



# Columba College Newsletter

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## Greetings from the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

Collaboration is quite the buzz word in education these days, with government policy attempting to shift competitive Tomorrow's Schools cultures to those where teachers, leaders and students work more closely together to provide cohesive pathways for students, and improve achievement.

For Columba College collaboration is very important. We collaborate with our neighbouring primary schools to deliver our curriculum, with our Year 8 students going to Balmacewen Intermediate for Food Technology each Friday afternoon, and the Balmacewen and Kaikorai Primary children coming to Columba's Confucius classroom for Mandarin lessons and activities. The principals of Dunedin's girls' schools are collaborating on strategies for keeping our girls safe in the city, and we collaborate with the university on delivering Year 13 Scholarship classes for students across Dunedin.

Our collaboration with our brother Presbyterian state-integrated school, John McGlashan College, is particularly important to us. This year our student councils have collaborated on shared fundraising projects, and our boarders have enjoyed shared activities. Both schools have been able to extend their curriculum by offering classes for senior students at each other's school, and further logistics are being explored to enable this to operate smoothly and positively, such as adjustments to both schools' timetables, and providing transport, for 2017.

A significant collaboration is the induction of our two Colleges as Centres of Excellence for Agricultural Science and Business, with the introduction of our new shared course, 'Agribusiness'. There are just eight schools across New Zealand with the status of Centre

of Excellence, and this prestigious programme brings us significant opportunities. The course will be launched in 2017 with Year 12, and the teaching will be shared across both campuses. The University of Otago is a very keen supporter of the programme, as is the agricultural science and business community of Otago. If you would like to know more about this programme, or would like to contribute to its development, I would welcome your queries.

Finally, collaboration between our two school communities was no better represented than at this past weekend's College Sunday service, with 600 young men and women, families and staff joining together for worship here at Columba. It is on such occasions when our shared faith-base is apparent as our true point of difference and we are reminded what it is to be members of schools of special character.

Yours in grace,

Juliette Hayes JP BA, DipTchg, MEd (Hons)  
Principal



Mrs Hayes with the Columba Silver 7s team following their semi final game last week.



# Chaplain's Corner

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## An Ancient Practice For Today

Followers of Jesus have developed practices which bring them to a point of stillness in which God's love is revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. These practices include: worship; meditation on Biblical Texts; reading of ikons; praying in the spirit; writing. The outcome of these practices is rest, the renewing of thought, and restoration of the inner-self.

As Term 3 ends and the challenge of Term 4 casts it light on us an ancient practice may help us find inner peace when we are stressed. Breathing prayer, sometimes called centering prayer, helps us move from the busyness of the moment to being still and present to God. The words of breathing prayer are repeated mentally in rhythm with your breathing, four, five or more times until you come to a place of stillness.

### *Exhalation 1*

"Lord, Jesus Christ."

### *Inhalation 1*

"Son of God,"

### *Exhalation 2*

"Give me,"

### *Inhalation 2*

"Your peace."

Amidst the demands placed on us by ourselves, or others, it is possible to create little moments in which we receive the blessing of resting in God.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:5-7*

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# Departments

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## English

Mr John Hayden, Classics and English teacher at Columba College, has been awarded the Woolf Fisher Fellowship. This Fellowship was crafted to encourage excellence in educational leadership and sends the award receivers overseas to experience and examine different teaching principles and practices. This Fellowship cannot be applied for and is recognised for the element of surprise that the recipient receives when being presented this award.

The following is an interview of Mr Hayden by Nisa Jaafar Amsak and Ruby Edwards on the 28th August, 2016 in G3.

What's the name of the Fellowship?

The Woolf Fisher Fellowship, it was set up in the 60's by Woolf Fisher.

How did you come to know about the Fellowship?

When they informed me that I had won one. One day a letter appeared on my desk and I legitimately thought it was a joke.

Where will you be going?

Italy, specifically landing in Rome. Then I'll be heading up to Naples in the south of Italy, and lastly to Pompeii. I'll then tour around Athens in Greece, and then visit a small town named Limia.

What will you be doing there?

Mostly being a tourist, taking selfies, trying not to get mugged, talking to some pretty intense academics about the future of classics. I will try to make my way around museums, talk to some curators and develop an insight on where classics can take me, and just generally be a snoop.

Are you bringing anyone along?

Just myself. The decision was made that it was more practical for just me to go.

What do you think you'll get out of this trip?

My mind will be blown. Seeing these things that I've been obsessed with since I was in Year 13, hopefully bring back more excitement and enthusiasm towards teaching. Also, a better knowledge of not only the classical world, but how we can apply it into a school setting.

How long will you be there?

I'm leaving on the 12th September, coming back 6th of October.

What are you most looking forward to?  
Just being able to reach out and touch these things, being able to breathe it all in rather than just staring lovingly at a text book.

Congratulations Mr Hayden and on behalf of all students at Columba College we wish you well and look forward to a follow-up interview on your return.



Ruby Edwards, Mr J Hayden, Nisa Jaafar Amsak

### 9Be English perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Over two nights and three days in the Caroline Freeman Theatre 9Be performed an abridged version of the Bard's comedy. The class had two versions of the play featuring a lot of role swapping, especially when one of the leads rolled her ankle. Sacha McConnon holds the record for most parts played in one show - four.

It took a lot of hard work over two terms and wonderful support from teachers, students, Columba staff, and whānau.

A special mention to: Raewyn Lippert and Peter Thomas our Masterclass teachers; Rachel Bird for set design and astro turf; Anna Togneri for lighting; Nick Wooliscroft for lifting and carrying...everything, and Kate Lindsay for dramatic assistance. A final mention to all teachers who were so generous in allowing 9Be to 'take over' the Caroline Freeman Theatre for what seemed an eternity.



Evie Ballantyne as Hermia and Sophie Baron as Lysander



Some of the cast of Midsummer Night's Dream

### Debating Club

The Columba College Debating Club is in excellent health. We continue to foster enthusiasm for debating at all Year levels with Intermediate Debating Club going strong. Under the tutelage of Lydia Joseph, Lydia Christensen, Bridget Scott and Kate Truman there are a dozen regulars who attend every Wednesday at lunch-time for games, discussions and debates.

Dunedin Schools' Debating is over for another year and we congratulate all Columba College teams for their achievements in the competition. There were seven rounds at both levels.

Two of our senior teams made the semi-finals, losing to Logan Park and John McGlashan with John McGlashan winning the senior tournament this year. Well done to Selena Ballantyne (Debating Captain), Lydia Joseph, Bridget Scott, Rebecca MacDonell, Caroline Moratti, Kate Truman and Lydia Christensen for making it to the semi-finals.

The junior finals were held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening, notably with three of the four teams being from Columba College (this is unprecedented). It was an all Columba final with the win going to a Year 9

team of Allison LeBuffe, Lara Seaton, Isobel Fraser and Tessa Campbell who did not debate in the final but has been debating with her team all year. The girls beat the Year 10 team of Georgia Francis, Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak and Madeline McCane, arguing that New Zealand police should carry guns, thereby ensuring the junior trophy stays in Columba's hands for another year.

Certificates were given out to the best ten speakers in the tournament with Columba doing very well indeed. Our results were –

Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak	Best Speaker
Abby Bowmar	2 <sup>nd</sup> = ranked speaker
Georgia Francis	2 <sup>nd</sup> = ranked speaker
Madeline McCane	4 <sup>th</sup> ranked speaker
Lara Seaton	6 <sup>th</sup> ranked speaker
Tessa Campbell	7 <sup>th</sup> = ranked speaker
Cara Busse	7 <sup>th</sup> = ranked speaker
Holly Friedlander	9 <sup>th</sup> ranked speaker

Well-done girls! On the calendar for the year we still have House Debating; Selena is organising Junior and Senior House Debates and our second year of 'Debate Camp' on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.



Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak



Lara Seaton, Allison LeBuffe, Isobel Fraser

### Slam Poetry Competition

'Slam Poetry', or 'Spoken Word Poetry' is where poets read or recite original works and are judged by members of the audience. The inaugural competition was held at lunch-time on Friday 26 August and was won by Caroline Moratti with her poem 'Dear Columba'. The English Department is looking forward to next year's competition.



Caroline Moratti

### English Department Speech Competition Results

#### Year 9

- 1st Honor Bercinskas-Gauld
- 2<sup>nd</sup>= Holly Friedlander
- 2<sup>nd</sup>= Maia Joseph
- 3rd Georgia Tattersall

#### Year 10

- 1st Georgia Ramsay
- 2nd Madeline McCane
- 3rd Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak

#### Year 11

- 1st Anna Snow
- 2nd Molly Crighton
- 3rd= Kate Turnbull
- 3rd= Millie Nesbit

#### Year 12

- 1st Isabelle Beconsall-Ryan
- 2nd Bridget Collins
- 3rd Ella Porter

The Year 13 competition will be held in Week 2, Term 4.

### ICAS Results

#### English

##### Year 4

Distinction: Jessica Mundy, Eleanor Wong  
 Credit: Thandie Chiruka, David Cole, Alyssa Duthie, Reid Gibson, Imogen Harrison, Georgia Houghton

##### Year 5

High Distinction: Clara Ballantyne  
 Distinction: Jemimah McIlroy  
 Credit: Ryan Dailey, Wei Hun Loh  
 Merit: Poppy Edmond, Dristi Singh

**Year 6**

Distinction: Elloise Cameron, Sophie Davis, Alexandra Giles, Charlotte Milne

Credit: Eva De Pelsemaeker, Poppy Henderson, Ella Hou, Skyla Murray, Emily Ung, Hannah K Wilson

Merit: Eliah Gepte, Juliette McDonald, Laura Sammut, Alex Seaton

**Year 7**

Distinction: Sophie Bowmar, Melissa Van der Haegen, Zoe Revell-Lynch, Charlotte Wollstein

Credit: Hannah Cole, Lily Ferro, Isabel Gallagher, Grace Johnston, Krisha Joshi, Isabelle Lindsey, Jasmine Lobo Linwood, Eri Lovegrove, Maddie O'Neill, Tara Price, Sofia Reid, Dina Samadi

Merit: Vivienne Lau, Josephine O'Halloran, Alice Quill, Amrit Singh

**Year 8**

High Distinction: Olivia Charles, Cindy Chou

Distinction: Megan Macdiarmid, Millie O'Neill

Credit: Anaya Cole, Emma Davis, Jazlyn Edmonds,

Aidan Forbes, Angela Fu, Millie George, Phoebe Jennings, Phoebe Kirkwood, Samantha Newstead, Caitlin O'Brien, Madelene Ozanne, Jody Syme, Grace Togneri, Georgia Wong

Merit: Kennedy Dailey, Jessica Penno, Tegan Wisnesky

**Year 9**

Distinction: Jordan Summers, Evie Ballantyne, Abby Bowmar, Tessa Campbell, Antonia Edmonds, Isobel Fraser, Allison LeBuffe

Credit: Gabrielle Bird, Cara Busse, Piper Charteris, Hannah Clarke, Isabelle Coe, Ruth Huang, Joanna Liu

Merit: Sophie Baron, Lauren BATTERY, Ella Calder, Jessie Cowie, Lucy Goodeve

**Year 10**

High Distinction: Sophie O'Neill

Distinction: Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak, Madeline McCane, Niruthmie Pallawala, Liv Preston, Victoria Williamson

Credit: Ash Biggs, Charlotte Cook, Amber Cunningham, Eleanor Dunn, Georgia Francis, Rowena German, Saffron Lai, Sennah Lee, Meg Stedman, Abigail Taylor, Morgan Treleaven

Merit: Meg Sycamore, Galina Mandich

**Year 11**

Distinction: Molly Crighton, Kate Truman

Credit: Ghazal Dousti, Isabelle Keeling, Lucy Liebergreen, Jaime Preston, Bridget Scott, Katie Sewell, Thirza Smith

Merit: Sophie Cochrane, Amy Waldburger

**Year 13**

High Distinction: Lily Van Buskirk

Distinction: Chloe Lai

Credit: Selena Ballantyne, Kara Bethune, Alice Jones, Jenny Mi

**Spelling****Year 4**

Distinction: Imogen Harrison, Jessica Mundy

Credit: Alyssa Duthie, Eleanor Wong

Merit: Aminah Ahmad, Thandie Chiruka, Georgia Houghton, Caleb Ung

**Year 5**

High Distinction: Wei Hun Loh

Distinction: Clara Ballantyne, Jemimah McIlroy

Credit: Zara Pratley, Sean Small

**Year 6**

Distinction: Elloise Cameron, Poppy Henderson, Charlotte Milne, Skyla Murray

Credit: Alexandra Giles, Alex Seaton

Merit: Eva De Pelsemaeker, Ella Hou

**Year 7**

Distinction: Sophie Bowmar, Hannah Cole, Vivienne Lau, Sofia Reid, Charlotte Wollstein

Credit: Lucy Cowie, Isabel Gallagher, Rosa Lines, Eri Lovegrove, Tara Price, Melissa Van der Haegen

Merit: Grace Johnston, Luna Koyama, Emma McDonald, Maddie O'Neill

**Year 8**

High Distinction: Cindy Chou, Megan Macdiarmid

Distinction: Olivia Charles, Anaya Cole, Caitlin O'Brien, Georgia Wong

Credit: Aidan Forbes, Kennedy Dailey, Phoebe Kirkwood, Phoebe Jennings, Grace Togneri

Merit: Willow Bain, Charlotte Barker, Holly Bettis, Ella Chafer, Angela Fu, Lily Frewen

**Writing****Year 4**

High Distinction: Eleanor Wong

Distinction: Thandie Chiruka, Imogen Harrison, Jessica Mundy

Credit: Zoe Trotman

**Year 5**

High Distinction: Clara Ballantyne

Distinction: Wei Hun Loh, Jemimah McIlroy

Credit: Zara Pratley

**Year 6**

Distinction: Elloise Cameron, Alexandra Giles, Ella Hou, Juliette McDonald

Credit: Poppy Henderson, Charlotte Milne, Skyla Murray, Alex Seaton, Emily Ung

**Year 7**

High Distinction: Hannah Cole

Distinction: Sophie Bowmar, Rosie Davison, Grace Johnston, Rosa Lines, Eri Lovegrove, Maddie O'Neill, Dina Samadi, Melissa Van der Haegen,

Credit: Lily Ferro, Vivienne Lau, Jasmine Lobo Linwood, Josephine O'Halloran, Tara Price, Alice Quill

**Year 8**

High Distinction: Grace Togneri  
Distinction: Laura Canton, Olivia Charles, Cindy Chou, Anaya Cole, Emma Davis, Angela Fu, Millie O'Neill, Jody Syme, Georgia Wong  
Credit: Lily Frewen, Megan Macdiarmid, Caitlin O'Brien, Tegan Wisnesky  
Merit: Ella Chafer

**Languages**

Our warm congratulations go to the 13 students in Years 10 and 11 who successfully completed the 2016 DELF Scolaire examinations (*Diplôme d'études en langue française A1 et A2*). These challenging and prestigious exams are recognised worldwide as an official certification of language proficiency and are valid for life. The Diplomas our students will receive are issued by the French Ministry of Education. These will be presented at assembly.

Well Done to the following girls:

Year 11 – Ximena Botafogo and Lucy Liebergreen.  
Year 10 – Saffron Lai, Kelly Hoyt, Galina Mandich, Eleanor Dunn, Annia Tomkins, Eleanor Blacker, Khaleeda Jaafar Amsak, Madeline McCane, Georgia Francis, Michaela Sutherland and Sophie Gaudin.

**New Zealand Chinese Calligraphy Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who won the NZ National Calligraphy Competition:

Katie Sewell, Year 11  
Ash Biggs, Year 10  
Grace Blackie, Year 10

**Chinese Moon Festival celebrations**



Year 8 Columba College and Balmacewen Intermediate students on Tuesday, 13 September



Year 6 Columba College and Kaikorai Primary students on Friday, 16 September

**NZ Secondary Schools' Short Film Competition**

Year 9 Chinese and Chinese Gate students won the first NZ Secondary Schools' Short Film Competition.

The Prize-giving ceremony was on Friday, 16 September.

Year 9 Chinese class - Columba College Got Talent

Sophie Baron, Sylvie Brosnahan, Ella Heffernan, Kiki Iseya, Maia Joseph, Joanna Liu, Sacha McConnon, Bree Mosley, Shannon Sealy, Lara Seaton, Georgia Tattersall, Serim Woo

Chinese Gate (Year 10) – Dining in

Joelle Gatenby, Samantha Lindsey, Mia Warman, Joanna Zhang

**Chinese Language Week**

Monday, 12 September – Friday, 16 September

Year 9 and Year 10 Chinese classes are learning to make dumplings



## Visual Arts

### The Otago Art Society - Youth Art Awards

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September the Otago Art Society had its Annual Youth Art Awards Exhibition at the Dunedin Railway Station. This exhibition was a wonderful event and an excellent opportunity for all young artists to have their artworks displayed in a local high profile art gallery. It was pleasing to see the Columba College art students do extremely well in the 14 & 15 years old section.

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students:  
 Arna Finnerty – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 14 & 15 years old section  
 Zola Close – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 14 & 15 years old section  
 Kelly Hoyt – Merit award in the 14 & 15 years old section



Chinese Language Week performance in assembly



Chinese Gate class and Year 7—peacock dance



Year 8 Chinese class—Traditional fashion show



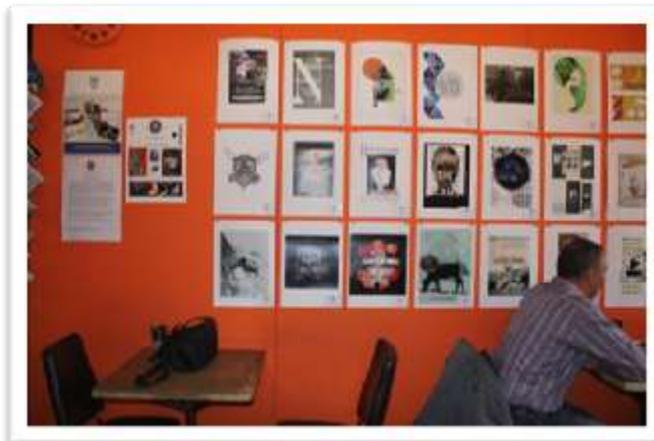
Arna Finnerty

Zola Close

### The Fix Café Senior Art Exhibition

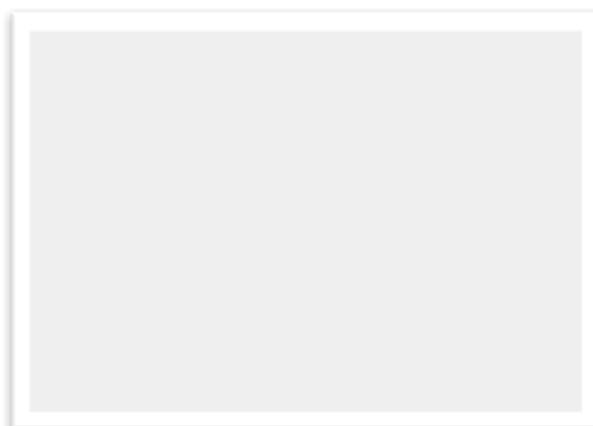
The exhibition at the Fix Café continues through the first week of the Term 3 holidays. The Department has had a lot of positive feedback from the general public about the show and we would advise you all to visit this stunning exhibition by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Here are a variety of photographs from the exhibition at the cafe – Design, Painting and Photography.





Year 12 Painting Student – Jade McMillan



Congratulations to Year 13 Design student Lily Van Buskirk for her placing in this exhibition

**Otago Secondary Schools’ “Celebrate” Exhibition at the Dunedin School of Art**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at the Dunedin School of Art there was an exhibition opening for Otago secondary school Year 12 and 13 Visual Art students. This was an excellent exhibition and gave the opportunity for students to exhibit their artworks at the Dunedin School of Art. Congratulations to all the 2016 Otago Secondary Schools’ Art Awards Recipients. Our Year 13 student Lily Van Buskirk was the recipient from Columba College.

**The Arts Foundation presentations at the King’s & Queen’s Performing Arts Centre**

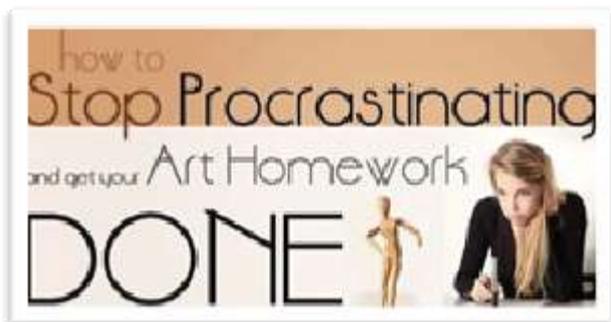
On 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 13 Visual Arts students’ Ruby Whitaker, Christine Wierda and Alice Jones attended The Arts Foundation presentations at Kings High School where they witnessed some of New Zealand's finest creators, Arts Foundation Laureates - Don McGlashan (music) in the photograph, Jo Randerson (writer) and Laurence Aberhart (photographer). They took us inside their masterpieces through a variety of wonderful performances, presentations and displays.



Year 13 Photography Student – Michaela Sharp



## Visual Art Department Holiday Senior Workshops



Externally assessed Achievement Standards in the Visual Art disciplines, with significant credit value, are due early in Term Four. The workshops in the Term 3 holidays will be in Week 2, Monday until Friday. These holiday workshops will be an excellent opportunity for students to complete all work requirements for their final external assessments.

**Deadlines for the submissions of folios are as follows:**  
**Level Two** - Painting, Design & Photography (AS90479, AS90235, AS90480): Due Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – worth 12 credits

**Level Three** - Painting, Design & Photography (AS90667, AS90517, AS90668): Due Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – worth 14 credits

Please talk to individual teachers about other times for workshops.

As a Department, we encourage students to attend these workshops, and act upon the targets and/or advice given by the teacher concerned. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any issues arising from your daughter's progress, please do not hesitate in contacting the appropriate Visual Art teacher at school.

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 HOD Visual Art  
<http://columbacollegevisualartdepartment.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Junior School

Congratulations to Caitlin Butson who was placed third in the Year 5 category at the recent Otago Cross Country Championships held at Kaikorai Valley College.



## Student News



Lily Van Buskirk and Alice Jones preparing the three course dinner for six that was included in the Silent Auction at the Fair. This was offered by Ms Riethmaier's Year 13 Life Skills programme.

## Tournament of Minds (TOM)

“A truck laden with golf balls has overturned on a major highway. Many thousands of golf balls litter the road and traffic is in chaos.

How might the golf balls be cleared away in order for the road to re-open? Give ten responses.

You have 3 minutes to discuss the problem and 2 minutes to respond.”

Three teams from Columba entered this year's competition in Christchurch on 3 September. TOM is a problem-solving challenge for teams of seven students, who work on a problem for six weeks and then give a 10-minute presentation of their solution to a panel of judges. As well as that, they are judged on a spontaneous challenge which measures their teamwork and creativity. The golf ball problem above is an example of this.

The teams must have mixed Year levels in them and they choose which discipline they want to work in. The teams were:

Years 9/10 team – Maths/Engineering discipline – Damaris Dumitrean, Ruth Huang, Joanna Liu, Shannon Sealy, Lara Seaton, Morgan Treleven, Grace Windley

Years 7/8 team – Language/Literature discipline -  
Sophie Bowmar, Cindy Chu, Rosie Davison, Lily Ferro,  
Angela Fu, Millie O'Neill, Georgia Wong

Years 7/8 team – Science/Technology discipline –  
Holly Bettis, Phoebe Jennings, Isabelle Lindsey, Lily  
Murdoch, Maddie O'Neill, Sofia Reid, Dina Samadi

All three teams won their respective divisions and were invited to the Nationals in Wellington on the first day of the holidays.

## Summer Research School

I was recently selected for a summer research school in Bulgaria. I wrote a scientific research paper at the 'XVI Summer Research School in Mathematics and Informatics' at the American University in Bulgaria, the opportunity being offered and funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand. I wrote my research paper on an algorithm I designed that can determine the age of star clusters more accurately than scientists can manually. In order to complete this, I had to learn quickly a lot of new things about astrophysics! My algorithm chose the best theoretical model for the star cluster, using data like the distance and different types of elements in the cluster. I was analysing the stellar cluster NGC 6791, though none of the isochrones fitted the observational data particularly well! My results showed that the best isochrone was given from an age of 9.5 billion years old, though this is inconclusive. This project really cemented my interest in astrophysics as well as informatics - though I realized I would like to do more than just pure science, and be able to gather my own data and know how the telescope is engineered!

I would like to thank both the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Dunedin North Rotary Club for their financial assistance for my trip.

Annabelle Ritchie  
Year 13



## Sport

### Junior Winter Sports Report

Thank you, to all parents and students that have worked so hard throughout Terms 2 and 3 to coach our Junior and Intermediate Sports Teams.

#### Miniball Years 3 and 4:

In the second part of the winter season the Years 3 and 4 team was moved up to a higher grade as they were performing very well. Thank you to our high school students, especially Abbey Hamilton who came to the games and coached the team.

#### Miniball Years 5 and 6:

Thank you to Brett Dailey who coached the team and compiled the following report.  
The Columba College Years 5 and 6 miniball team deserves praise for their commitment to the practice schedule and their enduring effort on the court. We seemed to be outgunned by taller and larger teams with lots of subs but "the little team that could" started winning games in the B grade and was quickly moved to the A grade – winning most of their games there too! The late addition of Mia Revell-Lynch to the team was a big win as we played a few games with no subs prior to her arrival. In spite of the team's size and age, they pulled off a few surprise wins with their structured play. A big thanks to Pen Edmond for helping with the scoring at the Thursday night games and Steff Revell for organising a fun break-up party at Leap. I'd like to encourage everyone to keep up with Basketball Otago's excellent Diggers and Miners programmes during the off season and I'm already looking forward to next year.

#### Hockey Years 3 and 4:

The Years 3 and 4 Hockey team had a great season. The team performance and player commitment was excellent despite some cold weather. Thank you to all the Parents for time spent coaching and managing the team.

#### Hockey Years 5 and 6:

Thank you to Margot Darling and Lydia Shirley for coaching the team.  
The Years 5 and 6 Hockey team worked hard to develop their basic skills. The whole team had noticeable progress throughout the season and started winning many of their games. Everyone in the team had enthusiasm and love for the sport with some players going off to play rep or development hockey. Many of the team members have potential to continue and excel at hockey.  
The team's MVP: Hannah Wilson.

**Netball Years 5 and 6 Black Team:**

Thank you to Margot Darling and Sara Griffin for coaching the team.

The Years 5 and 6 netball team had a fabulous season of netball having close losses and exceptional wins. The Girls worked hard at practices to improve their skills each week and made a noticeable change in the way that all players play the game throughout the season. The girls were able to compete in the Dunedin tournament where they missed out on the top 8 position due to points however went through to win the middle 8 making them 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the tournament. The team's MVP: Grace Darling.

**Netball Years 5 and 6 White Team:**

Well done to the Years 5 and 6 team who showed great improvement through the season. Thank you to Callie Turner and Sophie Anderson for coaching the team. Well done to Jemimah McIlroy for being selected the teams MVP.

## Intermediate Winter Sports Report

**Hockey Years 7 and 8:**

The girls had a great season, improving throughout the year. They finished strong in the second half of the competition. The highlight for the team was the game against Balmacewen in the Winter Sports Exchange, which the Columba girls managed to win 2-1. Thank you so much to our Senior Coaches Stephanie Smith, Grace Brosnahan, Annia Tompkins and Mia Nevill for giving up your time to coach the team.

**Netball Year 7 and 8**

**8A Team:**

A report from Roanne Hurley who coached the 8A team with Glenda Paterson, It was fantastic to be involved with the 8A team this year. Glenda and I worked hard with girls on training intensity and space awareness, and many of the lessons learned at training flowed through to games. All of the players tried hard to meet their individual work-ons and there were times when the ball flowed through the court seemingly effortlessly. The highlight of the season had to be playing Balmacewen in the inter-schools, who are notoriously strong. We held our own against them and the team played at a level that showcased their potential. It was unfortunate that one of the mid court players broke her leg mid-season, but this gave other players a chance to step up and it was great that players were adaptable and sometimes played out of position. A 6<sup>th</sup> placing at the Otago Primary Schools' Netball Tournament was a nice way to finish the season. Well done to Madi Loudon who was voted MVP for her performance and attitude on and off the court and was also selected for the Dunedin Year 8 Netball Team.

**8B Team:**

Thank you to Kelly Kirkwood who managed the team and also found a great coach, Demi Moore to coach the team. The players always worked hard and gave 100%. Well done to Jessica Penno who was most valuable player on and off court this season.

**8C Team**

Thank you to Ashlee Turner and Olivia McRae who dedicated their time to coach the team. The MVP for the year went to Willow Bain.

**7A Team:**

Thank you to Mrs Natalie Cowie and Mrs Lauren Piebenga for coaching the team. The team improved immensely during the year finishing strong to win their grade in the Thursday competition. The team also competed in the Netball South Year 7 Tournament and performed well they put a fantastic effort on and off the court. Well done to Riley Piebenga and Lucy Cowie who were voted by the players as Team MVP's and who also were selected for the Year 7 Dunedin Netball Centre Representative team.

**7B Team:**

From Mrs Sheree Potter the 7B coach.

You have been a wonderful team to coach. The amount of confidence you now all have in each other as a team is a pleasure to view from the side line - You have improved your netball skills, teamwork and passion with every game. I am very proud of you all. Thank you to Bridget Sim and Margo Fowler - We have enjoyed your tips, skills and your ability to step up to umpire throughout this season. Thank you ladies.

**Miniball:**

**Year 8**

Report written by Brett Dailey.

What a difference a year makes! Special mention to Jenna Paterson, Madi Loudon and Camila Tawse-Smith for continuing to build their basketball skills throughout the offseason with BBO's development and representative programmes. Last year, with essentially the same team, we left the Oamaru tournament without a win in the Development pool (had a blast though!) and barely pulled off 4<sup>th</sup> place in the school league. This year, the Oamaru tournament was one of my all-time favourite sporting moments. The girls played exceptionally well together and utilized coach Kate Jerram's structured defense to finish third overall in the A grade, finishing it off with a very close and exciting win in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> final. Well done girls!



The Year 8 Miniball team who competed in Oamaru

In the school league, the girls displayed their steady improvement, winning quite a few close games, and finishing a well-earned second overall. Thank you to Glenda Paterson who not only managed the team from week-to-week but also organised another trip to Oamaru and then ended the season by coaching the team to second overall at the Kivihoops Day Tournament in Dunedin!

Year 7:

Thank you to Isabella Lau who did a fantastic job coaching the team. A lot of the team were new playing Miniball this year. The team played with a great attitude and improved throughout the season. Well done to Vivienne Lau who made the U13 Representative team.

U13 Representative Basketball

Camila Tawse-Smith (Year 8), Vivienne Lau (Year 7) and Ryan Dailey (Year 5) represented Otago at the pre-season Basketball tournament in Gore (6-7 August) and the South Island qualifying tournament in Invercargill (27-28 August). Vivienne and Ryan both played for the Otago Red team, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5 teams in both tournaments. Camila played for Otago's A team for the second year in a row. A team remains unbeaten so far this season. The Otago Red team was coached by Brett Dailey and the team would like to thank Columba College for allowing us to practise at their facility. Southern Regional Championships will be held on 5-8 October in Christchurch.

U15 Representative Basketball

Jenna Paterson (Year 8), Madi Loudon (Year 8) and Grace Gardner (Year 9) represented Otago in the U15 B team. They played in the South Pre-season Tournament in Invercargill at the beginning of April and in the Dunedin Qualifying Tournament.

## Aerobics

Following are the results from the New Zealand Aerobics Championships:

Emma McCaughan  
1st Junior Novice Individual

Josephine O'Halloran  
3rd Intermediate Individual

Olivia Ferris  
Finalist Intermediate Individual

Amaya Leslie  
Finalist Junior Open

A fitness team made up of Columba College and Bayfield High School girls placed 2nd.

## Badminton

Congratulations to Peyton Fields and Kelly Hoyt (both Year 10) for being selected in the Under 17 Mainland (South Island) 2017 Badminton team. They will play in the Australasian teams event and individual Championships held in Australia in April next Year.

## Cross Country

Well done to all our students who competed in the Otago Primary and Intermediate Cross Country Championships on Friday 2nd September. The race was held at Kaikorai Valley College. It is a tough course with a lot of tough opposition from schools throughout the region.

Congratulations to the following Columba athletes who came in the top 15 place getters of their race.

Caitlin Butson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 girls race  
Alex Piebenga  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 boys race  
Ella Hou  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 girls race  
Jaime Reid  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 7 girls race  
Anika Itadani  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 7 girls race

## Diving

Congratulations to Christine Wierda who gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 17-19 years Girls Synchronised Diving at the Australian School Games.



## Football

The Maori Hill Junior Football Club Silver Streaks won the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division 2 section this year with six of the 12 girls being Columba College students: Emily Brosnahan, Charlotte Hayes, Isabelle Lindsey, Rosa Lines, Grace Macbeth and Camila Tawse-Smith.



## Hockey

### 2016 Federation Cup/Marie Fry Secondary Schools' Girls Hockey Tournament

Columba College finished the 2016 Federation Cup Hockey tournament in style with two 8-0 victories. The tournament was held in North Harbour from 29th August to 3rd September. There were 32 schools taking part in this national tournament. Columba are now the only Otago/Southland school to stay in this top national tournament for 2017. The team played great hockey throughout the week scoring some awesome goals through good linking in the mid-field and strong defense.

On the first day of competition Columba defeated Waikato Diocesan 3-1, goal scorers were Ella Heffernan, Holly Lang and Tahlia Green. On day two Columba drew 4-4 with Wairarapa College, goals to Ellie Duncan, Isabelle Beconsall-Ryan, Laura Becker and Lydia Shirley. Unfortunately, in the final game in Pool play Columba lost 0-1 to Burnside High School.

In the first day of playoffs Columba lost to Otumoetai College 1-2, the sole goal by Isabelle Beconsall-Ryan. Then Columba faced off against St Hilda's Collegiate and won this game 4-0, goals to Holly Lang two, Ellie Duncan and Audrey Hayes one each.

On 2nd September Columba had a crushing 8-0 win over St Peters School Cambridge with Lydia Shirley scoring a hat-trick and Isabelle Beconsall-Ryan scoring two goals, Savanna Westgate, Ellie Duncan and Tahlia Green one each.

On the final day of competition Columba had another crushing 8-0 win over Timaru Girls High School in the play-off for 25<sup>th</sup> position, Lydia Shirley, Isabelle Beconsall-Ryan and Ellie Duncan all scoring two goals each and Tahlia Green and Holly Lang one each.

Special mention to Mrs Tina Becker and Mrs Lorraine Duncan who managed working tirelessly for the team. The Year 13 girls, Lydia Shirley, Laura Becker, Tahlia Green and Holly Lang, who have played their last hockey for Columba, you have all contributed so much to school hockey and will be missed, good luck for 2017.

Thank you to all the parents who made the long trek north to support the team and encourage them. Mr Joe Piggott who has helped with coaching the team for two years has been excellent and has added to the strength of Columba hockey, I wish him well as he heads back to Christchurch at the conclusion of university study.



To all players, thank you for being a great team and training hard this season. You played some great hockey at tournament, congratulations.

Shona Harvey  
1st X1 Coach



Courtesy of Jamie Ryan

## Ice Hockey



Hannah Cross and Sophie Cochrane representing New Zealand for the Women's U18 Ice Hockey team in August.

## Swimming

Congratulations to Caitlin Deans on her selection by Swimming New Zealand for the 2016 State Teams Age Short Course Championships to be held in Canberra from 23rd to 25th September 2016.



This is a recognition by Swimming New Zealand of the dedication to training and performance made by Caitlin.

Her selection follows a very successful South Island Swimming Championships in August. In the 15-16yrs girls age group Caitlin won 5 gold medals (50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 freestyle), 4 silver medals (400 IM, 200 IM and regional medley and freestyle relays) and 1 bronze medal (50 fly). She also recorded Open wins in the 400 and 800 freestyle.

## New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

A team consisting of seven Columba girls (Antonia Bachop, Caitlin Deans, Devon Familton, Molly Law, Zoe McCane, Jordan Summers, Gabrielle Trotter), travelled to Wellington on 8<sup>th</sup> September to compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships. This meet was over three days and took place at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. The team did extremely well finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall with 1,062 points out of the 72 girl's schools competing.

Individual Results were as follows:

Antonia Bachop (13 years)  
 5<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle  
 5<sup>th</sup> 100m Butterfly  
 6<sup>th</sup> 100m Breaststroke  
 6<sup>th</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
 6<sup>th</sup> 200m Individual Medley  
 8<sup>th</sup> 50m Butterfly  
 11<sup>th</sup> 50m Breaststroke  
 12<sup>th</sup> 400m Freestyle  
 13<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle  
 17<sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle

Caitlin Deans (16 – 18 years)  
 1<sup>st</sup> 400m Freestyle  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Freestyle  
 6<sup>th</sup> 50m Butterfly  
 6<sup>th</sup> 200m Individual Medley  
 7<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle  
 8<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle

Devon Familton (16 – 18 years)  
 8<sup>th</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
 11<sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke  
 11<sup>th</sup> 200m Backstroke  
 11<sup>th</sup> 100m Breaststroke  
 14<sup>th</sup> 50m Breaststroke  
 15<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle  
 18<sup>th</sup> 50m Backstroke  
 19<sup>th</sup> 50m Butterfly

Molly Law (14 years)  
 4<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle  
 9<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle  
 15<sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke  
 15<sup>th</sup> 100m Butterfly  
 16<sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle  
 10<sup>th</sup> 400m Freestyle  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 200m Individual Medley  
 24<sup>th</sup> 50m Butterfly  
 31<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke

Zoe McCane (13 years)  
 5<sup>th</sup> 100m Breaststroke  
 5<sup>th</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
 6<sup>th</sup> 50m Breaststroke  
 13<sup>th</sup> 400m Freestyle

- 19<sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle
- 19<sup>th</sup> 200m Individual Medley
- 24<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle
- 26<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle

Jordan Summers (13 years)

- 4<sup>th</sup> 200m Backstroke
- 5<sup>th</sup> 50m Breaststroke
- 6<sup>th</sup> 100m Butterfly
- 7<sup>th</sup> 200m Individual Medley
- 8<sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke
- 10<sup>th</sup> 50m Backstroke
- 15<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle
- 21<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 200m Freestyle

Gabrielle Trotter (15 years)

- 4<sup>th</sup> 400m Freestyle
- 5<sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle
- 10<sup>th</sup> 100m Butterfly
- 11<sup>th</sup> 200m Individual Medley
- 12<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle
- 17<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle
- 19<sup>th</sup> 50m Butterfly

We also had a two relay teams entered in the 15 and Under section. In the 4x50m Freestyle Relay the team consisted of Antonia Bachop, Molly Law, Zoe McCane and Gabrielle Trotter where they finished an impressive 6<sup>th</sup> place. In the 4x50m Medley Relay team included Molly Law, Zoe McCane, Jordan Summers, Gabrielle Trotter, and they finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

We'd like to give a huge thanks to our travelling managers, Simone McCane and Shona Trotter for giving up their own time to help make this meet the success it was. Also thanks to Carol Forbes and Mr Mains for their help organising the arrangements before we left. Once again well done to all the girls that competed, you all raced incredibly and did a great job representing Columba.

Caitlin Deans and Devon Familton (Co-Swimming Captains)



200m Freestyle Relay



## Squash

Congratulations to the Columba Squash team of Georgia Hamilton, Bianca Malcolm and Tania Savery on claiming the Top School trophy for Otago Secondary Schools' Squash with a win against St. Hilda's.

## Otago Volleyball Selection

Congratulations and well done to following girls in respective teams.

Under 17  
Tayna Barnes  
Zoe Flockton  
Chenoa Metua

Under 15  
Lauren Buttery  
Isabelle Coe  
Cheyenne Flockton  
Polly Marshall  
Hannah Prout

Under 13 Blue  
Anaya Cole  
Jenna Paterson

# Notices

## Sports Council Update

The Sports Council met on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and awarded two more girls with NZ representative scholarships - Christine Wierda for Diving and Stephanie Jasperse for Equestrian. The school now has eight girls with new NZ representative honours and four girls from last year; a total of 12 girls at the school with NZ representative honours. This a record for the school and a credit to all involved with the girls in these achievements.

A de-brief of the golf tournament identified a number of potential improvements for the future. Despite player numbers being down this year the funds generated still provided sufficient income for the Sports Council operations which is a great result from all involved. A survey has been shared for all who were involved, seeking feedback for next year's tournament. If you have not received this via email and would like to comment, please email your comments and thoughts to the following email address: [riverfields@farmside.co.nz](mailto:riverfields@farmside.co.nz).

The Council hosted a morning tea for all staff at the end of last term. This was to recognise the effort of our teachers and staff in supporting 92% of girls being involved in some sports among the highest participation rates in New Zealand. Our challenge is to get more parents involved for support for these numbers to be maintained for the future.

A discussion was held over the format for the Sports Awards this year. These will now be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 2:45 to 3:30pm in the School Hall. Following the Awards the Sports Council will provide afternoon tea for recipients and their families. More details will be available from the school closer to the time.

The Council supported both Netball and Hockey with their season awards nights, including a great club wrap-up function at the Edgar Centre following finals day, and a successful BBQ event at the hockey finals night.

The next meeting for the Sports Council is at 5:30 on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Rose Room at the College. The Council welcomes new members as it has some very important future decisions to make and we would appreciate your involvement.

Peter Turner  
Chairperson  
Columba Sports Council

## Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange will reopen for Term 4 on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3.40 p.m. until 4.10 p.m. It is open every Tuesday during the Term.

## Meningococcal disease information for boarding school students

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection that causes two very serious illnesses: meningitis (an infection of the membranes that cover the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning).

The initial signs of the disease are flu-like, ie fever, headache, and joint and muscle pains. Other symptoms may include stiff neck, dislike of bright lights and a pin-prick skin rash.

The person will become very sick very quickly, and it is very important medical help is sought as soon as possible.

The bacteria is spread via droplets, so it is important to cover nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing, and not share eating and drinking utensils.

For further information please refer to the Ministry of Health website.

There is currently no meningococcal vaccine on the National Immunisation Schedule, but the Ministry of Health recommends that young people entering boarding schools or hostels receive a meningococcal vaccination.

The vaccines are not funded, which means parents need to pay for it themselves. There are several vaccines available, but none offer protection against all the strains that are circulating in New Zealand.

If you would like more information about the vaccines available please discuss with your practice nurse or GP.

## Health Consultation

The Board of Trustees of Columba College is committed to delivery of the health education components of the New Zealand Curriculum. This includes consulting with the College community on the content of the health education programme, providing opportunity for the community to comment, then confirming the health education programme with any recommendations considered.

Health and Physical Education is one of the eight essential learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum and is a compulsory subject until the end of Year Ten. The four areas covered in the health education programme are:

- mental health
- food and nutrition
- body care and physical safety
- sexuality education

Under section 25AA of the Education Standards Act (amended 2001), individual parents of students enrolled at a state school may write to the principal to request that their child be excluded from specific parts of the health programme related to sexuality education. The student is excluded from the relevant tuition and supervised during that time. This does not extend to exclusion at any other time when a teacher deals with a question raised by another student that relates to sexuality education. There is no legal impediment to young people of any age having access to advice on the use of contraception or the supply of contraceptive devices. However, decisions to include contraceptive education as part of the sexuality education component of the health programme is considered within the requirements of the Education Act, outlined above.

Our belief is that the family should be the primary educator in most matters to do with young people's health, and our intention is for the health education programme to be one that complements information and support shared by parents/caregivers. At Columba College we are fortunate to have qualified teachers of the health curriculum as well as access to experts and agencies across the city to deliver relevant, appropriate and engaging programmes in a positive, safe learning environment.

Our vision is that through learning in Health, students will develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and motivation to make informed choices and to act in ways that contribute to their personal well-being, the well-being of others people and that of society as a whole.

The 2016 health education programme is outlined here:

#### **Years 0 – 6**

The following topics are covered in the Junior School:

- Getting on Together – Personal Identity and Self Worth
- Life Education
- Water Safety
- Sun Safety
- 'Elgregoe' Anti Bullying Production - respect, caring, co-operation, consideration, support, honesty.

- Healthy Eating, Personal Health and Physical Development (Food and Nutrition)
- First Aid: St John
- Dental Hygiene (Years 0-3)

#### **Year 7**

- Friendships, Relationships
- First Aid
- Choice/DARE (drug free)
- Body Care, Puberty
- Water safety
- KOS – Keeping Ourselves Safe

#### **Year 8**

- Hauroa/Who am I?
- Healthy Eating
- Smoking
- Choice/DARE (drug free)
- Water safety
- First Aid
- Puberty, Friendships, Relationships
- KOS – Keeping Ourselves Safe

#### **Year 9**

- Personal Identity, resilience
- Hauroa – Social, Physical, Spiritual, Mental/Emotional
- Goal setting
- Alcohol
- Puberty, Relationships, Friendships
- Family planning (one session)
- 'Mates and Dates' (Safe relationships)
- Communicable Diseases
- Introduction to Mental health, body image
- Community Constable presentations

#### **Year 10**

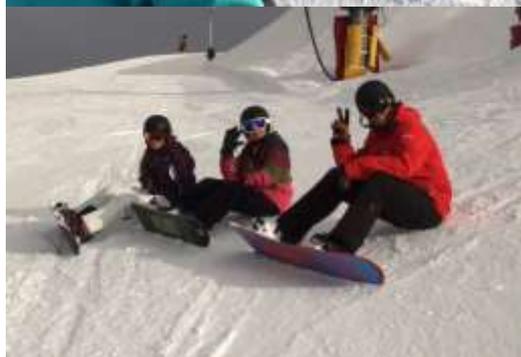
- Personal identity
- 'Mates and Dates' (Safe relationships)
- Body care, puberty, sex, sexuality
- Family Planning - contraception
- Research project – issues in Health
- Mental health, anxiety
- Drugs
- Community Constable – cyber safety

To help us to plan for the 2017 health education programme, we are consulting with our College community on the content of the programme. We are seeking your feedback, to be made in writing to the school. Any such comments will be treated as confidential to the health team and will be considered when making any amendments to the health education programme. Please feel free to provide feedback, concerns or issues to us either by email to [admin@columbacollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@columbacollege.school.nz) or a written letter before 30 October to be considered in the 2016/2017 consultation and amendment process.

## Year 9 Ski Camp

This was held at Coronet Peak from 8th - 12th August, with the girls staying in three Ski Club lodges on the mountain. The weather and snow conditions were wonderful and all girls made great progress with their skiing and boarding. Thank-you to all the parents who helped with the camp: Mrs Angela Mosely, Mrs Tracy Paterson, Mr Sacha Gray, Mr Peter O'Brien, Mr Ash O'Halloran, Mr Rafe Maclean and Mr Tony Fraser.







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