



## Year 11 Journey –Emma Polaschek

It was an early start, everyone just waking up, heavy bags filling the front of the student office. Everyone got on to the bus and we set off to Pohara camping ground. After a two hour bus drive we unpacked and set up our tents. Next was lunch, yum, yum; lettuce, luncheon, mayo, cheese and some other types of food. Then it was time to find out what groups we were in for activities: kayaking, caving, rock climbing/abseiling, sculpture, and reflection. One of the reflection activities was about staying together and learning how people with disabilities can help each other. We did this by walking along the beach and some members of the group were chosen - they were either disabled, so people had to help, or tied to someone so they couldn't use that certain part of their body. I certainly had a lot of fun trying to guide people about. Sculpture, another calm activity, saw us go and collect bits and pieces from the natural environment and built something meaningful out of it. The creations were very unique and very varied. Rock climbing/abseiling was interesting because it was real rock and not plastic rocks. There were different levels for everyone. I'm sure that everyone had so much fun. Last but not least, kayaking. I think for practically everyone that this was the best activity of all. We got into either a single or a double kayak then we went out in the open sea and around a few islands which were so beautiful.



### Junior Careers Focus

For the last 3 weeks, the Year 9s and 10s have been lucky enough to have people from

the local community come in and talk to us about their career pathways.

Glenn Lloyd-Jones and Marty Tutton, who work in the police force talked about the qualifications and personal qualities required to do their job. They also talked about the variety of roles within the police force.

Hugh Stark, who works for Nelson Ports gave us an in-sight into the world of Information Technology in industry and the skills needed for a career in IT.

Andrew Goodman, Captain of the Makos and qualified teacher, gave a talk on how to strive for your dreams and the importance of having a back-up plan.

All the talks were very interesting, and gave everyone an idea of just a few career pathways we could do when you leave school.

A big thank you to all the guest speakers for their informative and inspirational talks. By Olivia Wilbourne—Year 9

### Parent Teacher Interview Bookings Open

Interviews for Years 11, 12 and 13 students are coming up on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 March at 3.30pm. To make things easier, parents are able to make their interview times online

1. To make a booking go to the website address of [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz).
2. The school code for booking on line is QUDJL. Bookings are for 5 minute interviews with each teacher.
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.

### Please vote for Rachel Schryver's and John Phillip's Song on Facebook

Please VOTE for Rachel Schryvers' song 'Rise' and John Phillips son 'Ma Te Mahi Ka Ora' to become our Official NZ Olympic Anthem!!!, which are currently in the top ten in the voting round and you can invite your friends to vote daily too! Rachel is a former student of Garin and John Phillips is a parent and a strong supporter in the Garin community.. The winning anthem will be played on TV during the Olympic Games. Just click on the link to get the site and look for the songwriting tab and click vote for Rise by Rachel Schryvers. [https://www.facebook.com/nzolympicteam?sk=app\\_164057746984086](https://www.facebook.com/nzolympicteam?sk=app_164057746984086)

## GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

### Reach Out with your Hands

Reach Out with your Hands is the first Youth Conference of its kind sponsored by the Edmund Rice Network. It has been designed for Older Teens and Young Adults to get informed on a variety of social justice issues from experts in their field. It's another facet to a well rounded education for life and an opportunity that doesn't come around everyday! Meet, greet and hear the passion of some of our country's movers and shakers. There will be something for everyone to take away and use to enhance the cutting edge of their chosen career path. Contact Tony Kidd at [tkidd@stc.school.nz](mailto:tkidd@stc.school.nz) or visit facebook [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) and then look for the link reach out with your hands for more information.

### CatholicTV.net

The tenderness of light, new poems for a new beginning this week on [www.catholicTV.net](http://www.catholicTV.net) or visit web [www.inspirationalTV.net](http://www.inspirationalTV.net). Great for sharing with a friend.

### Lost Sleeping Bag - Yr 12

An expensive sleeping bag from the Year 12 Kaiteriteri Journey held on the 12-14 March has gone missing. The brand is Cobra and it is muddy green in colour in a black bag. It is important for future tramping, if you find it can you please phone Helen Ferris-O'Kane on 545 1522 or bring it to the school office.

### Models for Tonic Hair Culture

Models are required for photographic work this evening at 5.00pm. If you are interested please go to 221 Queen Street. If you are selected,

Tonic Hair Culture will pay you with a free hair cut and colour.

### Tasman Hockey

Tasman Hockey: Junior Registration Divisions: 4, 5, 6

Wednesday: 28 March

Time: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm at Saxton Turf. Phone enquiries to Cherie

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### CALENDAR

Sunday 25 March

♦ Shakespeare Festival week begins Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 March

♦ Parent Teacher Interviews Sunday 1 April - Wednesday 4 April

♦ Year 12 and 13 Geography Camp Thursday 5 April

♦ Golden Bay Exchange and Term One ends

## ... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Today our year 11-12 students are away learning about the responsibility of car drivers to be safe on our roads. Parents may wonder why an academically focussed school allows senior students to take a day away from study for a programme that has nothing to do with NCEA.

The answer is that we are an holistic school - and we are committed to helping all of our students develop in all the areas they will need to live happy and fulfilled lives.

Safety on our roads certainly falls into that category - but so does citizenship, spiritual awareness, social justice, and healthy relationships based on partnership, trust, and faithfulness.

Teachers always fight for teaching time with their students - but also strongly support programmes like this because although they are very focussed on success in their subjects, they also see the big picture of education at Garin.

That big picture includes joining in sports and arts events, and working to make a difference for others. Our participation in sport and arts is very high - but there are students who don't join in. That is sad.

Some don't think they are good enough - but just being part of the team has value. Some can't be bothered, others don't see it as cool, and others can't make it to after school practices. Even sadder for me is the group who resist going on Journey. Again there is a range of reasons, but for some it is an unwillingness to take risks, or put themselves in a position where they have to cope with challenge, discomfort, or mixing with others. I see these as real opportunities to grow, and it is disappointing when someone's attitude limits their opportunity.

## From the Library

March is NZ Book Month, the aim of which is to encourage the joy of reading and the power of literacy. Thanks to Caltex, every student at Garin College has received a voucher for \$5 off any book over \$10, redeemable at most bookshops until March 31st. You can use this voucher for any book, for any person in your family, from any bookshop.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body".

## Peer Tutoring

This year we are doing our Peer Tutoring slightly differently: we are making it free! If a student or a parent would like to organise a tutor please contact Norina Gassteiger at her Garin email on

[norinagasteiger@garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:norinagasteiger@garincollege.ac.nz)

Norina will send you an application form to be completed and returned. From the information provided she will do her best to match each student with the right tutor and at the most suitable time which can be before school, during break time or after school.

## Caritas

Dear Parents, Caregivers and community supporters

I understand that there have been a lot of demands on finances over this term with uniforms, books, journeys, etc.

To this end, I would like to suggest to our community and whanau classes an approach to our annual Project Compassion Caritas Lenten Appeal. Caritas is a Catholic social

justice and service organisation that spends enormous effort to meet the needs of the people throughout the world who suffer under a variety of hardships. As a Catholic school we commit each year to support their work so that they may continue their outreach and awareness-raising both here and across the planet.

We have through our whanau suggested that each student offer a two dollar donation per week during the six weeks of Lent and that this is both reasonable and affordable. Therefore, we have suggested that each student donate \$10 donation over this final two week period of Term 1. This means if all 20 whanau groups commit to this suggestion then we as a Catholic community can make a \$4000 contribution to the works of Caritas New Zealand.

It is important to remember that of most charitable institutions Caritas, is a leader in ensuring that its funds raised goes to the needs it promotes. Most of its funds go directly to its funded programmes and awareness raising activities. Compare this to World Vision which, with a much higher profile and greater political support, spends well over 25% of its collected donations on administration.

The comparison between organisations is not the point. Rather, that our Caritas organisation is worthy of our support and that their work with those less privileged is an ethical responsibility of every Catholic and Christian. As

the great bishop Oscar Romero said, "Ask not to HAVE more but to BE more." We want as a catholic-christian school to build in our students an attitude of justice and responsibility to live and respond compassionately towards those peoples across our planet who are less well-off.

Our generosity affords us the opportunity to share out of our excess so others can reach for a better life and a greater sense of justice and compassion.

...Paul Traynor Head of Special Character

## LeBan Workshop



Year 12 and 13 Drama students recently participated in a LeBan workshop taken by professional actor, Daniel Allen. LeBan techniques help the students develop body language and gesture; this helps their interpretation and development of Shakespearean characters. The students will perform their characterisations at the Tasman District Shakespeare Festival which is to be held at Waimea College, Saturday 31 March, 10am to 5pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

## Relay For Life

No other event on the Garin calendar has so many students putting their hands up to get motivated and involved in the annual Relay for Life.

This year Garin College took up the challenge of sending 4 teams representing each of the houses to raise both money and awareness for the Cancer Society. This will be a night to remember for many students, as our eyes were opened to the masses of people who have been affected by cancer and the importance of support and aroha that came from the community. A main highlight for students was the opening lap with the cancer survivors and honouring their carers, as through the night was freezing and spoon-trains became popular with the students, it was a perfect opportunity to meet others and make friends. Anybody considering being a part of Relay for Life next year, don't be hesitant to get involved and raise funds for this cause.

It wouldn't have happened without our house leaders and School Christian leaders, Tessa and Nick, who spent much of their time or-

## STAR STUDENTS OF Garin

★ Thanks to Chris Sinnott, Paul O'Regan and Tasman Walker who gave up their Sunday afternoon to support the Special Olympic cricket players. It was much appreciated by the players and their families.

★ Last weekend, 8 Garin athletes competed at the South Island Adventure Racing Champs, held in Cromwell. They competed as two teams, a boys team and a girls one. The course was kept secret until Friday night and teams had until 6am the following day to work out their routes and strategies. The race included a 1000m vertical gain 14k run, 85k mountain bike and abseil and would have included a 5k kayak section had the wind not got up. Our Garin teams competed superbly with the boys finishing the whole course and winning the boys grade and the girls completing the shortened course and coming 4th in the girls grade. Congratulations to both teams on their massive achievements and God speed to them as they tackle the national secondary schools race in April.



★ Well done Amy Coulton who has competed in the Port Nelson Summer Sea Swim Series and she came 3rd overall in the women's super swimmers.

ganizing teams and making sure the baton was always on the run. Ha Ha. Thank you to the teachers who helped promote the event and kept the leaders on their feet both before, during and after the event. To all sponsors, on behalf of the school we'd like to thank you for helping us accomplish this challenge and once again showing that Garin is a student-driven and community based school with a big heart.



## Take a Moment...

How beautiful it is to excel, and the goodness of giving from your heart.

...Robert Mondavi