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# GARIN COLLEGE

SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

## Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 9 & 10

Interviews for Year 9 and 10 students are going to be held on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 July at 3.30pm.

This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress or otherwise.

Teachers will have a really good perspective on how students are performing and can supply you with some quite specific details of this.

You are encouraged to bring your son or daughter along to the interview as it is an important part of reporting on academic progress.

To make things easier, parents are able to make their interview times online.

1. The website address is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
2. The school code for booking on line will be CW78D. Bookings will not be available until Thursday 28 June at 9.00am.
3. Just follow the instructions and you will be emailed confirmation of your times.
4. Where there are no check boxes to tick, the teachers are unavailable for those times.
5. If the teacher's name does not show on the website, that means they are unavailable.

**NB: Bookings are not available until Thursday 28 June.**

If you miss out booking an interview online you can email your son or daughter's teacher to discuss their progress.



### Maahi Toi Winners 2012

#### Scripture Reading

Junior: 1st = Lauren Wilks

Open: 1st Equal Joel MacManus/Lily Warner

#### Original Speech

Junior: 1st = Sam Traynor

Open: 1st = Lewis Saunders

#### Prepared Speech

Junior: 1st = Callum McIntosh

Open: 1st=Joel MacManus

#### Prepared Speech Maori

Open: 1st-Kristian Hall-Smith

Junior: 1st-Kay Thomson

#### Drama

#### Drama Entertainment

Junior: 1st = Philip Gibson & Nick Erasmuson

Open: 1st = Hostel Boys

#### Drama Musical Theatre

Junior: 1st = Nick Erasmuson

Open: 1st = Abraham Corban-Banks & Jake Robinson

#### Drama Monologue

Junior: 1st = Callum McIntosh

Open: 1st = Joel MacManus

#### Drama Duologue

Junior: 1st = Jake Robinson & Callum McIntosh

Open: 1st = Isaac Thomas & Joel MacManus

#### Drama Ensemble

Junior: 1st = Phillip Gibson, Frank Quin, Callum McIntosh, Sam Traynor, Jake Robinson, Georgia Chapple, Nick Erasmuson

Open: 1st = Hamish McIntosh, Keeli Ferris, Cassie Keen-Gorman

#### Singing

#### Solo

Junior: 1st Equal = Jake Robinson/Regina Tanoa

Open: 1st = Georgia Nott

Duet Junior: 1st = Kieran O'Connor & Holly Phillips

Open: 1st = Veronica Mitchell

#### Ensemble

1st = Georgia Nott, Abbey Phillips & Holly Tippler

#### Instrumental

#### Instrumental Solo

Junior: 1st = Mike Whittaker

Senior: 1st Equal = Lily Warner/Paddy Sanders

#### Instrumental Duet

Junior: 1st = Sam Harrison & Joe Snodgrass

Senior: 1st = Lily Warner & Matthew Dawson

#### Instrumental Ensemble

Junior: 1st = Kieran O'Connor, Taylor Scott, Holy Phillips, Mike Whittaker, Joseph McCashin

Senior: 1st = louie Persico, Paddy Sanders, Reuben Bensemman, Josh Barker, Patrick Hassan

#### Impromptu Art

1st = Barbier

#### Dance

#### Dance Solo

Junior: 1st = Amy Newman

Open: 1st = Hamish McIntosh

#### Dance Duet

Junior: 1st = Claire Graham & Elizabeth Mitchell

Open: 1st = Hamish McIntosh & Holly Tippler

#### Visual Arts

#### Trash to Fash

Junior: 1st Equal = Chloe Marer/Jared Dacombe & Bailey Orlowski

Open: 1st = Chiara & Norina Gasteiger

#### Visual Art

Junior: 1st = Jared Lautenslager

Open: 1st = Georgia Goodman

#### Design

Junior: 1st = Carys Collins

Open: 1st = Norina Gasteiger

#### Photography

Junior: 1st = Jonathan Skilton

Open: 1st = Anneke Voerman

#### Moving Image

1st = Iona Mellor

#### Cupcakes

Supreme Winner = Suzannah Fish

#### Cupcake Family

Senior: 1st = Suzannah Fisk

Junior: 1st Kay Thomson

#### Creative Cartoon

Senior: 1st = Emily Duffy

Junior: 1st = Phillip Gibson

## GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

### Bring Your Own Computer

At its meeting this week, our Board decided to take the next step in having compulsory wireless devices for Year 9 next year. At 7pm on Thursday 21 June there will be a meeting for Year 8 students and families to show you why we think all Year 9's will require a computer

### 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](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/futurestudents).

### Teacher Only Day

A notice to alert parents of Garin that a Teacher Only Day has been

scheduled for the last day of the term and after the Maahi Toi Concert - being **Friday 29 June.**

### Swimming Lessons for Year 9

Swimming lessons begin on Monday 18th June for students who have signed up. Students need their togs, towel and goggles. Students will walk to the pool with a teacher then will finish their lesson and make their own way home or back to Garin for the bus.

### Garin Health Clinic Times

If your son/daughter would like to make an appointment to see a health nurse the dates are detailed below. Please make an appointment with the office:

Monday 18 June 2-3pm

Wednesday 27 June 1.45-3pm

### Celebrating Gifts

Garin's Extension class will be showcasing their giant plant cell on 21 June at the WOW museum complex at 7pm. The evening will include performances from Nayland College, the Church of Samoa Choir plus a silent auction with donations from various dignitaries and organisations including John Key, Sir Peter Jackson and Vodafone .

## CALENDAR

- Monday 25 June
- ♦ Reports Posted for all students
- Thursday 28 June
- ♦ Maahi Toi Concert
- Thursday 28 June
- ♦ Year 9 & 10 Online Interviews begin



**Mahi Toi**

Huge congratulations to the performers, the audiences, and the staff for another amazing display of the creative talents of our students. It was a wonderful week—and for me was another clear reminder that the Creator is involved when children are conceived!

**Special Character review**

This week we have had two very long-serving Catholic principals (Paul Ferris and Peter Fava) in the school examining aspects of our Special Character. They have been very positive in their comments and it is always good to have outsiders come in and see the things we take for granted (or the things we have become used to!) We will be able to share some of the detail from their visit next week.

**Strategic Planning**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to tell us what is good about Garin and needs to be preserved – and what you would like us to work on next. The July Board meeting is dedicated to planning for the next three years and I will be taking your thoughts to the Board as my input for that meeting. On the final page of this newsletter I have shared your thoughts. It is a great list—perhaps a little daunting—but I am very sure that it will provide your Board with plenty of ideas and will trigger a few ideas for development.

Thank you to the people who also added some very positive comments. Often we are so involved in our work, and how things effect me personally that we forget to mention some of the “big picture” things we like and are proud of. I was really encouraged by comments like “Garin I think you do a fantastic job: you walk the talk, are approachable, and provide great modelling and leadership.” “Thank you for such a great setting to learn in.” “Love the positive and clear leadership and direction in the newsletter.” & “Leadership is such an important facet of growth and it is heartening to see Garin College nurture our future leaders in such a practical and positive way.” Thank you.

**Young Enterprise Team Wins Oral Presentations**

This year’s Young Enterprise Scheme Oral Presentations, held at the Theatre Royal, saw 17 teams from the Nelson region competing. Everything from coffee machines to USB wrist bands were presented to a panel of five judges, all representing various business sectors around Nelson. The youth of Nelson provided tough competition for Garin teams.

However, all Garin teams presented very well, taking first and third. The winning team was Ethical Mall, managed by Nick Allison. Ethical Mall is an online marketplace for ethical products. The company taking third was Big Mouth, directed by Georgia Goodman.

Our other teams were Band Tasman, a company creating CD/DVD’s with Garin talent and Snuggle Buddies, a snuggly soft toy made out of recycled gloves. This was a most rewarding situation for all Garin teams and presenting in a Dragons Den style was a new experience for most.

These teams, along with the other three Garin College companies, Glocks, TWIG and WLMD can be seen at the Nelson Market on Saturday August 25th. Please come and support them.

**Benedict Morrissey Emerging Leaders Scholarship**

All those hours of study paid off for University of Canterbury science students who received their College of Science Scholarships at a winners’ lunch recently.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science) Professor Paul Fleming said the scholarships represented an “enormous amount of hard work” and he also congratulated the teachers and parents who had supported these students to reach this point. “Congratulations to everyone,” he said.

The scholarships recognise and support high-achieving students in the College of Science.

Among the recipients was Benedict Morrissey, from Garin College, who is studying mathematics and physics. He said, “certainly some of the ideas are interesting.” He is especially enjoying the experimental component of his physics papers.

Professor Steve Weaver reminded the students of the new facilities being built at the University, to grab the opportunity to meet new people and also to “have fun”.

The scholarship will help pay Benedict’s course and accommodation fees. He said it was “good to win as university costs a lot especially coming from out of town.”



**Families considering Garin for their students in Year 9 next year**



**Small school – big heart  
At 7pm Thursday 21 June**

There will be a meeting for year 8 students and families to show you why we think all Year 9s will need a computer next year. We will show you the range of devices we are considering, and teachers and current students will demonstrate some of things we are already doing that require computers.

At the end of that meeting families and Board members will have a discussion. The Board will then have a couple of weeks to re-search issues that arise, and think about parent questions and thoughts before making a decision.

**STAR STUDENTS OF Garin**



★ Congratulations to Lily Warner and two other Garin Students who participated in a Nelson School of Music Scholarship Competition and they took out a number of placings including a first place. It would be great if you could get this info from Lily. We are planning on giving them heartbeat awards next week.

**SCOREBOARD**

- ♦ **Rugby: Under 18** 38, Motueka 64. **Under 14** 5, Waimea Gold 55.
- ♦ **Boys Football: 15<sup>th</sup> Grade** 8, Waimea Bombers 0. **14<sup>th</sup> Grade** 2, FC Nelson Stars 4.
- ♦ **Netball: Senior A** 20, NCG Senior B 24. **Senior B** 28, NOG Odds & Ends 40. **Senior Black** 16, Nayland Sway 28. **Senior Gold** 14, Suburban Red 16. **Junior A** 18, Waimea Senior C 26. **Junior B** 15, Collingwood ASB 17. **Junior Black** 10, Murchison High 19. **Junior Maroon** 19, Nayland Flames 23. **Junior Gold** Default loss.
- ♦ **Girls Football: Senior** Bye. **Junior 1**, Golden Bay 10.
- ♦ **Hockey: Division 3** 1, NBS Stoke 4. **Division 4** Bye.

**Weekend Sports Draws**

- Friday**
- ♦ **Hockey: Division 4** 4.30pm v Tasman. (Also play Saturday).
- Saturday**
- ♦ **Rugby Under 18** 12pm v Nelson College 2<sup>nd</sup> XV at Garin. **Under 14** 10.30am v Waimea Green at Garin
  - ♦ **Boys Football 15<sup>th</sup> Grade** 9am v Tojan Challengers at Jubilee Park F2. **14<sup>th</sup> Grade** 10.45am v Rangers United at Moutere Domain.
  - ♦ **Netball Senior A** 12pm v Tapawera. **Senior B** 10am v Nayland Senior C. **Senior Black** 1pm v On Fire Breakthrough. **Senior Gold** 12pm v Waimea Magenta. **Junior A** 1pm v On Fire Mustang. **Junior B** 11am v Garin Junior Black. **Junior Maroon** 11am v NCG 10 Dream Team. **Junior Gold** 1pm v NCG 10 Angels.
  - ♦ **Hockey: Division 4** 8.30am v NBS Stoke.
- Sunday**
- ♦ **Girls Football Senior** 10am v Nayland at Nayland. **Junior** 10am v Waimea 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Avery F2.
  - ♦ **Hockey: Div 3** 11.50am v Federal.
  - ♦ **Basketball: Garin Gladiators** 5.15pm v Junior Giants

**Take a Moment ...**

In the first place, God made idiots. That was for practice. Then he made school boards.



# Strategic Planning

Thank you to everyone who took the time to tell us what is good about Garin and needs to be preserved – and what you would like us to work on next. The July Board meeting is dedicated to planning for the next three years and Head Teacher John Boyce will be taking your thoughts to the Board as his input for that meeting.

## Things you want us to keep included

- ✓ our emphasis on Christian values (lots),
- ✓ musical and sporting development,
- ✓ the wide compulsory curriculum in the junior school (several),
- ✓ the big opportunities like Stage Challenge and Shakespeare and Rock Quest,
- ✓ our high expectations for every student (quite a few),
- ✓ strong extra-curricular projects,
- ✓ our Careers emphasis,
- ✓ the PE programme,
- ✓ Athletics,
- ✓ lesson quality,
- ✓ recognition of students at assembly etc (lots),
- ✓ caring for others less fortunate several families,
- ✓ our focus on academic excellence (quite a few),
- ✓ small classes,
- ✓ our community feel,
- ✓ practice exams,
- ✓ wide range of opportunities,
- ✓ Maori whanau class,
- ✓ keep consulting parents,
- ✓ various teachers were named,
- ✓ focus on experience of God in our lives,
- ✓ character training,
- ✓ keep focus on maths/literacy needs,
- ✓ parent and teacher involvement in course selection,
- ✓ inclusive environment.
- ✓ And “well done on being an anti-bullying school.”

## Areas suggested for future focus:

- ✓ student leadership training,
- ✓ more parent/teacher contact via email,
- ✓ very happy with current strategic direction (quite a few),
- ✓ keep moving forward with technology, gifted and talented (several),
- ✓ boys’ education (several),
- ✓ discipline consistency,
- ✓ enforcement of homework,
- ✓ more languages,
- ✓ review stationery,
- ✓ review transition into high school,
- ✓ focus on support for students with learning difficulties,
- ✓ focus on feedback for students (several),
- ✓ communication between teachers and parents,

- ✓ peer support,
- ✓ digital technology,
- ✓ get a school coat,
- ✓ support for marginalised lonely children,
- ✓ find ways to keep unengaged students in school,
- ✓ better invoice information,
- ✓ career planning for all senior students,
- ✓ keeping awareness of God at forefront of decisions and practices,
- ✓ getting work back to students quickly for the next step in their learning.

## Leadership

One of our big review areas this year was our philosophy and practice of leadership in the school. There was almost universal support for the 12 principles we sent out to you. Several points were made:

- ✓ young students are too young for leadership,
- ✓ some teachers are hard to approach,
- ✓ change the word “servant” leadership to “inspiring” leadership.
- ✓ “Garin I think you do a fantastic job: you walk the talk, are approachable, and provide great modelling and leadership.”
- ✓ “Thank you for such a great setting to learn in.”
- ✓ “Love the positive and clear leadership and direction in the newsletter.”
- ✓ The issue of sending students home to get into correct uniform was raised.
- ✓ Integrity is a key leadership trait.
- ✓ Important that we appoint student leaders on their history of doing things rather than their interview.”
- ✓ “Leadership is such an important facet of growth and it is heartening to see Garin College nurture our future leaders in such a practical and positive way.”
- ✓ Students suggested that we need better systems for selecting house leaders, and would like to see more formal training.

## Percentage of strong support

- ✓ We find communication with staff and school easy: 65%
- ✓ The culture of the school is clearly caring and Christian. 100%
- ✓ The school has an environment

where students can learn 93%

- ✓ The uniform is normally worn well 89% (and some strong comment each way!)
- ✓ We believe our child is normally safe and happy at Garin. 97%

## Special Character

- ✓ Masses or liturgies 93%
- ✓ The school’s Catholic and Christian character are always important to us. 89%
- ✓ Further developments could be: a youth group, respect, relationships, sacraments, multi-cultural, catholicity, reach out to the lonely and disadvantaged, experiences of God, positive language.
- ✓ Work with parents to help our young people become the very best adults they can be. 76%
- ✓ We value senior and junior academic deans, a Maori academic dean, and milestone reports. 74%
- ✓ What else might help? Work closer with new parents, opportunities for accelerated learning, core values, keep on top of bullying, improved communication from Board of Trustees, be alert for the less obvious talents, don’t be judgemental: more understanding

## Learning

- ✓ Continued focus on NCEA Merit and Excellence passes. 88%
- ✓ Focus on success in the Arts, and particularly music. 74%
- ✓ Other areas of the curriculum or wider curriculum we should focus on: Careers, social skills, technology, Asian languages, sports recognition, numeracy, IT, orchestra
- ✓ Digital technology to make learning more meaningful 73%
- ✓ It is important that our school keeps up with ways to engage students and help them learn effectively. 100%
- ✓ Student-owned computer in Year 9 next year 71%
- ✓ Maori whanau class for Maori students who want that environment, 87% (Comments included start a second whanau class, be fair to all students, make sure it is focussed on student achievement)