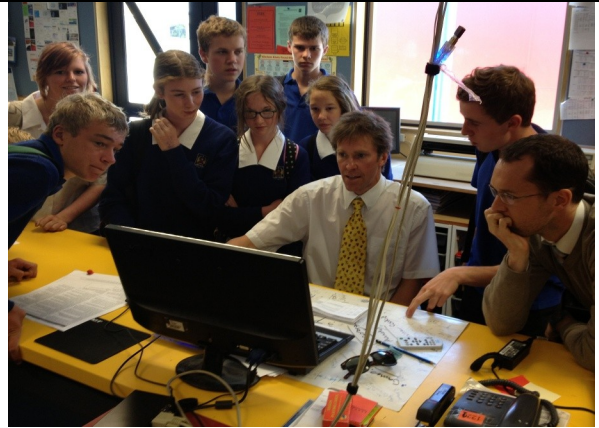




Graduation Challenge 2012

This week we publicised over 16 Challenges that students could select from, to complete to mark their graduation at end of the year over the last three days of school. Each student selects a multi-disciplinary challenge which they engage in over two and a half days, and on the Wednesday afternoon we hold a "Show and Tell" performance, where the various groups report back on their experiences and achievements. Challenges this year range from the traditionally popular choices Like Celebrity Chef, Learn to Sail, School of Rock, Wearable Art-jewellery, Fashion Runway to completely new challenges featuring new learning experiences like Life's a Beach (featuring paddle boarding and surf lifesaving) CSI Garin -forensics, and E sports- the Garin Gaming Olympics. Each challenge asks students to self assess and reflect on what they have learnt. The programme is designed to widen possibilities, opportunities and dreams that students continue to think about over "what they will do when they leave school". Information and permission slips will be coming home soon (early next week) and fees need to be paid up to confirm placings by next Wednesday.

Mr Dewhurst showing his whanau how to select their graduation options from the newly designed form



Dear parents, caregivers and friends of the College

You are cordially invited to our Justice and Ministry Team's **Hamper Mass** for Vinnies to be held at 6.30pm at Garin College Gym (taking the place of the Richmond Parish Mass). Following Mass, will be a Sausage Sizzle Cost is \$2 & all proceeds going to Vinnies followed by 'entertainment' which will be led by our Garin Student's.

Come for an evening of celebration, thanks, fun and community fellowship. Please bring a chair, rug for after mass to listen to some beautiful singing and music and BYO drinks. (Tea and coffee provided at no charge)

Back to school in 2013

Garin College starting dates in 2013
 Are Wednesday 23 January, 2013 from 9-12 noon for all Year 12 and 13 students who must come in to confirm courses
 and
 any Year 11 students who wish to change their course
Garin's Powhiri for ALL students will be at
8.30 am on Monday 28 January, 2013
 New students assemble in the carpark.
 Current students go to the gym to welcome new students and staff into the Garin community with a Powhiri
 Parents are very welcome to attend, and many stay on at school for another hour
 For more information check the current newsletter on our website www.garincollege.ac.nz or call 543 9488

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

End of Year Annual Awards

Our 2012 Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 6 December starting at 7.00pm. All students are expected to be seated in the gym by 6.45pm in full uniform. The school day begins at 8.35am for all students ending at 12.30pm.

Flowers for Prizegiving

On the 6 December we are calling for any white, gold or blue flowers to assist in the set up of the gym for Garin's annual awards. If you are able to assist with this, can you please deliver them to the gym foyer by 9am.

Catering at Garin

Garin would be keen to hear from anyone who enjoys the hospitality industry and would like to provide catering services for Garin in 2013. If you have a flair for food and would like to become involved please contact Mary Anne at the School Office on 543 9488 or by email on achieve@garincollege.ac.nz.

Sucamps Summer 2012/13

Sucamp is offering a range of school holiday camps including surfing, kayaking, horse riding, tramping, abseiling to name a few. Camps are available in Mangawhai Heads, Whangarei, Ponui Island in the Hauraki Gulf, Raglan, Karapiro, Taumarunui, Nelson Lakes, Makarora and Te Anau. To register you can go online at 333.sunz.org.nz and fill in the registration form.

Canteen Closure

The last day the canteen will be open this year is 30 November, and it will only be open for the first break. The reason for the closure is that major alterations will be made during the holidays which need to be completed before school starts again in 2013. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

From the Library

ALL library books now need to be returned to the library.
Please have a good look under beds

and couches, as occasionally books don't appear on overdue notices but we'd still like them back.

As students often put them in their bag then carry them to and from school for several days, it would be appreciated if you could check whether they have actually returned them, too! Many thanks,

Mandy Ditzel, Librarian
Senior Maths Textbooks

As Maths revision finishes, seniors are asked to drop their maths textbook into the library when they next attend an exam please.

Calendar

- Wednesday 28 November
 - ♦ Christian Service Day
- Thursday 29 November
 - ♦ Club Garin Xmas Party
- Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 Dec
 - ♦ Year 9 & 10 Graduation Challenge
- Thursday 6 December
 - ♦ Annual Awards Evening

Garin begins using DreamCatcher

We are now involved in a new school-wide Career Development web-based tool called DreamCatcher. This is being rolled out to our year 9 and 10 students in the next week and the rest of the school early next year.

DreamCatcher's focus is to empower New Zealanders by giving them the tools, extensive ideas, contacts and structure for an informed decision making process to foster ownership of their future pathways. DreamCatcher is accessible at home for parents and students, which enables collaborative research and whanau based decision making.

We anticipate that this will provide opportunities for parents to see and discuss how their son/daughter views themselves and thus share in the relationship between school subjects, level of study and career entry requirements.

We will keep you informed when the parent portal is opened up for use, in the meantime ask your Year 9 or 10 son/daughter to show you what they have been doing in DreamCatcher. Next year will see set themes for DreamCatcher plus activities such as Goal Setting, will be carried out during Whanau time and other classes.

Mike Rose, Student Services Manager

Canteen Upgrade

A big thank you to all the parents who have paid in part or in full the parent partnership donation in 2012. Your contribution has made it possible that we can expand and re-outfit the canteen with proper working spaces and benches, a commercial oven, a dishwasher, etc.. The Board continues to support the operations of the canteen as part of its healthy food policy. It is hoped that the renovations will besides improving the general work environment, generate some operational efficiencies, and will enable Gretchen our Canteen Manager to continue to provide our students with a healthy quality lunch. Many thanks for your support.

Ron Van Drunen, Business Manager

Big Spike in Volleyball

Two Garin teams entered the Tasman Junior Championships last Friday at Saxton Stadium with great success. Both teams made their finals in Division 2 and went down by a small margin in the third of three sets.

The Junior Boys have been steadily improving throughout the year. Friday was a great opportunity to measure their improvement. Often they play teams with years of experience, even at ages 14 & 15, but Friday was a chance to play teams with similar experience to the Garin team. They lost the first match narrowly against a team from Nelson Boys. Their second match against Motueka was another tight affair, but Garin came through 2 - 0. That put the

boys up against a Waimea team for a place in the semi-final. After playing poorly and losing the first set, the boys rallied well and evened the match at 1 - 1, before winning the deciding set 15 - 11. The semi-final was against the Boys college team they'd lost to in pool play. It was another tight match, but this time the boys won, once again in 3 sets. This meant a spot in the finals, against a young Nelson Boys team. The boys played well again, but this time fell at the final hurdle. They won the 1st set, lost the 2nd, and as the tension mounted a few poor options, and occasional lack of control saw the Nelson Boys team win the deciding set 15 - 13. It doesn't get any closer than that. Of the 5 matches they played, the last 3 went to a deciding 3rd set. The boys will learn a lot from such an intense days volleyball. With all the matches being so close, the experienced players were needed full time but all the players contributed to a fantastic set of results for the young team. Full marks to coach Robert Cant for bringing out the best in these lads.

The Girls 10A used this Tournament as a pre-cursor to the South Island Championships which they are off to on Monday. This team coached by Garin Year 12 sports enthusiast Sjaan Hungerford have made the playoffs in the local comp which finishes on Thursday and are ready to step up to the big time. Parents Steve Paku and Helen Neame will be looking after

the girls and our best wishes go with them for a successful trip.

St Paul's GAT students compete against Garin

To conclude the Extension class at St Pauls, the 13 of us went to Garin to construct lego robot cars.

After some instructions, we got into groups of four. There were several St Pauls teams as well as some year 9 teams that we also competed against to conclude our day.

The idea of the day was to try and construct the strongest and unbeatable robot out of lego, motors, light sensors and pressure sensors. Once you had built your base, each team placed their robot at a computer and synchronised and programmed their robot using a special device with an infra-red light. This instructed the robot what to do and for how long. Many ideas arose whilst we built and built until the first break. After break, we carried on building, programming, syncing and finalising our constructed robot.

Once it was competing in the ring, no-one was allowed to touch the robots and the robots were not allowed to go over the black taped line. We battled them out at the end of the day and in the end, the strongest and unbeatable robot was 'Goliath' the beast. (Team pictured below) Coming in second place was 'David', a four-wheeled giant. This was out of 7 robots.

Lastly, on behalf of the St Pauls students, I would like to thank Mrs Cornelisen for organising this fabulous day and running the extension group every Thursday at St Pauls, all the students of Garin that came to help on these Thursdays and the year 10 students who helped program, sync and construct our robots.

By Julia Froeling

STUDENT STARS AT Garin

- ★ After a full-on year of training Ellie McDonald was promoted to the rank of Cadet Corporal last week at the St John Youth District Awards. Earlier in the year she attended an Easter 'NCO' leadership training camp where she was taught all sorts of new skills. She will now continue to use these skills teaching and instructing youth members of the organization. Congratulations to her!
- ★ Congratulations to Rebecca Coleman and Tayler Forbes for completing year one at Top of the South Trades Academy. Rebecca has been achieving the units in the Hospitality programme and Tayler has been achieving in Automotive Engineering. For more information you can visit the Trades Academy brand new website.
- ★ Tafara Odigetse developed a booklet to help teach the refugee children in Victory Primary School play soccer and understand the rules better. He presented the outcome of his Technology project this week. All the class member wanted their own copy.



Take a Moment...

Happiness is when and what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony
Mahatma Gandhi