



Columba College

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Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter the last week of the 2011 school year, we reflect on the numerous achievements and successes of our students throughout the year and the enjoyment and personal growth so many students have experienced from participating and contributing. It is an outstanding record of achievement and participation from a wonderful student community rich in talent and generosity of spirit, time and personal effort. Our students are truly our best advertisement, and they have given us many occasions this year to feel both pleasure and pride.

Programming Challenge 4 Girls – Columba Success

The Programming Challenge 4 Girls is a competition held around New Zealand and parts of Australia during November for teams of Year 10 girls. The philosophy of the challenge is to introduce girls to the concept of programming via Alice and to boost their interest in the field of Computer Science. The day consists of a period of tuition and practice in Alice for the girls, which is then followed by a two and a half hour programming challenge. The team programs are marked by a panel of judges and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded based on the quality of the program developed by the team.

Eight Year 10 Columba College pupils attended the Otago Challenge and all were successful in receiving medal placings, which is a fantastic result and a credit to the Year

10 Digital Technology course taught by Mr Luke Smith. The Gold medal winning team of Holly Hanson and Nanako Shitara were the top Otago students and thus have been selected to attend a computer science summer camp in Sydney in January 2012 which has been funded by Google.

Programming Challenge 4 Girls Winners:

Gold - Holly Hanson and Nanako Shitara

Silver (2nd Equal) – Holly Barclay and Julia Isoyama

Silver (2nd Equal) – Ailsa Carroll and Aïcha Wijland

Bronze – Amy Carruthers and Ryley Burtenshaw-Day



Back row: Holly Barclay and Amy Carruthers
Middle row: Ailsa Carroll, Holly Hanson and Ryley Burtenshaw-Day
Front row: Julia Isoyama and Nanako Shitara
Absent: Aïcha Wijland



Staff News

At the end of year we will be farewelling the following staff: Mrs D. Thornton (HOD Religious Studies, Careers Adviser and HOD Careers and Year 13 Dean) who joined the staff in 2005, as well as staff who have been on one-year contracts this year – Mrs A. Alexander, Mrs T. McLean, Ms J. Cook and Miss C. Rewa.

Miss Rewa has decided to return to tertiary study next year to gain a Master of Fine Arts degree.

Recently we farewelled Mrs M. Baker-Ellison who has moved to Wellington after a very successful time at Columba, teaching Maori Language and Culture to Years 7 and 8 and taking our Te Reo Club.

Our 2012 Mandarin Language Assistant, Ms C. Chang, will return to China at the end of the year to continue her studies at Shanghai's Fudan University and to pursue a career in teaching Chinese to foreigners.

Mrs P. Ramsay (HOD Science Years 7 to 11 and HOD Biology Years 12 and 13) is currently on maternity leave. Mrs Ramsay has confirmed her return to her full-time position for Term III 2012. Mrs Ramsay has been successful with her application for a Royal Society of NZ Scholarship for Terms I and II 2012, and on this we congratulate her.

One of Mrs Ramsay's classes will be taught by Mr D. Martin in Terms I and II, and the other three have been advertised in The Education Gazette, along with a part-time Junior Art/Junior Technology position.

Miss I. Ding has been awarded a Ministry of Education Tuition Fees Scholarship to study towards gaining a GradCert TEAL extra-murally through Massey University. Miss Ding will continue to teach full-time while completing the course.

Mr R. Smith (HOD Physics) recently advised his decision to return to his permanent part-time position of three Physics classes effective from 2012. An appointment has yet to be made to a fixed term position for 2012 (two Year 11 Physics classes).

Teaching Staff Appointments for 2012

HOD Religious Studies Years 7 to 13
(Permanent)

Mrs Erina Caradus
BCom, PGDipTchg, Bible College NZ Diploma (Hons), Performers Certificate in Speech and Drama (Trinity College, London), TESOL Cert (Trinity College, London)
Mrs Caradus will teach our Religious Studies classes from Years 9 to 13 with the exception of the Year 12 Unit which will be taught by Mr Lee. Mrs Caradus will also teach a Year 9 English class, the Years 8 and 9 Drama and Dance Units and the NCEA Level 2 Drama class.

Intermediate Department
(Full-time for 2012)

Mrs Chris Cheyne
BA, GradDipTch(Prim), AMusTCL
Mrs Cheyne will be a Year 7 Form teacher in 2012 and will teach both Year 7 classes for English as well as Years 7 and 8 Religious Studies (all four classes) plus some French.

Years 7 to 10
(Full-time for 2012)

Mr Nicholas Lee
BA (Hons), GradDipTchg, Masters in Education (Middlesex University) completion in January, 2012
Mr Lee is returning to New Zealand and his home province of Otago after teaching in English for the past five years at Bentley Wood High School, London where he has been an HOD since September 2008.



Years 4 and 5
(Full-time for Terms One and Two 2012)

Miss Hélène Navarro
Teaching Degree (Catholic University, Caracas)
Miss Navarro has a year-long extended LAT
(Limited Authority to Teach) from the NZ Teachers'
Council. To teach beyond the end of Term II 2012,
a further LAT will need to be applied for.

Physical Education
(Part-time for Terms One and Two 2012)

Miss Angela Wright
BPhEd, DipGradTchg Secondary
Miss Wright will be teaching at Columba again next
year for half a year. Mrs J. Southby was granted
leave from her part-time position at the College
until the end of Term II 2012.

Science and Mathematics – three classes
(Part-time for 2012)
Note: four classes for Terms I and II.

Mr Dennis Martin
MSc, BSc, DipTchg, Diploma of School
Management, CELTA (Cambridge)

Mathematics – four classes
(Part-time for 2012)

Mr Alan Williams
BSc, DipTchg

Science Year 7 – two classes
(Part-time for 2012)

Mrs Christine Anderson
MSc (Otago), BSc, DipGrad (Bible College of New
Zealand), DipTchg, CertTESOL (Otago Polytechnic)

Mr Martin, Mr Williams and Mrs Anderson have all been re-appointed to teach next year. There are extra Mathematics classes available because of Mr Mains' appointment as Careers Adviser and HOD Careers as well as extra Year 9 Mathematics and Science classes (given four Year 9 classes in 2012). Mr Williams' major in his BSc degree was Mathematics (also Education to Stage 3).

New Careers Adviser and HOD Careers Years 7 to 13

Mr N. Mains has been appointed Careers Adviser and HOD Careers effective from 2012. In future Mr Mains will teach three Mathematics classes (Year 13 Statistics, Year 11 and Year 9 Mathematics) to provide time for Careers advice and guidance.

Mr Mains has a Graduate Certificate in Career Development from the Auckland Institute of Technology in addition to a BA (Hons), DipTchg and National Certificate in Business Computing. At his previous school, Diocesan School for Girls in Auckland, Mr Mains was Careers Adviser from 2003 to 2005 and Acting Head of the Careers Department for most of 2005, before taking up his teaching position at Columba College in 2006.

New Piano Tutor for 2012

Ms Fallon Blaser who has recently arrived in the city from America has been appointed as a Private Piano Tutor for 2012.

Ms Blaser finished her Masters in Music degree with a concentration in Piano Performance this year at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, having completed her undergraduate degree in Music at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Ms Blaser has been a piano teacher for the past eight years while a student and has given numerous performances, participated in many competitions and worked intensively in chamber music.

Ms Blaser's contact details will be included in our usual Music notice that all parents receive as part of the end-of-year mailing.

Position of Senior House Manager

We are pleased to advise that Mrs D. Littlejohn, Matron at Columba College has been appointed to the position of Senior House Manager (Deputy to Mrs R. Manson) and will take up this new rôle from the beginning of 2012. With a very full boarding roll for 2012 and the greater proportion of boarders residing in Bishopscourt compared to Katharine Buchan House (which has 40 beds), we felt the timing was right to create a senior full-time position in the House.



University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships



Stephanie Lambie
Year 13



Melanie Redding
Year 13

Well done to both Stephanie and Melanie on being awarded a University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

The University of Otago Selection Committee considers the following factors in recommending the award of a Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship:

- Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with Merit, or equivalent, is required for consideration).
- Demonstrated leadership potential.
- Sporting and/or cultural involvement.
- Contribution to the community.

Recipients receive \$5,000.00 against their fees for the first year of study at the University of Otago.

Massey University High Achiever Scholarship (Arts)



Constance McDonald
Year 13

Congratulations to Connie on her success in receiving this prestigious tertiary award.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Film Competition Best Documentary to a Columba Student

Well done to Flavia Wilson in Year 13 on her success in the 2011 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Film Competition run by the National Association of Media Educators (N.A.M.E.). Flavia who has been studying NCEA Level 3 Media Studies through DunedinNet this year was awarded 1st place in the Best Documentary section with her film, "*Decoding Downloading.*"

Judging criteria included:

- Natural flow and cohesion
- Technical control and polish in camera work
- Sound
- Editing
- Overall impact on the audience

Flavia's film was also entered by her Media Studies teacher in the Otago Secondary Schools' Film Festival where she won 2nd place (across all genres and entries).

Inspiration for her documentary came from the Government's Copyright Amendment Act 2011, which came into effect on 1st September this year.

Under the Act, copyright owners can tell fixed-line internet service providers (ISP) that they believe an internet subscriber is infringing their copy-right through peer-to-peer file sharing.

The ISPs in turn send warning notices to the relevant subscribers and, after three warnings, the copyright owner may take their case to the Copyright Tribunal, which can impose a penalty of up to \$15,000 on the internet subscriber.

Flavia said her documentary was in response to the new legislation, and showed there were "more positive effects to downloading than the Government cared to admit."

"I outlined the benefits of downloading to New Zealand industry."

"I believe artists and film-makers should definitely be paid for their work. But copyright law is irrelevant to digital media."



Flavia Wilson
Year 13



National Winners in a Film Competition

Year 9 German win – German Short Film Contest

Congratulations go to all the members of Ms Riethmaier's Year 9 German class who have recently learned that their entry in the 2011 German Short Film Contest has won First Prize in the Years 7 – 10 category. This is the second win for Columba in the past three years in the competition that is run each year for students of German by the National German Adviser together with the Goethe Institut and the German Embassy. Each year a topic is set and this year's was ABCde, to reflect an exhibition that toured capital cities of the world on aspects of life in Germany represented by each letter of the alphabet. Students write and act their own script and, after much discussion, Nicky Ker came up with the idea of a TV show to find Germany's next top letter, run along the lines of "Germany's Next Top Model." The girls used several class periods to write and rehearse the script and Mr Evan Baddock came in for the filming which was completed in just two periods. We featured the letters of Germany and New Zealand (Deutschland and Neuseeland), using four students from the Junior School, Oscar Sycamore, Aiden Hung, Poppy Jennings and Charlotte de Lautour to help supply the extra letters of Neuseeland. The three girls playing the letters which did not feature in both countries (C, H and T) were eliminated from that round. These film contests are an excellent way for students to use their language creatively and to have fun at the same time. Each girl is to be commended on her pronunciation which was outstandingly clear. We were very fortunate that Mr Baddock was willing to film our efforts with the added bonus that he was also able to incorporate some ski camp footage into the photo shoot scene. The Film Contest is run at three levels: Years 7 – 10, 11 – 13 and Tertiary, and the winning entries will be shown at the Prize-Giving Ceremony to be held at the National Film Archive Centre in Wellington. Three of the students, Amy Logie, Claire Anglin and Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, accompanied Ms Riethmaier to collect their \$500.00 prize on Friday, 2nd December. We will be holding a celebratory pizza lunch for the girls of both German classes who entered the competition and the remainder of the prize money will go towards resources for German.

Cast:

Amy Logie, Alice Toomer - Presenters

Helen Gregory – Hostess

Sarah Dippie, Nicky Ker, Genevieve Ward - Judges

Letters: Claire Anglin (D), Emma Turner (E), Isobel Pearson (U), Hanna English (T), Shannon McKee (S), Kaia Bishop (C), Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill (L), Alyssa Williams (A) – Alyssa was ill on the filming day and her place was admirably filled at the last moment by Olivia Adam – Mary-Jane Wennekes (N)

Charlotte de Lautour, Poppy Jennings, Aiden Hung, Oscar Sycamore – Little Letters

Rest Home Inhabitants: Mrs West, Ms Riethmaier

Stop Press!! Further congratulations to all the participants – our entry, "Deutschlands Nächster TopBuchstabe", won not only the Years 7 – 10 category but also the trophy for "Bester Film", beating the Years 11 to 13 and University films, a commendable achievement for Year 9 students!!

Jeness Riethmaier

Teacher of the Year 9 German Class



Amy Logie, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Claire Anglin and Ms J. Riethmaier



School Office Hours over the Christmas Holiday Period

The School Office will close on Friday, 16th December at 5.00 p.m. and will re-open on Monday, 16th January at 8.00 a.m.

A Trip to New Caledonia



Tatiana Biggeman, Year 12 at the Alliance Française de Dunedin

Good wishes and congratulations to Tatiana Biggeman who has won a two-week trip to New Caledonia to stay with a French-speaking family in a competition run by the Alliance Française de Dunedin.

Up to 90 Years 9 to 13 students enter the New Caledonia Air-sponsored competition every year. Well done, Tatiana!

2012 School Trip to China

Our third school trip to China will take place from the 30th or 31st March to 22nd April. During the three weeks in China, the itinerary will include:

- five or six nights in Shanghai hosted by our sister school, Datong High School with day visits to Nanjing, Hangzhou and Suzhou
- a visit to the Panda Breeding Centre in Chengdu with an overnight stay
- departure from Chongqing for a three-day cruise on the Yangtze River
- three nights in Xian which will include seeing the Terracotta Warriors
- seven or eight nights in Beijing hosted by our new sister school, Beijing No. 2 High School.

The all-up cost per student is \$5,970.00 with the exception of some meals, snacks, personal spending money and possibly about \$60.00 for unexpected entry fees for visiting tourist sites not included in the itinerary.

We could accommodate a few more students in the group (it is open to girls not learning Chinese), so please feel welcome to contact David Smith at Brooker Travel Group, Dunedin (03 474 6120) or the School Office if you would like more information.

2011 Mana Pounamu Recipients



Senior
Ellen Kirkwood, Year 13



Junior
Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Year 9

Ellen and Tyla were selected as our two 2011 representatives to receive Mana Pounamu Awards at a very special ceremony to honour representatives from all Otago Secondary schools held in the University of Otago College of Education auditorium on the 28th October.



End-of-Year Mailing

Before we close the School Office on the 16th December, there will be our usual end-of-year mailing to all parents (including new parents for 2012) regarding arrangements for 2012. Boarding parents will also receive the 2012 Boarders' Handbook and various forms to be completed for next year.

2012 Otago Jumbo Day

The Minister of Education has announced two Teacher Only Days in 2012 for secondary school teachers to work on the NCEA Standards re-alignment (which can be included among the 380 half days that secondary schools are required to be open).

Otago secondary schools have agreed on an Otago Jumbo Day to be held on Tuesday, 27th March (the day after Otago Anniversary Day) for secondary school teachers to work together on the NCEA Standards re-alignment.

This will create a long weekend (Saturday, 24th to Tuesday, 27th March) for Years 9 to 13 students.

There will be school as usual for our Years 0 to 8 students on Tuesday, 27th March. The House will remain open over this long weekend.

Bishopscourt Bathrooms

Work is proceeding very well on the major upgrade of the two big bathrooms in Bishopscourt under the guidance of the main contractor, Stevenson and Williams Ltd.

The boarders in Bishopscourt are to be commended on the way they have coped without the two bathrooms since early November, also the House staff for managing the situation so well.

The bathrooms will be completed on time for the return of the boarders next year.

New Televisions for Bishopscourt and Intallation of "My Sky"

Thanks to our Parents' Association, the boarders will return to the House in 2012 to three new flat-screen televisions in the sitting-rooms of Bishopscourt. Over the holidays, "My Sky" will also be installed in both boarding residences.

New Carpet for Ms Pearson's Room in the Junior School.

New carpet is being laid in Ms Pearson's room over the Christmas holidays.

A reminder

Panty hose for the Years 7 to 13 Prize-Giving

Regulation navy blue ("Ink) panty hose
for Years 9 to 13 students

For Years 7 and 8 students, the above or
navy blue knee-length socks.



PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarships



**Mrs C. Klobukowska, Sasha Roulston, Sophie Borland and Miss E. Wilson
at the PricewaterhouseCoopers function in Dunedin**

Sophie and Sasha were two of the four South Island recipients of a PwC Scholarship. In total, PwC awarded 21 Scholarships to New Zealand Year 13 students this year. Recipients each receive \$7,000.00 towards the cost of their University education, mentoring support, and a summer internship in their final year of study at one of the seven PwC offices nationally. The three Dunedin winners have also been offered the opportunity to work part-time while completing their degree at the University of Otago.

2011 “Torchlight” Silver Awards

Illumination – join us in taking up *The Torchlight List*

Over his University teaching career, Professor Jim Flynn, author of *The Torchlight List, around the world in 200 books* (published by Awa Press, available UBS and elsewhere) noticed that fewer students were reading the great works of literature. This trend is clear at school too. We support our students in Wide Reading programmes and discuss popular reading, but although our most academic girls read and talk about reading with their parents and like-minded students, Facebook and downloaded films more often claim most girls' attention.

Professor Flynn's book is far more than a standard list, though that does occupy the last 40 pages. The body of *The Torchlight List* is a discussion of each book selected, presented with insight accumulated through years of academic and personal experience, written by one “born into the magic realm”. He includes sections such as *Latin America, A Few Books on Africa, The Human Condition, Science and Early Civilisation*.

My first copy of Professor Flynn's book was stolen back to London by my visiting daughter. She challenged me to a competition – which of us had read more titles from the list. I was very relieved that I scored more than she did, my reputation just surviving annihilation. I suspect she'll challenge me again in five years. Professor Flynn's books offer “food for the soul” and guidance for us all when, in this time-poor lifestyle, we want to make our reading time count.

We have trained our students to be goal-centred, to expect more than the intrinsic value of our wise words, and so a certificate system was born. I am very pleased that **Imogen Davis, Ghazaleh Dousti and Shalini Ramarao** earned the first Torchlight Certificates in New Zealand. Other schools are making enquiries about following our lead. Completing the Certificate supports the other reading programmes in the school and offers a deeper reading experience. I hope many more of our students will take up the opportunity in 2012, which is why we allowed our Years 11 and 12 students to borrow a copy over the holidays. I hope families make use of them too.

Chris Carrell
HOD English



Otago Secondary Schools' Junior Speech Competition (Years 9 and 10)

The above annual competition was held recently at King's High School with Ashleigh Neill in Year 10 gaining 2nd place with her speech, "*Work as a way to achieve your dreams.*" Congratulations to Ashleigh.



Ashleigh Neill
Year 10

Congratulations to Kate Waterman in Year 13 on being nominated "Columba College's Best Chinese Student" and on the award and prize she received from the New Zealand China Friendship Society.

2011 Western Districts Short Story Competition

In the secondary section two students gained a Very Highly Commended Award – Constance McDonald in Year 13 with "*Getting Ready*" and Modi Deng in Year 10 with "*Paradise*".

2011 Otago Young Enterprise Awards

The Year 13 Economics students involved with Young Enterprise this year received the award for "Best Financial performance" for their company *Choc Local*. The girls in Y.E. this year were Sophie Borland, Ellen Kirkwood, Sasha Roulston, Madeleine White and Flavia Wilson.

Instrumental Scholarship Competition

Congratulations to Natasha Kumar in Year 12 on gaining 2nd place in the Competition held on the 5th November.

Natasha performed the following on the clarinet:

Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano Malcolm Arnold

(1st and 3rd movements)

Summertime

Paul Harvey (after George Gershwin)

Well done also to Hoyoun Lee in Year 12 who performed on the piano and gained 3rd equal place. Hoyoun played:

Allemande, French Suite No. 5 J.S. Bach

Cordoba Opus 232 No. 4 Albeniz

High Achievers Concert

A number of Columba students were invited to perform at the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music High Achievers 2011 Concert in the city on the 18th November.

Among them were:

Grade 2 Clare Cocks and Sennah Lee

Grade 3 Reva Grills

Grade 4 Jacinda Kumar and Serena Waterworth

Grade 6 Jenny Mi and Ching Man Yeung

Clare Cocks recently passed her Royal Schools of Music Grade 2 Music examination with Distinction and Ching Man Yeung Grade 6 with Distinction (both piano).



Roslyn Physiotherapy Health Sciences Award

The directors of Roslyn Physiotherapy, Steve Griffin and Brett Woodley, have made a very generous offer to the College – to fund a Roslyn Physiotherapy Health Sciences Award annually to the value of \$500.00 to a student about to embark on Health Sciences study at Otago University.

We have accepted this with gratitude.

ODT Extra! Social Studies Quiz for Years 7 and 8 Students

The Columba Year 7 team (Stephanie Jasperse, Isabella Lau and Genevieve Walker-Radich) did very well to be placed 2nd overall.

The girls tied for 1st equal, losing only to a Year 8 team in the third tie break question to finish 2nd overall.



Stephanie Jasperse, Isabella Lau and Genevieve Walker-Radich

Intermediate Department and Year 10 Speech Competition

Results from the Intermediate Department's Speech Competition are:

Year 7

1st Shanti Girande
2nd Bethan Dunstone-Leitch
3rd Alice German

Year 8

1st Reva Grills
2nd Toni Mulholland
3rd Anastasia Varlamova

Year 10

1st Ashleigh Neill
2nd Jamie Wood
3rd Tayla Ashworth

2011 Australian Mathematics Competition

Year 13

Distinction: Rui Ming Chen, Sophie Napper, Laura Schep and Ruth Sun
Credit: Stephanie Lambie, Sarah Lee, Chiao Lin, Harriet Reith, Flavia Wilson, Tzu-Hsien Yang and Xindi Zhao

Year 12

High Distinction: Emma Lloyd
Distinction: Holly Cadzow, Maple Goh, Jiaying Shi, Hoyoun Lee and Grace Oh
Credit: Yuhui Chen, Holly Hoogvliet, Jidapa Intana, Kesryn Phataralaoha, Mackenzie Whitaker, Passaporn Worawiwat, Qiong Wu, Yawen Xu, Jane Yang and Yiming Yuan

Year 11

Distinction: Katie Mulholland
Credit: Annabel Angland, Monica Bae, Nikita Brazil, Olive Dippie, Olivia Dodds, Ban Dohan, Simran Kaur, Shirley Kim, Anna Lee, Dayna Tan, Charlotte Williams, Sarah Woodfield and Flavia Wilson

Year 10

Credit: Ella Barclay, Holly Barclay, Ailsa Carroll, Amy Carruthers, Fenella Christensen, Holly Hanson, Parida Hasdarngkul, Alice Hoogvliet, Emily Huddleston, Avila Kan, Lily Kelly, Ella MacDiarmid, Sawarin Maneerit, Alexandra Menzies, Sophie Ray, Isabelle van der Zande, Ailish Wallace-Buckland and Jamie Wood



Year 9

Distinction and Prudence Award:

Emily Williams

Distinction: Momoka Matsubara-Park and Judy Park

Credit: Olivia Adam, Kaia Bishop, Helen Gregory, Charlotte Hall, Vivian Huang, Nicole Ker, Amy Logie, Eleanor O'Neill, Emma Stackhouse, Alice Toomer and Grace Wilson

Year 8

Distinction: Selena Ballantyne, Chloe Lai and Jenny Mi

Credit: Kate Campbell, Reva Grills, Rika Matsubara-Park, Brianna Palin, Anastasia Varlamova and Ophelia Yeung

Year 7

Distinction: Silkie Alliot and Clara Kwon

Credit: Ketaki Bagal, Helena Chen, Maruca Ciulacu-Nemteanu, Anuki Edirimuni, Alice German, Shanti Girande, Miu Iida, Ellena Khoo, Jamie McAuslan, Hannah White and Claire Yang

Year 6

Distinction: Janice Chu and Sophie Cooper

Credit: Ghazal Dousti and Heather Robertson

Year 5

Distinction: Isabella Johansson, Saffron Lai and Sennah Lee

Credit: Geoffrey Bennani, Joshua Chu, Rowena German, Neil Hutton, Maia Joseph and Meg Sycamore

Year 4

Distinction: Hannah Clarke and Zhi Yuan Qi

Credit: Tessa Campbell, Piper Charteris, Antonia Edmonds and Sacha McConnon

2011 Mathematics Development Band Certificates

At Thursday's assembly on the 1st December a number of students from Years 9 and 10 received certificates for completing the Development Band Course in Mathematics. This course is co-ordinated nationally by the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers (NZAMT) and at Columba our Year 9 and 10 students in Set 1 Mathematics classes are enrolled in the course to provide an opportunity for extension and enrichment. The students complete project work, mostly in their own time. This involves investigating aspects of Mathematics not usually studied in class, as well as practical tasks and research. This year the students have been able to make good use of their laptops for research and presenting their project work.

We are very proud of the achievement of the students who have completed this very challenging course.

Pauline McNeill
Mathematics Teacher

Year 10

Excellence: Holly Barclay, Modi Deng, Holly Hanson, Lily Kelly, Ashleigh Neill and Ailish Wallace-Buckland

Merit: Ella Barclay, Ryely Burtenshaw-Day, Ailsa Carroll, Kacey Grant, Parida Hasdarngkul, Julia Ioyama, Avila Kan, Kiri Lenagh-Glue, Ella MacDiarmid, Alexandra Menzies, Sophie Ray, Nanako Shitara, Aïcha Wijland, Emily Willis, Emma Winders and Jamie Wood

Completion: Kim Schultz and Penny Wennekes

Year 9

Excellence: Kaia Bishop and Alice Toomer

Merit: Olivia Adam, Sophie Graham, Jodie Llewellyn, Amy Logie, Judy Park, Gabrielle Perry, Ellen Richardson, Emma Stackhouse, Mary-Jane Wennekes and Emily Williams

Completion: Emily Alloo, Sarah Dippie, Charlotte Hall, Momoka Matsubara-Park, Eleanor O'Neill, Isobel Pearson, Katia Shennan, Maddy Spence and Alyssa Williams



2011 Young Enterprise Examination

Excellence: Sophie Ehlers and Flavia Wilson
Merit: Sophie Borland, Ellen Kirkwood, Sasha Roulston and Madeleine White

2011 NZ Economics Competition

Distinction: Sophie Ehlers, Sasha Roulston and Flavia Wilson
Credit: Sophie Borland, Annika Costello and Lucy Hunter

NZ Speech Board Examinations

Oral Communication in English for Speakers of Other Languages

Foundation Grade with Distinction

Meng Li
Kazuki Shitara

Intermediate Grade with Distinction

Sawarin Maneerit
Sirintra Maneerit

2011 Debating Club Awards

Criteria

Silver Award: A student needs to have a high level of attendance at the Club over two years and to have taken part in at least two formal debates.

Gold Award: A student needs to have attended the club regularly over three years and to have taken a significant leadership role as well as competing in at least four debates beyond the school.

Silver Award

Year 10 Sophie Ray
Year 11 Courtney Cunningham and Ellen Gipp
Year 13 Penelope Couper, Danielle Browne, Dannielle Hall and Flavia Wilson

Gold Award

Year 11 Courtney Cunningham and Ellen Gipp
Year 13 Penelope Couper

2011 Arts Blues

Jessica Barton	Languages
Laura Barton	Drama, Languages and Music (Music re-awarded)
Danielle Browne	Music and Performing Arts
Alannah Corson-Keogh	Drama
Penelope Couper	Debating, Performing Arts and Speech and Drama (Performing Arts re-awarded)
Imogen Davis	Drama (re-awarded)
Modi Deng	Music (re-awarded)
Annabel Drummond	Music (re-awarded)
Maple Goh	Music (re-awarded)
Dannielle Hall	Drama
Tineke Jannink	Languages
Jasmin Johnston	Music
Helen Kent	Languages
Natasha Kumar	Music (re-awarded)
Chiao Lin	Languages and Writing
Constance McDonald	Visual Arts (re-awarded)
Sophie Ray	Speech and Drama
Melanie Redding	Languages
Kate Waterman	Languages
Flavia Wilson	Visual Arts (re-awarded)



2011 Class Senior Badges

Class Senior Intermediate Department

Sophie Borland

Charlotte Foster

Gina Watts

Class Senior Junior School

Katie Aramthaveethong

Lydia Ireland

Lillian Richards

Melissa-Jane Austen

Helen Kent

Sasha Roulston

Imogen Davis

Olivia Kennedy

Victoria Steiner

Ghazaleh Dousti

Chiao Lin

Kate Waterman

Shannon Edgar

Constance McDonald

Miranda Waterworth

Sophie Ehlers

Sophie Napper

Lauren Elsom

Shalini Ramarao

Music Badges

Madrigal Choir

Gold Award

Laura Barton

Alannah Corson-Keogh

Annabel Drummond

Tineke Jannink

Natasha Kumar

Miranda Waterworth

Silver Award

Claire Anglin

Ella Barclay

Kate Campbell

Kaitlin Chamberlain

Modi Deng

Rose Finnie

Ashleigh Gallagher

Reva Grills

Camelia Harrison

Lily Kelly

Jacinda Kumar

Chloe Lai

Fa'ao'osala Lale

Amy Logie

Jenny Mi

Cherish-Peace Nielsen

Natalie Paterson

Anisha Vohora

Ailish Wallace-Buckland

Serena Waterworth

Kaitlynn Wheeler

Orchestra

Gold Award

Laura Barton

Jessie Burgess (also Silver 2009)

Alannah Corson-Keogh

Maple Goh

Natasha Kumar

Laura Schep

Orchestra

Silver

Modi Deng

Jacinda Kumar

Tiffany Robinson

Nanako Shitara

Ruth Sun

Intermediate Orchestra

Silver

Isla Anderson

Kate Campbell

Camelia Harrison

Vivian Huang

Chloe Lai

Jenny Mi

Ellen Richardson

Wind Sinfonia

Gold

Laura Barton

Annabel Drummond

Jasmin Johnston

Natasha Kumar

Ruth Sun

Silver

Julia Isoyama

Natalie Paterson

Sarah Woodfield

Junior Choir Badges

Year 5

Brielle Alliott

Eleanor Blacker

Grace Blackie

Chloe Clarkson

Peyton Fields

Laura Hamilton

Emily Hill

Isabella Johansson

Saffron Lai

Sennah Lee

Galina Mandich

Harriet Nuttall

Year 5 continued

Drew Schievink

Meg Sycamore

Daizy Thompson-Fawcett

Savanna Westgate

Charlotte Wheeler

Junior Choir Badges

Year 6

Erin Dailey

Claudia Gallagher

Marie Meglinski

Heather Robertson

Junior Orchestra Badges

Eleanor Blacker

Erin Dailey

Kate de Lautour

Peyton Fields

Claudia Gallagher

Laura Hamilton

Saffron Lai

Sennah Lee

Drew Schievink

Anna Snow



Librarians' Badges

Senior Librarian Badges

Frea Anderson
Ella Barclay
Olivia Chen
Ellen Gipp
Sarah Lee
Karla Robb
Kim Schultz

Librarian Badges

Modi Deng
Ghazaleh Dousti
Elizabeth Graham
Helen Gregory
Holly Hanson
Lily Kelly

Chiao Lin
Eleanor O'Neill
Natalie Paterson
Sophie Ray
Durga Selvarajah

Chinese Class Captain and Deputy Class Captain

The Class Captain or Deputy Class Captain is a student who works exceptionally well with others and is able to lead other students in activities. The Captain is voted for by everyone in class. Both Captain and Deputy need to co-operate with the teacher to set up tasks or collect homework in class, and also help with organising Chinese events.

In class, when the class has begun or finished, the teacher will say "Class begin or finish" in Chinese, the Class Captain (or Deputy Captain) will need to follow the teacher to call out "stand up" to others, then lead others to greet the teacher in Chinese. After the teacher's response, the Class Captain will say "please sit down" in Chinese to lead the whole class, and then the class will begin or finish.

Year 10

Class Captain

Ayaki Iwahashi
Madison Jones
Jamie Wood

Deputy Class Captain

Tayla Ashworth
Charlotte Stuart
Christie Wood

Year 9

Class Captain

Cherish-Peace Nielsen
Bailey Saville
Maddy Spence

Deputy Class Captain

Michelle So Un Cho
Rachael Jannink
Momoka Matsubara-Park

Year 8

Class Captain

Ashleigh Gallagher
Reva Grills
Ophelia Ching Man Yeung

Deputy Class Captain

Millie Anderson
Alice Jones
Anisha Vohora

Year 7

Class Captain

Stephanie Jasperse
Georgia McLellan
Clora Quinlan-Thompson

Deputy Class Captain

Abbey Hamilton
Ember McAughtrie
Genevieve Walker-Radich

Year 6

Class Captain

Claudia Gallagher
Fiona Schultz

Deputy Class Captain

Rose Abdul Aziz
Timothy Dippie

Thai Students' Outreach to assist Flood Relief Efforts

The Thai girls and some of their International friends have made a wonderful job of collecting for the Thai Flood Relief Appeal, and have greatly appreciated the School's response and the generosity of the Dunedin public. On Saturday, 29th October they collected \$2,715.30 in Dunedin's CBD. Along with the proceeds of a sausage sizzle/wedges at school the girls raised \$2,911.60 in total for the International Red Cross Flood Relief Appeal. The proceeds from a collection tin in the School Office were given by the Thai girls to the Buddhist Temple in Dunedin.

Counselling Website

Dr Annette Hannah, School Counsellor, has written copy for a Counselling section on our website. We hope the website will be both informative and helpful for students and parents.

The address is: www.columbacollege.school.nz/counselling.htm



An update from your Parents' Association

The final fundraiser for the year, "**Spring into Art**", was held on the 4th, 5th and 6th November. The opening night on the Friday evening was an enjoyable, relaxed occasion. To everyone who supported this event whether it be through the purchase of a calendar or pack of cards, realising you'd won the final bid for your child's piece of art at the Friday evening auction or purchasing that something special for your home, we would just like to extend a very big "thank you".

At the committee meeting held on Monday, 14th November we chose to **allocate funding** to three main areas next year: \$20k for matting, rather than bark, under the Junior School playgrounds, a \$10k donation to help refurbish another of the donations in the Boarding-House and a \$50k donation towards equipment for the new classrooms yet to be built as part of the Braemar extension. We also welcomed three new members to the Parents' Association.

As we head into 2012, so starts the build-up to our main fundraiser for the year - **THE SCHOOL FAIR**. Make sure that Saturday, 31st March is noted in your diaries. Remember, when clearing out to make space for all those new Christmas goodies please think of your School Fair. All those pre loved bits and pieces, in good condition, could find a new home via the Fair while helping the Parents' Association raise funds for the School. Notices will be sent out letting you know when delivery of goods can be made.

As we come to the end of the 2011 school year we say goodbye to a number of our long-standing members whose children are finishing this year. The assistance given to the Parents' Association by these members has been invaluable and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, but most importantly, we need more replacements for those leaving. **Your help is required, we urgently need new members.** *If you can assist, or are just interested, please come along to the next meeting of the Columba Parents' Association.* This will be held on Monday, 13th February 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in the Rose Room, upstairs in the Marsh Sports Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday from your Parents' Association.

Monique McConnon
President
Columba College Parents' Association

Get Hooked...On Books - Summer Reading Programme 2011-12

Children can dip their toes into a great book any time, get lured in by the story, and before they know it they are hooked!

Our hugely popular Summer Reading Programme doesn't cost a cent, and every child who joins receives a fun-filled booklet, full of supportive ideas and activities, book lists and a diary to record and rate their progress.

Every child who reaches their reading target is rewarded at the end of the summer; and if they exceed their target before the holiday's end, they can simply come back in and set their goal a little higher!

This year, we have teamed up with the NZ Marine Studies Centre, and members of the programme will get special treatment if they visit Portobello Aquarium over the holidays.

Encourage your child to delve into reading. Explore our shelves for their next summer adventure and develop a life-long love of reading and learning. It's free – and it's fun!

Join up at your local library today!

Saturday 10 December - Sunday 29 January 2012
All Dunedin Public Libraries

Lynette Hartgill
Marketing Co-ordinator
Dunedin Public Libraries
Dunedin City Council



Donation of Dining-Chairs to Bishopscourt

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation the kind donation of 51 dining-chairs for the Bishopscourt dining-room. People visiting the dining-room have commented very favourably on the chairs, their comfort and the way they have enhanced the look of the dining-room.

We record with appreciation the parents and individuals who have donated chairs with plaques designated as follows:

Kimberley Barker
Tara Bennett
Tatiana Biggeman
Emma Booth
Holly and Zoe Cadzow (2 chairs)
Libby and Rebecca Cochrane (2 chairs)
Georgia and Emma Cotton (2 chairs)
Margot Darling
Charlotte Foster
Zoe Lenagh-Glue
Charlotte Hall
Shannon Harrison
Rose Johnston
Jodie Tsukasa Llewellyn
Mrs Magda Marx
Amelia McGeorge
Alexandra Menzies
Paige and Shannon Morton (2 chairs)
Ailsa Ottrey (Wilson), Ruth Ottrey (Craigie), Jane Ottrey, Sarah Ottrey and Kate Menzies (Ottrey)
The Parents' Association (8 chairs)
Kylie Pennycook
Sandy Reid
Harriet and Maddie Reith (2 chairs)
Bridget and Sasha Roulston (2 chairs)
Laura and Bailey Saville
Kelsey Shaw
Sim Family, Garston
Brittany Spark
Emma Stackhouse
Grace Swain
Heather Thompson
Gina Watts
Miss Elizabeth Wilson
Anna, Rachel and Olivia Wilson
Grace Wilson
Georgia Wood
Sarah Wood
Emma Wylie



**Sasha Roulston, 2011 Head of House and
Claudia Sim, Year 9 Boarder**

**View of the dining-
room with the old
classroom chairs**



2011 Leavers' Service



SPORTS NEWS

Sports Distinction for our Director of Sport

Mrs Shona Harvey was one of six New Zealand School Sports Directors (out of over 100 applicants) to be selected to attend a fully funded Sport and Academic Study Trip to Melbourne from the 21st November to the 26th November, 2011.

Mr Des Smith, the Otago Secondary Schools' Sports Director, attended assembly on the 3rd November to announce this well-deserved award for Mrs Harvey.

Speech by Mr Des Smith at Assembly

In addition to my rôle as Otago Regional Sports Director, I am also a member of the NZSSSC, a body that oversees secondary school sport throughout the country. The Board consists of 13 Principals as well as two representatives from Sparc and myself as an RSD.

Earlier this year, the Board made the decision to offer six Sports Study Awards to people in schools who demonstrate outstanding leadership in sport, not only in their own school but also in their province. To apply for this award applicants needed to be experienced Sports Leaders, to be Sports Co-ordinators or Sports Directors who have demonstrated proven ability to deliver quality sporting opportunities for their students, and above all to have shown the ability to influence the sporting agenda in their school.

The successful applicants will visit schools in Victoria, Australia, including the Maribynong Sports College, the only government-funded specialist Sports College in Australia, as well as observing an innovative sport in education project in central Melbourne schools.

Columba College, along with its high academic standards, is fast becoming one of NZ's leading sporting schools. Not only does the school have a high participation rate of 91%, but it is also competing successfully at the top level in a number of sports.

The close links with Physical Education and Sport, the wonderful support from the Principal, staff and school community, and the student desire to be involved in sport, are all key factors in having a strong sporting culture at Columba College.

The person who has led this development over a number of years, deserves recognition for her fine efforts. Her outstanding organisation, her desire to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to participate regardless of their ability, and her commitment to help make Columba College reach its sporting potential, should be applauded.

As outlined earlier, the NZSSSC Sports and Travel award will involve visiting a number of schools in Melbourne in late November this year.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I now announce that one of the six NZSSSC Sports and Travel Awards for 2011 is made to Mrs Harvey.



Mrs Shona Harvey and Sophie Napper, Sports Prefect



Otago Primary Athletics Championships

The Otago Primary Athletics Championships were held at the Caledonian Ground on 22nd November in perfect conditions.

Girls 13 and over

Lily Cunningham, Madison Hughes, Imogen McGregor, Phoebe Swale
1st Relay 200m

Under 13

Margot Brown, Camelia Harrison, Brittany Spark, Ella Wood
2nd Relay 200m

Under 12

Clora Quinlan-Thompson

1st Discus

Helena Chen, Erin Dailey, Georgia McLellan, Annabelle Payne

1st Relay 200m

Under 11

Isabella Johansson, Nicole Samuel, Fiona Schultz, Meg Sycamore

4th Relay 200m

Girls Junior

Erin Dailey

3rd 800m



Helena Chen, Georgia McLellan, Annabelle Payne, Erin Dailey



Lily Cunningham, Phoebe Swale, Madison Hughes, Imogen McGregor



Brittany Spark, Margot Brown, Ella Wood, Camelia Harrison





Cricket

Rose Johnston has been named in the Otago Under 15 Cricket Team.

Equestrian Success

An Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Inter-School One-Day event was held in Invercargill on Sunday, 27th November. The event involved dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

It was great news to hear that the Columba Equestrian Team won 1st place at the One-Day Event. The six students in our team were: Michaela Little, Hannah Johnston, Anya Johnston, Ellie Nesbit, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill and Stephanie Jasperse. Southland Girls' took 2nd place and James Hargest 3rd place.

Well done to everyone in the team, and thank you to the parents who supported their daughters and transported ponies.



Hannah Johnston, Tyla Toheriri-O'Neill, Anya Johnston, Stephanie Jasperse, Michaela Little, Ellie Nesbit

Tennis

Well done to Rileigh Fields in Year 8 on winning the Girls' Open at the Otago Primary/Intermediate Tennis Championships on the 1st November. Rileigh went on to represent Columba in the Southern Districts (South Canterbury/Southland/Lakes/North Otago/Otago) Primary School Championships on the 9th November.

This came on top of her wins in the 12s Girls' Grade in the Otago Spring Open and South Canterbury Spring Open. She also won the 14s doubles in Otago with her partner Zoe Smith from Southland and came runner-up in 14s doubles in South Canterbury.

Rileigh represented Otago in the 12s Girls' Grade on the 5th and 6th November in the Quadrangular Tournament at the Edgar Centre. Rileigh's team won the 12s grade at the Tournament. Rileigh went through undefeated and the 12s Girls' team only dropped one match the whole weekend. Otago won the 12 & 14s grades as well as getting the overall trophy.

Rileigh competed in Timaru and got two wins and two losses from this tournament. Rileigh ended up in 7th place (where she was seeded) and faced tough competition from Canterbury region players ranked above her and also in the age group above her - a successful two days overall considering that most of the other players were in the age group above but still eligible to play in this tournament due to its going on school year, not age.



Rileigh Fields



Figure Skating

Congratulations to Jo-Ann Chin in Year 10 who has been selected as a substitute to represent New Zealand in Figure Skating in her level at the Australian Nationals held from the 3rd to 10th December in Brisbane.

Jo-Ann has had an excellent year with her Figure Skating, coming 1st in the Dunedin Championships, 3rd in the Otago/Southland Championships, 2nd in the South Island Championships and 5th in the Nationals held in Gore during the last school holidays. Jo-Ann has been selected as a substitute as her technical score was the 5th next out of a total of 15 skaters in her level.



Jo-Ann Chin
Year 10

In the New Zealand Ice Skating Championships held in Gore in October, Kaitlin Chamberlain in Year 8 competed very successfully to take 1st place in Juvenile Ladies 12 and over.

Kaitlin competed against 11 other contestants from throughout the country, including three fellow Dunedin Ice Skating Club competitors.

Kaitlin previous won the Elementary Ladies event at the Dunedin Ice Skating Club's club championships in 2010, and finished second in the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association South Island Championships earlier this year. Well done, Kaitlin.



Kaitlin Chamberlain
Year 8

Golf

Congratulations to Callum White in Year 4 on his recent selection to attend the Metro Junior Golf Development Camp. The development camp is being organised in association with the Southern Golf Academy. There are two parts to the development camp. The first part will be held at the Balmacewen Golf Course on Tuesday, 13th December 2011 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The second part will be held in the New Year, with finalised details being made available once it has been confirmed. The coaching will be delivered by Andrew Whiley and Shelley Duncan from the Southern Golf Academy.

Mountain Biking

The South Island Secondary Schools' Competition for Mountain Biking was held in Bluff during the holidays. Laura Bridger represented Columba College and gained 1st place in the Under 16 Crosscountry Race.

Mini MX Championships

Regan Turner in Year 3 has been placed 1st in New Zealand in the Mini MX Championships. The event was held last weekend with over 150 riders competing from all around New Zealand in the 7-8 years 65cc class. Results were taken over five races and Regan was the winner with 114 points. Both 2nd and 3rd place-getters were from the North Island.



Regan Turner, Year 3

Netball

The following girls in Year 8 have been selected in the Dunedin Netball Centre Under 14 Academy Programme: Lily Cunningham, Phoebe Swale and Ella Wood.



Netball Round-Up 2011

The 2011 netball season was a busy and successful time for Columba College netball teams. Columba had 16 teams competing in the Years 9-13 Saturday competition. Of these teams, four were senior competitive teams, five were senior social teams, four were Year 10 teams and three were Year 9 teams. Of the 11 teams eligible for finals, eight of the teams made it through to the final day of competition. This year the grades were reformatted. There were three premier grades, where schools were to enter their three strongest teams, followed by senior, intermediate and junior grades. The Senior B netball team competed in the top secondary school grade – Premier 1 and they were the winners of the final in round 2. The team, coached by Miss Louise Thayer, had a wealth of experienced girls in it, including Jessie Chapman, Libby Cochrane, Lauren Elsom, Kimberley Martyn, Shannon Morton, Heather Thompson and Lauren Williams. Annabel Angland and Jessica Elsom were the new members of this team. The team can be very proud of its wonderful performance this year.

The Columba Year 10 A team competed in Premier 2. They were the winners of the first round and placed third overall. The team was very ably coached by Miss Pip Allan and Miss Lucy Carpenter. Girls in the team this year were Tayla Ashworth, Alice Hoogvliet, Emily Huddleston, Kay Martin, Georgia Nichol, Laura Saville, Millie Townsend, Georgie Wood and Jamie Wood. This team overcame numerous injuries to girls to complete a successful season.

Columba 9A competed in the Premier 3 grade and gained a creditable 2nd place at the end of the second round. The girls were coached by Mr William and Mrs Hinerangi Nielsen and assisted by Mr Glen Wheeler. Girls in the team were: Analise Cowie, Sarah Dippie, Fa'ao'osala Lale, Hannah McConnachie, Cherish-Peace Nielsen, Maddy Spence, Bailey Saville, Emma Turner and Kaitlynn Wheeler. The team can be proud of its achievements this year and we look forward to even more success next year.

One of the highlights for me personally this year was watching the performance of the Columba Senior D netball team. The ability of this team was evident to those watching and they overcame Senior A and B netball teams from other schools. Mrs Sandy Ehlers coached the team again this year. Her enthusiasm, support, understanding and knowledge of the game meant that the girls were well prepared for each of their games. She has been a real asset to the School and her contribution to Columba netball will be missed. The team was comprised of: Melissa-Jane Austen, Sophie Borland, Samantha Carswell, Sophie Ehlers, Lucy Hunter, Catherine Steiner, Victoria Steiner, Sarah Thomas and Kate Waterman.

There were many other highlights throughout the netball competition – too numerous to list here. Thank you to all of you who have coached, managed, assisted and supported Columba netball. Thank you also to the girls who played netball this year. You are wonderful representatives of the School. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable season in 2012.

Christie Sinclair
Teacher-in-charge of Netball

This will be the last big School Newsletter for 2011. Thank you to the many who attended the Carol Service at First Church yesterday evening. It was wonderful to see the Church full. We hope you will be able to attend the Prize-Givings later this week.

With good wishes to all for a peaceful and happy Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year from

Elizabeth Wilson
Principal
5th December, 2011

