



What is Garin Workday?

For new families at Garin, it is important to know about what we are doing here at school and why we are doing it? Workday is an annual event, with this year being our 10th Workday. How did Workday come about? In the early days of the school we had a great need to develop facilities specifically for students but had little funding to achieve anything. So, someone suggested we help ourselves and hence the concept of Workday was conceived. Every year we do Workday to provide more facilities that students specifically want and need. This year's targets are two scoreboards- for house points and outside sports at Garin- a Garin College mascot costume, yet more seating and shade areas for students, and a recently established tradition is to be thinking about children in need overseas, so again this year we will be sponsoring 4 children (one child per house)

You can see the finer detail in the workday flyer your son or daughter has brought home and yes, there is an option to do unpaid voluntary work as well. Generally Workday is very well-supported and are able to make significant improvements round the school that our students have identified. Go for it! Let's have another good one! And we will be reporting back via a selection of students what they did on Workday. Watch this space next week. Denis Moriarty, Deputy Principal



Next Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th June, staff and students will be participating in our annual Mahi Toi celebrations. Normal school activities go on hold for two days while everyone takes part in a school wide celebration of the arts.

Students compete in a variety of arts events to earn points for their Houses, and they have been busily preparing art works and performances. This is a unique opportunity for our students to work both collaboratively and independently, embracing the diversity of our school community and celebrating the many skills we bring to the act of creation.

Students will be given individual time-tables explaining when and where they need to be, and whanau and caregivers are most welcome to attend. School uniform needs to be worn during Mahi Toi.

Later in the month, we will showcase the highlights from Mahi Toi in a public concert and we would love to see you there supporting our fabulous, multi-talented rangatahi.

Looking Good ... and feeling good about it

A genuine "BIG THANK YOU" to our students and parent community for responding so positively to our recent initiatives of insisting on the correct uniform being worn.

We have been sending students home who haven't been wearing the correct uniform and have had great support from parents, who see the need for us to insist. Last week we wrote in the newsletter that we placed the responsibility of wearing the uniform well quietly squarely on individual students themselves. We are having an extraordinary run of successes in all sorts of areas at the moment, and are constantly in the public eye. Our uniforms worn correctly look smart and do make an important statement about us out there. So thanks again for your support- both students and parents- and rest assured we will be continuing to insist throughout the rest of the year.

2011 RAW entry = Keeli Ferris



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

AA Defensive Driving Course

For students wishing to improve their driving skills, and reduce time on their restricted licence by 6 months, a course is being held over four nights: Tuesday 5 June, Thursday 7 June, Tuesday 12 June and Thursday 14 June. Time is from 6-8pm at Nelson College and the cost is \$180. For registration, please phone Grant Bill-cliff on 547 1151.

PPTA Meeting

On Tuesday, 12 June the teacher's union, the PPTA, has directed members to attend a meeting during the afternoon. The school will remain open, but there will be no classes because the teachers will not be here. The Garin Express will take students to Nelson at 1.00pm and other students may leave at that time. If you need supervision for your student, please let us know.

Survey Forms

Reminder to all those who have not completed the blue survey forms on leadership and the sort of school that you want, please complete the survey and return to the school office by this Tuesday for the Board meeting.

Victoria University

Come along to an evening at the Rutherford Hotel on Tuesday 19 June at 6.00pm regarding course advice. RSVP to 0800VICTORIA or email course-advice@vuw.ac.nz. Check out the website www.victoria.ac.nz/futurestudents.

Tasman Band Tour

Come along this Saturday from 8-11pm at the Richmond Town Hall. You will enjoy bass pumping, toe tapping beats from 7 of the regions finest youth bands. The entry to this tour is free to everyone!

Stockmarket Game

The Stock Market Game has ended and again Garin has done very well! Seven teams of students from years 10-13 participated in this round placing 6th through 38th out of 54 internationally competing teams. For many of these students, this was their first time competing. Elizabeth Mitchell and Keely Kira, with a last minute trade the day before closing captured 6th! The next game starts in September but if you want to hone your skills/ try new techniques prior to then you can play for free on Wallstreetsurvivor.com.

CALENDAR

- Monday 4 June
- ♦ Queens Birthday
- Wednesday & Thursday 6 & 7 June
- ♦ MAHI TOI- WHOLE SCHOOL
- Thursday 14 June
- ♦ Year 12/13 Flying Geo Tip

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Today is a staff training day, one of two provided by the Minister for teachers to catch up with changes to NCEA. The other one in this region is the last day of term 3. There will always be changes with NCEA as the system adjusts to keep up with the requirements for our children and our nation in the modern world.

The next big change with assessment that I am looking forward to is NZQA developing a strategy that will allow students to use laptops in exams. One of the silly things that is emerging in schools which are following government policy and encouraging laptop and computer use, is that when it comes to external exams, students have to handwrite them. Within just two or three years most students will be using computers for their daily note-taking and learning—until they come to exams.

Schools which have already moved to computer use are having to make their students use pen and paper for all assessments because they need to practice writing flat out for three hours!

The issue of course, is the files already on the computer when students bring them to the exam—and the temptation to cheat. But there has to be a way around that in a wireless environment. It seems to me that the simple one is to have students download tasks which they need to complete in three hours—and have them to search the web for help with their tasks (just as they will do in the work environment they are growing towards).

And next week we have one of the highlights of the Garin learning plan: *Te Wairua o nga Mahi To!* This year the concert will be over two nights at the end of the term—but 9/10 events don't make the concert, so if you want to come in to watch a student next week, sign in at the Office and drop in.

NZQA Fees & Financial Assistance

Students' accounts have been charged with their NZQA fee for 2012. This fee must be paid in full by Friday 10 August 2012. This is the final collection date to ensure candidates receive their results for 2012. The fee structures can be viewed on the NZQA website.

Students may be eligible to apply for financial assistance through benefit or income based applications or families with two or more children who are candidates. If your family is eligible for financial assistance please download and complete the "Application For Financial Assistance form" and return to the school office by Friday 10 August 2012. Information and application forms are also available from the school office.

ADL Kayaking Trip

Early morning for the ADL students who decided to attend the sea kayaking course. It was cold, but the idea of staying in the kayak for the whole day with our friends, make us really happy. Cable Bay was the destination. Mr Rimmer, Mr

Price and Toby were the leaders of the group.

It has been fun when everyone knew that nobody was going to get wet and cold on purpose like the last time. We took some pictures and we saw a seal that followed us for a little while. So everything looked nice and exciting, but the weather can change the mood of the people. Halfway through, the wind started to be strong and it did not want us to finish our trip. Some people got flipped over, but most of us fought the weather and even if it was hard, nobody complained about it. The only way to finish the trip was going back from where we came from. It has been hard, the wind was extremely strong, but that was just the start. The sea was at a lower level, because of the low tide, so we had to walk without shoes through the mud and the sharp shells carrying our heavy kayaks. Afterwards we had a good cleaning with sponges and cold water.

I think we learnt a lot from this trip. Now we know how to fight the wind and the trip has been really helpful. I want to say thanks to the teachers, Mr Rimmer and Mr Price. A special thank you to Toby, who supported us with a smile, understanding and happiness for what he does everyday, being a leader.

Senior Girls Football

The Garin Senior Girls team was given a pretty thorough football lesson from a very skillful Redwood team (from Blenheim). Redwood had played Division One football last year and the difference between the skills required at that level, and Div 2, was plain to see. The Garin team was missing a few senior players, but gave their best in very wet and windy conditions. They were out-classed by a team which passed and trapped the ball exceptionally well. It was 6 - 0 at half time, and finished 13 - 1. Caitlin Corish scored Garin's only goal nudging the ball past the keeper before she got hit by the keeper. The girls have a 2 week break now, with no games over Queens Birthday, and having a bye on 10 June.

Garin College U18 Vs Nelson College 3rd XV

Garin faced a "must win" game when they travelled to take on the Nelson College 3rd XV as a win would move them into the top four of the competition. They were up against a bigger forward pack and with a number of fast backs Nelson College applied plenty of pressure and scored soon after kickoff. It was a physical match but it wasn't long before Garin started to take control by retaining the ball for long periods of time and converting possession into points. First half time tries to Tom Goodman, Nick Allison and Paul O' Regan gave Garin a handy lead 17-7 at the break. In the second half Garin didn't let Nelson into the match, applying plenty of pressure and forcing turnover ball. A second try to Nick Allison and 10 points from the boot of Kristian Hall-Smith ensured Garin won the match comfortably 30 -10. Cody Powick was named Man of the Match for his support play and tackling that frequently trapped Nelson inside their own half. The whole forward pack had strong games with a special mention of brothers Conor and Bede Carr who were both impressive with ball in hand.

Photo taken of ADL campers at Cable Bay and rock face that the students maneuvered through



- ★ *Millie Hage has been consistently improving her spelling and reading at peer tutoring. She hasn't missed a session and this really shows! Keep up the great work, Millie!*
- ★ *On Wednesday a small but very determined group of Garin runners took their places on the starting line for the Tasman/Marlborough Regional Cross Country Championships held at Rabbit Island. In the Year 9 Girls group Leah Benson ran 3rd and Carys Collins 10th in a field of 32. In the Year 9 Boys Jared Lautenslager won his group. Cameron Thomas ran 3rd in the Junior Boys group and Jeff Lautenslager ran 5th in the Senior Boys from a field of 19. Small school, big impression.*
- ★ *Congratulations to Joe Snodgrass and Frank Quin in Year 10 who scored 100% on their most recent Algebra test!*

SCOREBOARD

- ◆ *Football: Girls A 1, Redwood 13. Girls B 1, Motueka High 7. Boys 15th Grade 8, Nelson College Glory 2. Boys 14th Grade 2, Suburbs Giants 3.*
- ◆ *Netball: Senior A 29, Richmond RB&B Sleepers 19. Senior B 30, Waimea 10B 27. Garin Junior A 15, Nayland Senior C 20. Senior Black 19, Waimea Purple 26. Senior Gold Bye. Junior B 23, Waimea 10C 30. Junior Black 8, Waimea 10 Green 10. Junior Gold 7, Waimea 9C 39. Junior Maroon 23, NCG 10 Nando's 6.*
- ◆ *Rugby: Under 18 30, Nelson College 3rd XV 10. Under 14 12, Takaka 63.*
- ◆ *Hockey: Senior 7, Waimai 2. Junior 1 Nelson College 2.*
- ◆ *Basketball 23/5: Cardinals 58, Nelson College Giants 58. Saints 40, Nayland Junior B 43. Sisters 22, Nayland Senior A 74. Novitiates 51, Waimea Wildcats 22.*

