



Rockquest Winners

Last Friday Garin College bands participated in the Nelson SmokefreeRockquest Regional finals. Garin has always been a strong force in Rockquest, and they proved it this year, with eight acts of thirty in total at the heats and six of twelve total in the finals.

Everyone played well, with some enjoyable performances from Slim Conviction, Westbrook, Celestia, Aeon Venture and eventual winners OH BLOK and Gabriella Atkinson. Though Slim Conviction, Aeon Venture and Westbrook played extremely convincingly and went down well with the audience, they did not secure a top three placing this time around. Celestia won

third place overall as well as singer and guitarist Abbey Hahn winning the Smokefree award for Women's Musicianship.



Winners now have to make a 15 minute video of themselves playing their songs to be sent to Rockquest HQ to be considered for national finalist placings, six of which go to bands and three to solo/duo musicians.

Both evenings were extremely enjoyable. Rockquest is a huge mark in the calendar for a lot of music students from around the region and there is always a really positive vibe there on the night. All the bands are good friends with one another, which makes for some great backstage banter and a few pranks. I noticed lots of Garin students in the crowd at the finals supporting their peers, which was really encouraging.

Rockquest is a hugely positive thing for the community and the almost non-existent youth music scene in Nelson, bringing many bands success over the years and Garin students to a national and international stage. Next year the competition will be anyone's game, as many of the long-time participants will have left school, opening the stage for the newcomers.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 9 & 10

Interviews for Year 9 and 10 students are going to be held on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 July from 3-5.00pm. This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress.

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
2. The school code for booking on line will be PU4EY. Bookings will not be available until Friday 20 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 Friday 20 June at 9.00am.

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

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Reading Challenge

Bookmarks are pouring in, and the results are up on Mrs Ditzel's office window. While MacKillop are maintaining a strong lead, there is still the weekend to go, and things are bound to change!

Reading Challenge runs until the end of Queen's Birthday weekend and that includes Work Day, so until you go to sleep Tues night there is still time to make a contribution to your whanau and House. Last week our top reader managed to read more than 8700 pages—an awesome effort that involved some very tactical Lucky Dip reading.

Biology Request

Biology department would like slaters [aka woodlice] from home, to

please bring them to D1 on Wednesday - the more the better - they will survive in a margarine pottle or similar as long as they have some earth or leaf litter to shelter under.

Richmond Youth Group

We apologise for the postponement of this activity. We resume on Friday 6th June 6.30pm to 9pm. Details will follow. Cheers Paul. Pastoral Chaplain.

Table Tennis

Table tennis social competition every Tuesday night 7 - 9pm at Saxton Stadium. Bats and balls provided, cost is only \$4. All College students are welcome, just turn up and play. Phone Paul on 5441572 for more information.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Our meeting will be held in the Church Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond Saturday 14 June at 2pm.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 3 June
♦ *Work Day, Teacher Only Day*

11-12 June
♦ *Mahi Toi Festival at school*

20 June
♦ *Years 9 & 10—Booking on line goes live for Parent/Teacher Interviews*



Earlier this week I hope many of you took the opportunity to visit the Careers Roadshow and talk to experts in the various career areas your young people are thinking about for their lives.

There is a bewildering range of possibilities out there—a choice further complicated by the fact that thousands of new career options are invented each year!

Some students know what work will satisfy them—but for most it is a difficult decision—and for some just taking the first step and committing to a training area is huge.

Careers used to mean the same thing as *job*, but with the end of the idea of a “job for life” that thinking has changed. Concepts like “life-long learning” are now really important because nearly all of our young people will need to re-train for new jobs around half a dozen times in their working life.

The really important idea to get our heads around is not “what job”, but rather “who am I?” or “what work will truly satisfy me?”

Those questions are at the heart of the Garin philosophy of education of each of us growing to become the people we were created to be. The Catholic Church is governed by a set of laws, and law 795 states

Education must pay regard to the formation of the whole person, so that all may attain their eternal destiny and at the same time promote the common good of society. Children and young persons are therefore to be cared for in such a way that their physical, moral and intellectual talents may develop in a harmonious manner, so that they may attain a greater sense of responsibility and a right use of freedom, and be formed to take an active part in social life.

Hopefully you will see a lot of Garin philosophy and practice in that: we are constantly working to develop the “whole person”, the “common good”, our “sense of responsibility”, our “right use of freedom”, and relating well and responsibly with others.

As a school, we make big sacrifices to enable those things to happen. For instance the development of strong relationships with teachers and others is the reason for our small junior classes and whanau. Most schools have junior classes in the 30s—ours are 21-25.

Our junior curriculum of 13 compulsory subjects (rather than the normal six or seven) is to help students discover their talents as whole people.

Our very limited rule set (we have just three) is to help students think about how to do the right thing and use freedom with integrity.

And it works. But there is no point in it working just at school—it has to work for the rest of their lives. Career choice is so important. It is important that we each choose careers for the right reasons: making a difference, self-fulfilment, happiness, or self-actualisation.

We all know people who chose their work for the wrong reasons, and we can see the effect of that. But the good news is it is never too late to become the people we were created to be.

Introducing the Garin Career's Team

Introducing 2014 Garin College Careers Department.

Jane Krammer has had a career change herself and has recently moved to a role at the Ministry of Social Development.

Filling the role here at Garin are three part time staff. Kim Holmes - Careers Development Coordinator, Kaylene Teariki - Gateway teacher and Gateway Program Coordinator, and Sandy Van den Berg - Trades Academy Coordinator.

Kim has stepped into the role from Gateway Coordinator and has a background in Teaching, Youth Work and Supported Employment. Kaylene joins us from Te Korowai Trust and has previously worked at Work and Income and has a Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Teaching from Waikato University. Sandy is a Diploma in Career Guidance student who will be graduating in August.

Collectively they work together to support Garin students to strive towards their career goals. Please do not hesitate to be in contact, they look forward to working with students and families.

Photo from left Sandy, Kim and Kaylene



SCOREBOARD

Weekend Sport

Friday

Hockey No Game Due to Queens Birthday Weekend

Saturday

Netball No Games due to Queens Birthday Weekend

Rugby

Marist Under 14 v Motueka HS at Garin College. *Game played 29/05/14 at 4pm.

Marist Under 15 11.15am v Motueka HS at Garin College.

Football

No games due to Queens Birthday Weekend

Sunday

Football

Girls Football 10.30am v Motueka at Garin.

Basketball Garin Gladiators 4.45pm v WIS Dragons at Saxton.

Fulton Hogan Basketball

No Game Due to Queens Birthday Weekend

Results From Last Weekend

Rugby

Marist U14 17 - Waimea Gold 5. Marist U15 5 - Waimea College 48

Football

Garin U19 2 - Richmond Trojans 4. Garin U17 2 - Nelson College Glory 6.

Garin 14th 1 - FC Nelson Blades 10.

Women's Football (Sunday)

Garin 1 - Motueka 6.

Hockey

Garin 1 - Federal 4

Netball

Senior A 29 - Prices Silver 24. Senior B 12 - Prices Blue 33. Senior Black 10 - Suburban Gold20. Senior Gold 25 - NCG Silver 6. Senior Maroon 27 - NCG Hot Shots 15. Junior A 19 - Suburban White 16. Junior B 17 - NaylandColl 9A 17. Year 10 22 - NCG Pink 9. Junior Gold 26 - NCG 9 Orange 9. Year 9 2 - NCG 10 Orange 38.

Fulton Hogan Basketball

Garin Gladiators 32 - WIS Gladiators 26

Work Day 3 June

Every year since the School started Garin College students have helped organised and contributed to their very own work day initiative which raises funds for projects that students select and priorities. Over the years this has resulted in important new amenities like a drinking fountain outside the café, an electronic scoreboard in the gym and student seating in our school grounds.

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★ Congratulations to Josh Moffat and Cameron Thomas who have all been in the starting line-up for the last 2 Nelson Suburbs Mainland Premier games. Also to Cameron who was player of the day last weekend. Both have played exceptionally well in their defensive positions.

Looking after BYOD

With the growth in numbers of BYOD devices here at Garin College, there is an increasing demand being placed upon the school's IT support staff to fix personal machines that have been neglected in one way or another by their owners.

While Garin IT staff do their best to assist students with personal devices (time permitting) their primary role, for which they are employed, is to look after the school's network infrastructure and the school's own devices.

If all BYOD students could followed these basic rules, both their own and our technical staff's days could be more trouble free:

Security/Safety:

- Turn your device's fire wall on. All devices should have a fire wall turned on and acting to protect the device from intrusion.

- Have

a current and active antivirus. AVG and Avast both have Free versions available that are very good and Microsoft security essentials is free for Windows PCs and will suffice as a minimum.

For a productive school day:

- Charge the machine fully the night before. This just makes sense.
- Do your updates at home. Some updates can take ages to finish and interfere with the devices performance and therefore interfere with the lessons.

Babysitter Needed

We are looking to employ a female babysitter 15yrs or older to care for our 9yr old daughter before and after School. Hours would be 7.40 - 8.20am and 3.20-4.30pm, 2-4 days per week, different days each week. (We will be employing 2 people so hours can be shared and you can work which days suit best)

May also include occasional weekends and school holidays. Must be reliable, honest and love spending time with kids. We live a 5min walk from Garin College. Please phone or text Lisa for more information. Ph 541 8281 or 027 3292497.

Take a Moment ...

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Nelson Mandela



Robotics Success in the US

Team Tima Ruku, Finlay Langelaan, Julia Froeling, and Molly Inman, arrived at the University of Southern Mississippi after travelling for 24 hours and we were greeted enthusiastically with, "you're the team from New Zealand!" The students were fast celebrities and making fast friends as we were ushered from line to line getting photos taken and their bot compliance checked. The team woke early on Saturday to set up in the hall with the other 108 teams in the competition, representing 18 States and Puerto Rico. Seeing everyone else's boards and bots left us all feeling a little intimidated! Some bots in our class had big structural modifications and even air/balloon pumps for ballast. One board had an iPad built into it!! The difference in competition was daunting.



The first race for Tima Ruku was the *Heist* where the Aquabot had to be driven to a gate, the arm used to open the gate, driven through and to the bottom of a deep pool to pick up boxes, then the boxes delivered to a platform on the original side of the gate. Our team was first through the gate which was quite a feat as some teams got stuck and had to use diver assist which incurs a penalty! Our team was able to retrieve two weights, picking them up quickly in that depth of water proved to be very difficult as many teams got none. The second challenge was the obstacle course and it was just as intense because as we were meeting people we learned that many students had completed the course during practice in less than 50 seconds. The team did very well compared to others as once again other teams got caught and needed diver assist.

The scientific presentation was the team's last challenge. As the team was presenting in a racquetball court, we could not hear their presentation but we could tell that it was going well. When the team emerged 30 minutes later with big smiles and lots of positive remarks to each other we knew they did a job worth being proud of.

At the dinner, for over 1000 people, it was announced that Tima Ruku won FIRST place in the scientific presentation! It was revealed later that they scored 86 out of 80, one of a few top teams receiving bonus points! Each of the team members individually scored full marks and the bonus was for professionalism, interaction with judges, calmness, and the fact that the judges learned something from them about New Zealand and the Maori culture.

The entire experience representing the Ministry of Inspiration, Garin College, and New Zealand was surreal for all of us. Winning was the icing on the cake and to return to Nelson to be greeted by staff, students, and a Haka performance was a truly amazing way to end the experience.

Level 1 Fashion & Design

Congratulations to the L1 Fashion & design students who have all just completed their first Assessment, that required them to design and construct a garment based on either a Rocker or Folklore theme. The students designed an electric range of garments based on the choice of either a Hoodie or skirt.



Short term homestays needed

Garin College hosts a group of 14 year old students from Japan each year. This year they will be here from 27 July to 23 August. Homestays are still needed for 10 boys and 2 girls. They must have their own room and after school supervision, walking distance to school preferred but not essential. We have a local Japanese councillor who supports families hosting these students and a teacher from their school comes with them also. Remuneration of \$215 a week is paid to cover costs of hosting. For more information or to express an interest in hosting please contact Jacqui Cleary on 5439498 or jacquicleary@garincollege.ac.nz. Thank you

NZQA News

NZQA fees for 2014 can now be seen on your Garin monthly invoice. Please ensure that payment is made directly to Garin College before 3pm on Friday 29 August.

Financial Assistance

The purpose of financial assistance is to ensure that fees are not a barrier to participation in qualifications for students. Each year the government provides limited funding for eligible students enrolled in New Zealand secondary schools who are entering for assessment against standards on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) and for New Zealand Scholarship.

International students are not eligible for financial assistance.

To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and must apply under one of the following application types:

- **Benefit applications** – this includes those receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- **Income-based applications** – this includes those that have a joint family[1] income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card
- **Multiple candidate applications** – this includes fee-payers with two or more children who are candidates where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

Financial Assistance fees schedule 2014

Number of candidates fee-payer is paying for	Fee-payer is eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance	Fee-payer is not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
One child who is a candidate	\$20.00	Full fees (\$76.70 for NZQF and 3 Scholarship subjects)
Two or more children who are candidates	A maximum of \$30.00 per family	A maximum of \$200.00 per fee-payer[2]

Application form

The application form for financial assistance and information regarding financial assistance is available on the [NZQA website](#). The [community services card income thresholds](#) are available on the Work and Income website. Please complete these applications and forward them to Mrs Ditchfield (AP Assessment) or hand them in to the front office who will forward them to me.