



...from the Relieving Principal Sheila Grainger



This has been a busy week for staff and students at Garin and a steep learning curve for me, coming to grips with how things are done here, and trying to find ways in which to add value. At Tuesday's assembly the school welcomed me as their Principal to the end of the year, and I shared with them my expectation that we would all strive to be the very best we could be. Mass, celebrated by Cardinal John Dew was a highlight, with so many members of the parish and wider community attending. Students behaved well and sang well and were great ambassadors for the school. I look forward to the ball on Saturday night, and seeing our young people enjoy themselves responsibly. I'm sure it will be a great occasion and I hope to meet more members of the Gain community there.

Annual Sports Awards

Garin's annual Sports Awards evening is coming up on Friday 11th September at 7pm. This is a night for all students involved in sport at Garin to celebrate their achievements and their chosen sport. Tickets are \$8 and will be available from the school office from 17 August, until Monday 7th September, for parents and players. If your child has achieved regionally or better in their chosen sport, they are eligible for the special awards for high achievers. Send their name and what they have achieved to



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It will be a great celebration of the sporting year and it would be great to see you there.

Lockdown Drill Friday 21st August

A reminder that as part of our safety plan there will be a lockdown drill next Friday at 10.05am. More information can be found in last week's newsletter.

NSN cards

All students in years 11, 12 and 13 should have now received their NSN cards. Most collected their cards at school. Some were posted home. If students turn the cards over they will find the instructions given for accessing their results and associated information on the NZQA website. Could Mrs Ditchfield please be notified immediately if any student does not have an NZQA card or if names or addresses are incorrect. We need to be informed immediately if there are any errors.



Payment of NZQA Fees

You are able to pay NZQA fees to Garin College up until **Wednesday 2 September** (we are closed Thursday 3 and Friday 4th). After this date fees will need to be paid directly to NZQA or through the students log-in page. If you are eligible for financial assistance please collect a form from the front office and return it to Mrs Ditchfield as soon as possible but before 2 September.

Stars At Garin

- ★ *Congratulations to Daniel Stock who scored a hat-trick in the final game of the Hockey season. Team won 4-3.*
- ★ *Kane Chilton who had a good performance at Hockey in goal for the first time as the regular goalie away.*

Senior School Exams - Week 9

Senior students should by now have developed a revision plan to help them prepare for our school exams in Sept. If they are struggling to get started, it is recommended they attend a Time Management workshop during one of their study periods (Weds Period 6 or Fri Period 2) with Mrs Ditzel in the library.

This is a practical workshop that will give them the tools to get organised. Registration is via this [online form](#), also available on the intranet home page.



Table Tennis

The 2015 Nelson Closed Table Tennis competition is on September 5th.

Enter by age group categories. Get an entry form from Saxton Table Tennis Stadium or download from our website by searching "Table Tennis Nelson" and click on the "upcoming events" tab.

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Sport News and Updates

Fixtures, results, wrap ups and more will all be available here every week. Click [here](#).

University of Canterbury

UC is having an Open Evening on Thursday 20 August between 4.30pm -7pm in the FM Block at NMIT, for anyone interested in studying a Bachelor of Teaching.

Help Needed

To all members of the Garin Community. It has come to our attention of late that there are some people struggling in our Garin Community for a number of reasons. It is our thinking that it would help such families

tremendously if we could make even the smallest of gestures to show our support and love. This support could be in the form of prepared meals or baking that could be frozen, or other items that could go in a gift basket to help make life a little easier for these families. Alternatively you may like to indicate that you would be prepared to go on a list of names we could call on in the future. Garin has a fine reputation for supporting people in need further afield but this is a chance to support those members of our community who are closer to home. Please send these items in to school to be collected through the school office.

Trophies

Any students who have not yet returned trophies from 2014 could you please bring them to the front office next week. Thank you Mrs Ditchfield.

CALENDAR

- 15 August
 - ♦ *Garin Ball at Seifrieds*
- 19 August
 - ♦ *Junior Philosophy Conference*
- 14 - 18 September
 - ♦ *Garin Benchmark Exams*

Take a Moment

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