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SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

# GARIN COLLEGE

## Garin's Gifted and Talented Amy Cornelisen

Many people are often surprised to hear that Amy Cornelisen's worst subject in school was maths and in fact, she stopped taking it as soon as she could! An inspirational teacher led her towards her degree in Oceanography that required 4 years of university mathematics! Needless to say, she learned her maths well and now loves things like factorizing quadratics. Her first maths and science teaching job was at The Mirman School, a year 1-9 school for the academically gifted in Los Angeles. Through this incredible opportunity, Amy realized the need for gifted students to be catered for in the regular classroom. Many teachers, parents, administrators, and the wider community believe that the gifted student will "rise to the top" because they are so able. Unfortunately, this is not the case with a high percentage of gifted students underperforming and often having behaviour problems in/out of school. In addition to teaching maths and sometimes science, Amy has been the Gifted and Talented Coordinator at Garin for the past few years. Each year the programme grows into more subject areas with more student involvement. It is an ever evolving program. Amy has been working with other schools to increase awareness of Gifted and Talented education. Last year, the group sponsored a free symposium for 50 teachers on how to identify gifted students and what opportunities are available. Currently, with senior student leaders from Garin, Waimea, and NCG the group is planning an Interschool Academic Challenge set for May 9<sup>th</sup>. It is the first time that secondary students in the area will compete in a quiz style academic competition.. What is on the horizon? Canterbury University Outreach is coming to Garin in early May to teach genetics through gel electrophoresis, a "Bright Passions Day" for the region's students in Term 4, an interschool Gifted & Talented workshop for years 7-9 in Term 3.



## Garin geographers wrestle with nature to collect field data

The last week of term one saw them all at it again. Determined field groups of Garin year 12 and 13 geographers were prepared to go the extra mile or go deeper into the river to collect the most relevant field data to test their respective theories - of velocity flow across cross sections of the Wairau or changing patterns of beech forest up the side of Mount Robert. Testing times in the field were rewarded with comfortable accommodation at night at the St Arnaud Backpackers Lodge which also served as a temporary classroom for the fieldtrip write ups and a self appointed restaurant serving theme meals cooked by the students. The study group would like to thank staff Mr Bucknall, Ms McBride and Mr Moriarty for the tutoring , St Arnaud lodge for the accommodation arrangements , DOC staff for their tuition and great HQ wall displays and the mums and dads for the scrummy home baking.



## Sports Practice is Underway

By the end of this week winter sports teams will have got their practice sessions underway and students should be fully aware of when these take place. Notices have been posted around the school with details, in O block, R block, the library, the gym and the student notice board at the front office. Rugby, football and netball competitions commence this weekend. Basketball commences Wednesday May 9. Pictured here is the Sisters basketball team at their first practice on Tuesday evening. A full roll up of team members sets a great example for other teams.



Photo to the left - shows Year 13 geographers (half) immersed in their work in the Wairau river.

## GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

### Richmond Badminton Club

Badminton in on again on Mondays, starting from the start of Term 2 at Badminton Hall, Gladstone Road (next to Waimea Rugby Club).

- ♦ *Primary & Intermediate: 5.30-6.30pm*
- ♦ *College students: 6.30-7.30pm*
- ♦ *Seniors: from 7.30pm*
- ♦ *Subs are \$30/term or \$4 per night, casual*

New players are welcome, so give it a go. Contact Joe Hall on 546 4446 during the day or 544 0128 evenings.

### Club Waimea Squash

Junior Club night starts this Friday at Club Waimea Squash in Lower Queen Street. There will be fun games and some coaching. Beginners are welcome so just turn up.

Rackets/balls and eyewear are sup-

plied and the cost is \$2 for non members. Shoes must be clean and non marked. Any queries, please phone Sarah 544 5150.

### Careers Roadshow

Parents and students are invited to attend the Careers Road Show on Tuesday 1 May at Waimea College Hall anytime from 4-6.30pm. This is a biannual even where a range of 54 Providers, Polytechnics, Universities and private institutes will be available for students to discuss their learning beyond school and possible career pathways.

### Auckland University Information Evening

There is an information seminar for students and their families on Wednesday 16 May, 7.30-9.00pm at the Grand Mercure Nelson, Monaco

Hotel. Students or their parents can register for the evening by following this link: [bit.ly/spo-nelson](http://bit.ly/spo-nelson).

### Catholic.net

Celebrate all the things we like about being New Zealanders this week on [www.catholictv.net](http://www.catholictv.net) [www.inspirationaltv.net](http://www.inspirationaltv.net). Great for sharing with a friend.

## CALENDAR

- Monday 30 April
- ♦ *All students to be in winter uniform*
- Monday 30 April - Wed. 2 May
- ♦ *Senior Marae Trip*
- Tuesday 1 May
- ♦ *Mahi Toi Intro @ assembly*
- Tuesday 1 May
- ♦ *Careers Roadshow*



Term 2 is the Arts term at Garin - and new parents may wonder why we put such an emphasis on the arts - maybe even why Catholic schools have traditionally worked hard to expose their children to the various aspects of the arts.

The answer is quite deeply buried in the understanding of generations of Catholic school teachers of how we develop the skills, attitudes, values and awareness required to develop a spiritual person.

The short version:

- ✓ Each of us is created by God and we have a deep drive to create a relationship with our Creator.
- ✓ However, we are immersed in a world where we are driven by physical and emotional imperatives that constantly distract us
- ✓ We also live in a world where most people don't value or see the relevance of organised religion, although our Masses and liturgies are very important to us, and a key part of our curriculum.

So educators in Catholic schools need to find ways to give each student the opportunity to discover this very important part of who they are.

- ✓ At Garin we have deliberately developed a culture which focuses on empathy - through our size, our whanau, our peer mediators, our anti-bullying stance, our social justice fundraising - and in lots of other ways. Our kids genuinely do care.

- ✓ As well we have programmes (spearheaded by the Journey) where students have to confront the spiritual side of themselves: their appreciation of love and friendship and beauty and challenge.

- ✓ And this term we focus on the third of our major strategies: the arts. The arts feed the creative and intuitive side of ourselves. They help us to see beauty in the abstract or unseen world. Creativity is from the part of us that was made in the Creator's image - and when we create something with elements of perfection about it we are doing (albeit in a small way) something that is the job of God: to create. That is why Catholics are pro-life - but that is another story ...

Creativity has its own feedback loop as well: when we create something with at least a moment of perfection in it, we experience joy.

So term 2, (having just completed Shakespeare) and moving on to the O'Shea Shield next week, Rock Quest, Stage Challenge, and Mahi Toi, the whole of term 2 is about *joy*. As Paul put it in his letter to the Ephesians "you are God's work of art". (2:9)

### From the Library

We are very grateful to class 90, who made some fabulous new cushions to brighten up the library seating. It is a very busy place this year and I am delighted that we have many keen readers.

Of course The Hunger Games is the series of the moment with all

students, and Mandy Ditzel has been kept busy circulating these to all those who have requested them.

If you ever want or need help finding something to read, Mandy is happy to offer some suggestions from our wonderful collection.

### Golden Bay Exchange

On the last day of Term 1, two netball teams plus the both girls' and boys' First XI football teams made their way over the Hill for the annual Golden Bay Exchange. All games were exciting and played in a very competitive and positive spirit, a credit to both players and



coaches. Both netball teams had a win, the girl's football ended in a draw and boys football team was beaten by an older and more experienced side. The Garin group left a very positive impression, not only from their behaviour on and off the field, but also their willingness to dress in formal uniform both before and after the games. Many positive comments came from Golden Bay teachers and parents.



### Weekend Sports' Draws

#### Saturday

♦ **Rugby: Under 18 12pm v Waimea at Waimea. Under 14 10am v Motueka at Motueka High.**

♦ **Boys Football: Under 17 9am v Motueka Black Cats at Garin. Under 14 10.45am v Waimea Thunder at Garin.**

♦ **Netball: Senior A 9am v Rival Jade. Senior B 2pm v Suburban Silver. Senior Black 10am v Waimea Red. Senior Gold 12pm v Waimea Denim. Junior A 9am v Waimea 10B. Junior B 2pm v NCG 10 Mystics. Junior Black 10am v NCG 10 Kryptonite. Junior Gold 10am v Tapawera 4 Square. Junior Maroon 11am v Waimea 9 Green.**

#### Sunday

♦ **Girls Football A 10am v NCG 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Garin. B 11am v Marlborough 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at A&P Blenheim.**

## STAR STUDENTS OF Garin

- ★ *Well done Erik Panzer, who completed Year 13 last year and who has been accepted to attend Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. Erik has received an Athletic Scholarship to the University. When Erik starts at Quinnipiac, he will also play Division 1 Soccer for the Bobcats plus study Psychology. Erik says that the athletics teams are well-treated with tutors to assist players catch up on work when they are away with the team. According to Erik, the team was one of the top teams last year, that is going by academic results and they were also very competitive on the Soccer field. Erik is back in Nelson for the next 3-4 months until he leaves and will be coaching the Garin Football team. Erik hopes to keep developing Football within the school.*

- ★ *During the school break Amy Coulton swam her way to gold and silver at the swim meet in Dunedin. in the U14 200, 400 and 800 metres freestyle.*

- ★ *Congratulations to Jono Clayton who was in the team awarded the Barclay Memorial Shield (photo below) for Champion Team at the 2012 St John Youth National Competitions held in Queenstown during the holidays. His team competed against 10 other teams from the South Island, Central and Northern Regions. To achieve this, Jono has been a member of St John Youth for 7 years and last year completed training to achieve Sergeant rank.*



Winter Uniform	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Footwear	Black, polishable leather shoes and Garin socks	Black, polishable leather shoes and black socks	Black, polishable leather shoes with black tights or black socks above hemline	Black, polishable leather shoes with black tights or black socks above hemline
Bottom half	Clerical grey Garin shorts	Clerical grey Garin trousers	Garin school skirt to below the knee	Garin school skirt to below the knee
Top half	Blue or white Garin polo shirt	White shirt with Garin logo and tie	White blouse or polo with Garin logo	White blouse with Garin logo and tie
Year level extras	White V-neck thermal tucked in and unseen. Sleeveless Garin black polar fleece OR Garin wool scarf	White V-neck thermal tucked in and unseen. Black Garin vest with logo. Garin blazer. Garin wool scarf	White V-neck thermal tucked in and unseen. Sleeveless Garin black polar fleece OR Garin jersey. Garin wool scarf.	White V-neck thermal tucked in and unseen. Black Garin vest with logo. Garin blazer. Garin wool scarf.
Jewellery	Cross or <i>Taonga</i> . Single sleeper or stud in each ear. No other visible body piercing is allowed.			
Hair and face	Hair to be natural colour and off the collar or tied back. No facial hair. We are a Sunsmart school and Garin named hats must be worn for PE and sports days and are encouraged on other days in Terms 1 and 4.			