugby

At the recent Southern Rugby Club Junior Prize-Giving Columba College was well represented in the U9 age group with three out of the four trophies awarded going to Year 4 pupils. Arun Summerfield was awarded "most improved player", Callum White "most promising" and Maia Joseph "most valuable" in their team, The Southern Magpies. Gage O'Kane in Year 6, Elias O'Kane in Year 3 and Ben Joseph in Year 2 also play for the same club, with Ben also being awarded a trophy in his age group.



Left to right: Callum White, Maia Joseph and Arun Summerfield



Skiing Successes at Regional and South Island Levels

Columba College was the top-placed girls' ski team from Dunedin at the Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Ski Championships held at Cardrona in early September.

The Columba 2 Team of Jodie Llewellyn, Charlotte Hall and Bailey Saville, all in Year 9, was placed 3rd in the girls' teams event after Wakatipu High School (1st) and Mount Aspiring College (2nd).

The Columba 1 Team of Laura Nailard, Lillian Richards (Year 13) and Kim Schultz (Year 10) performed well to gain 5th place, also in the girls' teams event.

In the Giant Slalom and Ski X, Jodie Llewellyn gained two 4th places. Jodie actually scored the fastest time in the Ski X, but was 4th in the final race. Bailey Saville was 10th in the Giant Slalom and 5th in the Ski X.

The same Year 9 team with Kim Schultz went on to compete very successfully at the South Island Secondary Schools' Ski Championships where they were placed 3rd (girls' event). First place went to Wakatipu High School, with second place going to Rangī Ruru. At the South Island Championships, Charlotte Hall was placed 11th in the Giant Slalom, Bailey Saville 13th and Jodie Llewellyn 15th. In the South Island Ski X, Jodie was placed 4th, Bailey 5th, Charlotte 11th and Kim 15th. Great results from the team!

NZ National Youth Series (Giant Slalom)

In the category K2/Ladies competing against girls who spend a large part of our summer training in Europe, Jodie Llewellyn was awarded 3rd place with a time of 1:50.47. Well done!



Left to right: Jodie Llewellyn, Bailey Saville, Charlotte Hall and Kim Schultz, Columba's South Island team.

Swimming

Columba College students have gained outstanding results in recent South Island and National competitions.

At the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships held in Dunedin in July Emmabeth Jensen in Year 11 gained first place in the Women's 15 and over 200m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, and 50m Butterfly. She was also placed third in the 100m Butterfly and 100m Backstroke, and 5th in the 200m Breaststroke. Olivia Stevens in Year 11 came 8th in the Women's 15 and over 200m Butterfly. Emily Alloo in Year 9 also swam well against older girls in the 14 years and under age-group.



At the New Zealand Age Group Championships held in Wellington in August Emmabeth won the 50m Freestyle in a record breaking time of 26.31 seconds in the 15 year age group. She also won the 400m Individual Medley, came second in the 200m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley, and third in the 800m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke. Other New Zealand Top 10 placings for Emmabeth were 5th in 100m Backstroke and 400m Freestyle, and 6th in 100m Freestyle. In the 16 year age group Emily Poon was 5th in 200m Butterfly, 6th in 800m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle, 7th in 400m Freestyle and 10th in 200 Individual Medley.

Congratulations to Emmabeth Jensen, Emily Poon, Olivia Stevens and Emily Alloo.

Neil Mains
Teacher in charge of Regional Swimming Competitions



Emmabeth Jensen

Tennis

Congratulations to Laura Hamilton in Year 5 who has been selected for the Dunedin Tennis Metropolitan JAG Squad Under 10's.

Waterpolo

Libby Sycamore has been selected for the U12 Otago Waterpolo team. Congratulations, Libby!



South Island Netball Tournament Team Members

Left to right: Renaye Flockton, Bridget Thayer and Sophie Napper

I hope you have all enjoyed reading the news, activities and successes in this holiday newsletter.

Best wishes to all students for a happy holiday.

Elizabeth Wilson
Principal
11th October, 2011

