



Garin's Open Day Success



Huge turnout for Open Day! This year we recorded the largest number of prospective students and their families attending Open Day at Garin College with a view to seeing the school in operation and listening to some of our students talk about their experiences here. We started off with a welcome lunch, listened to our Head Students and Year 9 students: Lauren Milburn and Zarek Wentzell talk about their first year here at the College and listened to our talented Year 9 RockQuest band perform. Open Day here is a very authentic experience and we try hard to ensure that what visitors see is actually what happens on a normal day.

Course Selection 2013

Parents and students can access the Garin College Curriculum Booklet on-line on the Garin College website <http://www.garincollege.ac.nz/main/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Garin-Curriculum-2013.pdf> to assist with decision making on their course selection for 2013. **Further information for Parents/Caregivers**

Current research information shows that parents/caregivers are still considered to be the number one influence on student's career planning, so here is how you can help.

<http://www2.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/helping-young-people-make-decisions/>

Course Selection meeting is being held on Tuesday 28 August 3.30pm to 5pm in School Library. Parents and students are invited to this information session to assist with final subject choices.

Product Development Challenge

This year Garin College were invited to enter a New

Product Development Challenge run by CREST (Royal Society) and NZIFST (New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology). Four year 12 students as in photo from left Abbie Powick, Ashley Booth, Veronica Mitchell and Nick Baker were selected for their strong science backgrounds and they enthusiastically accepted the challenge. They have been working on the project as an extra-curricular activity which has involved many hours after school and at the weekend. The team have been working with Food Technologist, Kristy Giles to develop a chocolate brownie incorporating purple corn flour and boysenberry puree. Both of these ingredients are full of anthocyanins and antioxidants which is going to help transform the traditional chocolate brownie into a healthy option. Sue Marshall from Plant and Food came to assembly this week and presented the team with a generous sponsorship cheque. The money will go towards the cost of flights to Christchurch, where they will present their new product along with other schools in the South Island to the judges.



PISA Testing

On the 22nd of August Garin students will be participating in

the PISA (Programme for International student Achievement). This programme is highly regarded both in New Zealand and overseas. New Zealand secondary schools have participated in PISA every three years since 2000. This year sixty-seven countries are taking part in the current 2012 cycle of PISA, including the 34 OECD countries.

PISA measures 15 year old students' knowledge and skills in mathematics, science and reading literacy.

At Garin 30 students of 15 years old are randomly selected to participate in the PISA testing. Parents/caregivers will be provided with a questionnaire to complete and return on the day of the testing to the Test Administrator. The Ministry of Education provides the Test Administrator.

More information about PISA, including New Zealand results from earlier studies and the type of questions can be found on the www.educationcounts.edcentre.govt.nz/research/pisa.html.

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Canterbury University

The University of Canterbury will be holding an Information Night for students and parents on Tuesday 7th August at the Rutherford Hotel from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The night gives parents and students a chance to talk to academics, Liaison staff and College staff to answer any questions they may have about study in Christchurch next year.

Functions/Catering

Garin has lost our functions catering coordinator Deb Page who did an amazing job to fulltime employment.. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on this role at Garin? It involves setting up for our functions, purchasing and preparation of food,

employing volunteer parent help and assisting during our functions. Persons interested, contact Mary Anne Heckler or Denis Moriarty in the school office.

AA Defensive Driving

Are you interested in a course to improve your driving skills plus learn to manage risks and reduce the time on your restricted licence by 6 months.

The course runs over 4 nights on the following dates in August: 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 6-8pm at Nelson College P1 classroom at the back of the old gym.

To enrol please contact:

Grant Billcliff on 547 1151 and the cost of this course is \$180.00. You must have a restricted licence, attend all sessions and bring a pen.

SPCA Cupcake Day

What a fun way to show your support to more than 60,000 animals. Register now to become a Cupcake Cook and find out more at www.spaccupcakeday.co.nz.. Bake by yourself, in a team or with your own group.

CALENDAR

Wednesday - Friday 1-3 August
♦ *Year 10 Journey*
Friday 3 August
♦ *Michaela Menzies Anniversary*
Saturday 11 August
♦ *Garin School Ball*
Tuesday 14 August
♦ *Garin Day Mass*

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



As well as all the other things crowded into our first fortnight, we are planning our school Mass which will celebrate Father Garin, the place of Mary in the Church, and giving thanks and celebrating being New Zealanders. (We have scheduled Mass to coincide with the Feast of the Assumption which is also the day the Church uses to celebrate being kiwi.)

When I get the chance to watch the TV news I find myself reflecting on how lucky we are in New Zealand. New Zealand does have all sorts of problems—but given decent leadership and a spirit of cooperation, they are mostly problems that seem solvable in our small national community.

The world as a whole seems to have bigger problems—incredibly pointless violence all around the world from alienated people and people who seem willing to do anything for power—and starvation and disease in many places, but the least hopeful at the moment seems to be in Africa.

I may be dreaming—but I really do have confidence that our best people will come together to solve the *immediate* problems our country faces.

The New Zealand issues that I worry about are deeper-seated. They, like many international problems, involve growing inequalities of power and wealth. Like the rest of the world, we also have an increasing number of powerless and poor people feeling alienated and seeing themselves as unwanted, uncared-for, and not part of the New Zealand community.

One of the reasons Catholic schools tend to be small is to build that sense of community. But even in a school of 450 there are students who go through times feeling like outsiders.

Our staff meets every Tuesday to identify those students. Another group meets the same day after school to look at what they need to bring them back on board: academic support, or counselling, or a growling, or a support wrap-around with school, parent and community support.

That is what a community does. And that is why I give thanks that I live in a small country where we (normally) have a sense of community and sense of the common good (even if it sometimes takes a while).

The “welfare state” used to run around looking for the alienated people. We have lost that and not really replaced it. That is a worry because that allows each of us to become centred on our own needs and problems—and to ignore everything else. Something to place on the altar at our Mass.

Garin's Reading Challenge

Our annual Reading Challenge starts on Monday, and all students are encouraged to take part, with House Points and a prize for the whanau with the best participation up for grabs. This year we are recording the number of pages read, so even if you don't finish a book in the 3 weeks Reading Challenge runs, your pages will still count towards your whanau's total. Students should have found a book ready for Monday, but can see Mrs Ditzel on Monday to find a book you'd enjoy! Even if you don't think of yourself as a reader.

NZQA

Student's accounts have been charged with their NZQA fee for 2012. This fee must be paid in full by Friday 10th August 2012. This is the final collection date to ensure candidates receive their results for 2012. The fee structures can be viewed on the NZQA website as follows:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea>

Students may be eligible to apply for financial assistance through benefit or income based applications or families with two or more children who are candidates. Criteria and income thresholds can also be found by accessing the same website above. If your family is eligible for fi-

nancial assistance please download and complete the “Application For Financial Assistance” and return to the school office by Friday 10th August 2012. Information and application forms are also available from the school office

Senior Girls Football

The Garin Senior Girls had an unlucky 3 - 2 loss to Waimea's 2nd XI. Garin scored first with a goal from Caitlin Corish, but Waimea equalised before half time. Waimea went ahead early in the 2nd half, but Emily McMullan made it 2 - 2 with an easy finish following good work by Caitlin. With 5 minutes to go, Dani Reilly had surged down the wing and had a 1 on 1 with the Waimea keeper, but the ball rebounded a long way off the advancing keeper, and found Waimea players in a lot of space. They surged down the other end and before Garin could recover the ball was in the back of Garin's net. It could just as easily have been 3 - 2 to Garin. Dani Reilly worked very hard in midfield and Jordan Norton was tireless marking Waimea's main playmaker. A draw would have been a fair result, but football, like life, isn't always fair.

U18 Rugby

On 28 June Garin played Nelson College before the end of Term. A strong wind made handling hard with Nelson College ahead 10 to nil at the break. In the second half

Garin rallied with tries to Tarras Glover and Nick Allison and a conversion to Kristian Hall-Smith. Nelson College continued to apply a lot of pressure but Garin displayed some true grit and determination to hold on and win this important match 12-10. Player of the day was John Wopereis for his lineout takes at critical times and his all round general play.

Last Saturday the team showed good commitment with boarders and locally based students having to return early to take on Waimea College. In wet conditions and running into a strong wind the Garin forward pack delivered one of their best performances of the season to have the Waimea team continually pegged back near their goal line. Despite all the pressure the score was still 0-0 at half-time. In the second half Garin used the wind well and scored first through a well taken drop kick to Brodie Sidwell. Waimea responded with a try before Kristian Hall-Smith added a penalty for Garin to lead 6-5. With ten minutes to go and Garin dominating the ball went along the backline for Nick Allison to score wide out for a 11-5 win to Garin. Player of the day was visiting English forward Sam Bucknall who made several strong runs and was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

Weekend Sports Draws

Friday

◆ Hockey Division 4 4.30pm v Federal.

Saturday

◆ Rugby Under 18 12.00 am v Nelson College 2nd XI at Garin.

◆ Under 14 10.30am v Nelson College Str LT at Garin.

◆ Boys Football 15th Grade 9am v Suburbs Stingrays at Garin. 14th Grade 10.45am v Rangers United at Moutere Domain.

◆ Netball Senior A 11am v NCG Senior B. Senior B 9am v Stoke Power Signs. Senior Black 10am v NCG Situation. Senior Gold 12pm v On Fire Breakthru. Junior A 10am v Waimea Senior C. Junior B 2pm v NCG 10 Mystics. Junior Black 1pm v Murchison High. Junior Maroon 10am v NCG 10 Dream Team. Junior Gold 1pm v NCG 10 Nando's.

◆ Hockey Division 4 4.45pm v NBS Stoke.

Sunday

◆ Girls Football Senior 10am v NCG Devos at Neale Park F2. Junior Bye.

◆ Basketball Garin Gladiators 4.05pm v Shooting Stars.

STAR STUDENTS OF Garin



- ★ Congratulations to Taylor Forbes who competed in the Max Light class of the Kartsport Championships held in Wellington in July (which has competitors aged 15 plus). Tayler competed well and finished 14th place overall.
- ★ Jared and Jeff Lautenslager dominated the competition in their races at last Saturday's Tasman Centre Cross Country at Saxton Field. Jeff won the M17 6KM race in 20 mins, 39 secs. Jared won the M14 2.9 km race in 9 min 58 sec. Jeff will represent Tasman at the NZ Cross Country Championships at Saxton Field on August 4.
- ★ Good luck Ashley Booth, who will be representing Nelson in the U21 rep team competing in the South Island Andrew Faulkner Small Bore Rifle Championships this weekend in Temuka.
- ★ Special thanks to all our volunteer helpers on Open Day and to parent helpers Jos Roozen-daal and his partner, Sarah Gallagher and Nicole Westbrook.
- ★ Thanks to our volunteer helpers Monica Hailes-Paku and Helen Trotman at Parent Teacher Interview held this week.. Hiroyoshi Oba, an international student enjoyed assisting with providing refreshments to parents.

SCOREBOARD

- ◆ Rugby: Under 18 Default win. Under 14 36, Waimea Gold 17.
- ◆ Netball: Senior A 35, Jacks Navy 18. Senior B 25, Suburban Silver 26. Senior Black 17, NOG Disco Chix 29. Junior A 26, Wanderers Gold 19. Junior B 21, NCG 10 D 11. Junior Black 15, Collingwood ASB 28 15. Junior Maroon 39, Waimea 9 Green 17. Junior Gold 18, Nayland 9 Magic 23.
- ◆ Football: 15th Grade 0, FC Nelson Spurs 1. 14th Grade 0, Rangers United 8 Senior Girls 2, Waimea 2nd XI 3. Junior Girls 1, FC Neslon 2nd XI 4.
- ◆ Hockey: Division 3 4, Waimai 6. Division 4 4, Tasman 0. Division 4 0, NBS Stoke 1.

Take a Moment...

All youth need today is discipline and a full bookcase
...Fashion designer Vivienne Westwood

Fashion Design Work

Well done to the Fashion Design Level 2 students who have just passed their Achievement Standards based on creating a garment linked to their Fashion Illustration design work!

Congratulations to Victoria Hillman who gained an Excellence grade with her 1950's inspired skirt and Maren Walter who gained Merit with her 1970's inspired halter neck dress.

Rebecca Coleman who is a Year 11 student working at Level 2 gained an Achieved with her 1960's inspired colour blocked dress.



Tina Yun Takes London by Storm

Tina Yun, a recent Garin College drama student who is presently studying at Otago University, has just returned from London where she toured as part of the New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company. Tina participated in a range of theatre workshops taken by professional directors, and she had the amazing experience of performing *Taming of the Shrew* at the Globe Theatre. Tina played the role of Katherina and she received rave reviews, including particular interest from Patrick Spottiswoode, the Educational Director at the Globe. Patrick was very impressed with Tina's performing talents, and she has since been asked to remain in contact with The Globe to discuss future performing possibilities. Watch this space for more news about this very talented actress.

Garin Open Day 2012 photos showing classes in action and Garin's Year 9 RockQuest Band 'Sound Engineers'



Matua Pimm's Year 10 Maori class



Mr Fox's Year 9 Technology Materials class



Above: Mrs Walker's Year 12 Biology class (both photos)



Mrs Woodhead's Year 9 English class



Year 9 RockQuest Band—Sound Engineers
From Left ,Taylor Scott,
Joseph McCashin,
Kieren O'Connor,
Mike Whittaker
Holly Phillips