



Slum City 2014 Review and Reflection

On the weekend of 29 and 30th March Garin College assembled in the College Gym for a mass led by Fr. David our local parish priest and there were around 150 plus students who were taking part in Slum City. This event doubled the number who had participated in 2013 which is a fantastic effort and response. Much was due to the great work by our Justice and Ministry Committee - big thanks to them.

Our students took up the Caritas 2014 - 24 challenge with humour, gusto and fun. They were great in the way they mixed in and shared in this 'Social Action' experience. As one student shared: "I felt like I was doing such a good thing for those people that don't have houses and have to live in cardboard box. I feel lucky that I have a roof over my head and a nice warm bed."

We at Garin wanted this to be more than just raising funds for Caritas but an awareness raising initiative where we reflect on the issues around poverty and abroad and the fact that poverty is a global concern. We wanted our students to reflect on living in a cardboard box and also seek sponsorship where we could activity contribute to the work and mission of Caritas.

"I have to say, this was one of the best experiences of my life so far, and what an amazing way to show our gratitude! Every single moment was amazing; I seriously didn't want it to end. But I was happy that it was only one night because my door to my house wouldn't co-operate with me so I felt like I was being watched the whole night! I was also really happy that it wasn't that cold (well for me anyway). I was happy to come home to find my parents, my bed, a laptop and a very good education. I really do now know how much people can go through in one day not having enough money. I would really like to say Thank You for this chance to support other people who are in need."

It was important for us to be informed by Catherine Gibbs National Coordinator of Caritas on her visit earlier to the College that the focus on fundraising this year was to go to the Solomon Islands. We have a couple of students from there and with the recent disaster we are able to have a 'reality check' in the sense that this disaster affects these young people's country and its people. We will seek to respond as a College in other ways but it is comforting to inform them that the Solomon's is where the money is going.

This year our students and staff have raised just over \$4000 which is a mighty

effort and we thank our whole Garin community for its support and generosity.

"This past weekend has been a challenge in terms of our organising in excess of 150 students to be involved in Slum City sleeping in a cardboard box for a night. The students were well behaved and had some fun and it is interesting to ask did it register what we were trying to achieve. As a staff member said, the reflection will be afterwards like it was for me, I got home to the home comforts which were in stark contrast to the sleepover in a cardboard box."



Maybe the prayer below could be to all our parents and caregiver's who send their children to Garin. This could be another reason for why you choose to have your children educated but also open to experiences which make them better citizens for tomorrow and today.

Loving God, as we ponder the concerns of our College and deliberate may we be big enough to see the wider call to be for others and to provide a College that is proud to display our Catholic character and our gospel values. We stand to be Jesus for others and with others. Amen. Paul Traynor, Pastoral Chaplain.

On behalf of the Justice and Ministry Team and Working Committee.



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Long term and short term Homestay families needed

Do you live in Richmond and have a spare room?

The International Dept. has a need for some new Host families, some long term. We have a group of 24, 14 year old Japanese students coming to us for the month of August and need to place these students by the end of May. There is a payment of \$215 a week to cover your costs. For information call Jacqui on 5439498 or e-mail

jacquicleary@garincollege.ac.nz

Easter Liturgy

The Easter Liturgy will be held at 2.20pm P6 on Thursday 17th

April. Parents and caregivers are all Welcome.

Request from Science

Science department are wanting ice cream containers urgently for practicals. Please bring one or more to either the office or science department. Thanks.

Successful Hui

Thanks to all staff, students, parents and whanau who attended the recent Hui. All Maori families should have received an email report from this Hui.

Dispensing Medicines

Because our staff are not medically qualified they are not able to dispense medication of any sort includ-

ing common drugs eg *Panadol*).

Garin College Facebook Page

"Like" the Garin Facebook Page and keep up to date with what's happening at Garin. Get instant updates and school information straight to your mobile phone or computer

CALENDAR

14 April

♦ Year 10 Market Day

15 April

♦ G-Ball Finals - 12.45pm
-Mufti Day, House Colours

17 April

♦ Easter Liturgy 2.30pm in the Gym



Over the last few weeks I have talked at assembly about how we need to treat each other. I have repeated my message that today, and for the rest of their lives, when a citizen sees *people* or *property* being damaged, she or he **MUST** act to stop it – or report it.

This week I talked about forms of bullying that we can't defend ourselves from. I can defend a punch – but how do I defend myself from an attack on my sexuality? Or my weight? Or my race? Or anything else I feel insecure about?

I can't. As soon as I retort that "that's not true" I come across as defensive and weak. If I ignore it, people assume it must be true and I'm not bothered – so it is okay to say it.

These are particularly nasty forms of bullying: hitting someone who can't hit back. And the hurt is individual. If I see myself as overweight, that is my perception. It may not be true, but any reminder will be hurtful.

Stereotyping (or saying things that assume that everyone in a group has the same qualities) is just as bad. Each one of us was created a unique and individual person – so racial or gender generalisations cannot be true and can only hurt.

Sometimes I hear the defence "I was just joking" or "can't they take a joke?" That comes about because one of the ways we try not to let the bully feel they have won is to smile to show we aren't bothered. But if we are, in fact, offended or hurt, that is the truth of the situation. My hurt or offence is real even if an insensitive person does not think I should be. We are always on the side of the hurt person!

Next week I intend to finish this topic by talking about the rights of every student (and every adult if it comes to that) at Garin. I will remind students ...

1. We want you to be happy here.
2. But whether you are happy or not, you have the right to be safe, and *feel* safe.
3. We want you to be a real part of your whanau and our community. But even if you don't feel included, no-one has the right to do or say or write anything that excludes you from our community.

Parents choose Garin for all sorts of reasons – but for just about everyone I have asked *community* is in the top three. Sometimes they say "small school", sometimes it is "friendly", sometimes it is "supportive" or "accepted". All of these translate to me as "community". That is why we try to have small classes. That is why Catholic schools are normally under 600 students. That is what we emphasise whanau. No-one should be hurt or set apart for our community.



Senior A Netball Team Fundraiser

Win a basket full of Easter Goodies to share with the family over the holiday period
\$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5
Tickets for sale from any Senior A Netball Player



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| Makaila Powick | Holly Webster |
| Poppy Restieaux | Piki Boyles |
| Jess Brooks | Kate Hand |
| Rosette Hailes – Paku | Sarah Robinson |
| | Keely Kira |

SCOREBOARD

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Garin Netball Girls Bounce into the Season

Both Senior A and Junior A netball teams have entered the Geraldine Hodgson pre-season Tournament to be played at Saxton Stadium on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. Get along and see the girls in action. In the pool games on Saturday Senior A play at 9.30am, 10.10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. Junior A play at 9.30am, 11.30am and 12.50pm.

G-Ball Finals Next Tuesday

All term, House Whanau have been battling each other for the right to enter the play offs for Garin's annual G-Ball trophy, won last year by Aubert 4. Next Tuesday April 15 an afternoon of fun and excitement will take place on the College rugby field starting with the quarter finals at 12.55pm and ending with the ultimate contest between the two finalists at 2.30pm. Tuesday is a full on mufti day for students providing the opportunity to dress up in house colours not only to support their teams but to vie for house points for Best Dressed House and Best House Spirit. Parents and other members of the Garin community are invited to come along and join in the fun.

The New Zealand Dance Company Nelson Show

If you are an enthusiastic dancer or just interested in watching a live performance then this is definitely for you. They will be performing at the Theatre Royal on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$19 and can be bought through TicketDirect.

Mrs Rowling and Mrs Furlong-Taylor will be attending the evening performance and would love your company. For more information please see the link below or Mrs Furlong-Taylor. This highlights video from 2013 will give you a quick taste of the show
www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKh1mKsul4g

Richmond Youth Group

This Friday is our last night this term. It's movie night. Kids can bring some movie treats. At the College Gym 6.30-9pm.

★ *Congratulations to Thomas Heaton, one of five that make up the Tasman Swim Club, who is travelling to Australia next month for the Australia Age Championship. Thomas will race in the 1500m freestyle and 400m freestyle.*

★ *Congratulations to Amy Coulten who competed in the Port Nelson 2013/2014 summer sea swim series and did exceptionally well. She took out first place in the women's 16 - 19 year age group for the long course event. She also took out the top women's spot overall, Top Female Super Swimmer for the season, achieving 110 out of 110 points*

Caravan wanted

Girls Wellbeing & Health request. If you have an old (clean) caravan that can be put up on blocks to use as a space to meet with students...and you are willing to sell for a budget price, please email : catharonsen@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

University Visits

This term many of the Universities are visiting Garin to give senior students a brief introduction to Uni life in general and what their University offers in particular.

So far there have been visits from Lincoln and Otago. Canterbury and Victoria are due before the end of this term.

All dates and times are on the Garin public calendar and in the notices.

Next term, on May 27, the Careers Road Show will be at Waimea College.

Students will be able to attend during the school day and talk to representatives of other Universities well as a wide range of other tertiary training providers.

Auckland will not be providing Garin with an introductory visit this year but will host an evening for all Nelson schools next term.

Stoke Playcentre Annual Fundraiser

Takeaway Hangi: 3 meat, veg and stuffing
Saturday 3 May 5pm pick up, \$10 ticket
available from 5442191
or NELSON.PLAYCENTRES@xtra.co.nz

Take a Moment ...

"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love."

Mother Teresa



Year Ten Market Day 2014

Where: Garin College

When: 14th April 10.45–2.20

Parents are warmly invited between
11.15–12.45pm

Lip Balm

Games

Cartoons

Car Washes



Food

Food

Japanese
Henna

Chewing Gum
Removal

AND MORE
FOOD!

