



Garin's Gifted and Talented Year 10 Students

On Thursday 22 March, the year 10 G.A.T.E. (Gifted And Talented Education) programme members had a day off normal classes to experience some fun and educational extra-curricular activities. There were three choices of activities, these being Ceramics, Pinhole Photography or Science experiments. Those that chose ceramics went away to the ceramics gallery in Richmond to learn what to do for the rest of the day, followed by making their own ceramics back at school under the supervision of Art and English teacher Mrs Aronsten. Mrs Cornelisen, the G.A.T.E. leader at Garin, took both the pinhole camera and science experiments groups, which used the same classroom, as the scientists needed only the benches at the back of the room and the photographers only the desks. Those doing photography made their own pinhole cameras using strong cardboard, sheet tin, glue and black paper. They were rigged up with film and went down to the Templemore Pond to shoot some photos. The film was later sent away to a developer's, who is currently developing the photos. I was in the science group, and we did many fun and interesting experiments over the duration of the day. The two main experiments were building electric circuits using conductive and non-conductive play-dough and playing around with many different types of polymers (substances with long chains of molecules, which make the substances either slimy or jelly-like, depending on the type of polymer). The first was good fun and taught us about the positive and negative charges, and how to successfully built complicated circuits (including some that were several storys high) with a variety of functions. The second was my personal favourite, as simple chemical reactions could create such complicated and fascinating molecules. Thanks to Mrs. Cornelisen for organising this incredibly fun and educative day, and also to all the people that helped out on the day. By Tom Froeling, year 10.



Garin Success at the Shakespeare Festival 2012

The Sheilagh WinnTasman Regional Shakespeare Festival took place last Saturday at Waimea College. Garin had seven entries which included *Othello*, *As You Like It*, *Hamlet*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night* and *Julius Caesar*. The students gave some excellent individual and collective performances and two groups received awards. *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, directed and performed by Hamish McIntosh, Keeli Ferris and Cassie Keen-Gorman, won two costume awards: Best Original Costume and Best Costume. Garin's junior Shakespeare group performed *Julius Caesar* and did especially well. They won three awards: Best History, Best Design and Runner-Up to Excellence. The last award is an awesome achievement for junior students, they were competing against many other senior groups, and to be awarded overall runner-up is a real achievement.

The students received very positive feedback concerning the quality of their performances, and we would like to congratulate the award winners and all participants for their hard work and commitment. Whilst we didn't get through to the nationals this year, with the talent we witnessed on Saturday, we will certainly be back for 2013!

ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

View some photos of the Festival on the back page of this issue

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All women are invited to a faith-filled gathering on Saturday 14 April from 2-4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Centre, William Street, Richmond. All the new team are looking forward to meeting you, praising with you and sharing their testimonies. Contact Ann on 548 8723 or visit the website www.dove.org.nz.

Richmond Catholic Youth Group

After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the 5th April (7.30pm attendance is highly encouraged), the movie "The Passion of the Christ" will be screening in the Parish Centre. This is open for everyone aged 15 and above, as some of the content is quite explicit. If you want anymore information then feel free to get hold of Hayden Powick on 022 066 3264 or email him on haydenpowick@hotmail.com.

Lost Property

Garin still has lots of unclaimed lost property here in a cupboard in the School Office. Please, if you know you are missing any items, can you send

your son/daughter to see if it is here or alternatively, if you have time, please come in and look for any lost items. Before the start of Term 2, we will be sending unclaimed items to the Vinnies.

Richmond Badminton Club

Badminton in on again on Mondays, starting 23 April 2012 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.

Garin Newsletter

If you are experiencing problems with accessing the Garin Newsletter via email weekly, please let us know and your son/daughter can come over either during the 2nd break or after school to collect a copy to take home each week.

Come to the Hub

A band from Blenheim called "Hold on We're Singing" is touring with "Stay Awake" and also "Running Joke" (side project of Nelson band "Recommended By Your Mom") is playing at the Hub on the 15th April from 6.30pm and entry is \$5. The link to the event is <http://www.facebook.com/events/170897066363052/> which students can join and listen to the feature.

Garin Uniform Shop

During the school holidays, the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 11th April from 1.00-6.00pm

CALENDAR

- Thursday 5 April
- ♦ Term One ends
- Monday 23 April
- ♦ Term 2 begins
- Monday 30 April
- ♦ All students to be in winter uniform



Happy Easter everyone! People are really busy these days—so I hope you can take the opportunity to stop, and reflect on Lent and Easter—and get everything back into perspective. I think the busy-ness of modern life makes us focus on the detail, and forget the big things of life—love, relationships, family, happiness ...

Term 1 is always a busy term in schools too and at Garin we have had a lot of successes, starting with stunning NCEA results. Staff and students have been flat out on Journeys, summer and winter sports, getting ready for the winter arts season—and learning!

One of the things occupying my mind has been our Strategic Plan. In the past we have set our goals and quietly worked away at them through the year—but now having a detailed plan and then using it to drive the way we do things has become a Ministry requirement. So that takes more time to do it well.

In the past the Board has set its goals for the year after reading your advice through our *Reports FROM Parents* at the beginning of Term 3. That will happen earlier this year, because we will need to begin the 2013 plan much earlier.

Early next term I will ask you about the things we are focusing on this year (getting students through exams with a real focus on our Maori students, special needs education, our special character, making more effective use of computer technology, making more effective use of educational data, and reviewing our leadership structures).

I will also ask where to next? ... what we need to include in our next annual plan. But that is next term. Right now it's Easter. God bless you all and have a good holiday.

Host Families Needed

In June-July 2012 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family in New Zealand and attend a local school for 2-10 months. All students have at least basic levels of English.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Becoming a Host family for an international student has been much more than we expected. We thought it would be great for our kids to learn a little about another language and maybe something about another country. Instead, we gained another family member and some great new friends, her parents from Germany. We get to show off our country and learn so much about hers. What a fantastic experience for all of us." Melissa, Host Mum

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation registered with the New Zealand Ministry of Education. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.nz

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or

would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 0800 440 079.

St Patricks Versus Garin

The First XV hosted St Patrick's College from Wellington on Saturday backing up from Wednesdays win over Buller High School. With a number of players unavailable Garin struggled to put fifteen fit players on the field. Despite the disruptions the home team performed extremely well, especially the forward pack who were well led by Ethan Hyndman. Garin was up against a highly skilled team and who controlled possession forcing Garin to make a huge amount of tackles. At half time Garin only trailed 14 -0. Shortly after the break Nick Allison scored wide out after the forwards and backs showed slick hands to score a well constructed team try. The scored remained 14-5 for most of the game until the amount of defending finally took its toll with St Patrick's scoring two late tries. Lewis Saunders had an outstanding match showing his versatility by operating in the backs and forwards with ease. International students Will Tang and Jan Jurgenson had their first taste of rugby working hard in the Garin backline. Midfielders Tom Goodman and Tarras Glover also had solid games.



Sporting Practice Term 2

Students are reminded that all sporting practices commence in Week 1 of Term 2. It is important to check with your coach and write in your diary when your practices are scheduled. Selection in a team includes commitment to practice and to advise your coach in advance if there is a genuine reason for non attendance.

Board of Trustee Vacancy
As you will see in Saturday's paper, our school Board has a vacancy for a parent representative. The Board has decided to "select" someone to fill that vacancy (rather than the time and expense of having an election). If you would like to be considered for selection by the Board, please send an email (achieve@garincollege.ac.nz with "Board member" in the Subject line) or a letter to Board member, Garin College, Champion Road, Richmond, 7020

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STAR STUDENTS OF Garin

- ★ *Well done to our Athletes. Jeff Lautenslager finished second in the Boys under 16 3,000 metres on Saturday at the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships held at the Saxton Field Athletics Track. Jeff, who ran a personal best 9min10.65secs, was outleaned at the finish line by Hamish Cooper of Otago Boys High School. Jeff returned Sunday to finish third place in the 1,500m in 4:13.80, one-tenth of a second off the former meet record. Jared Lautenslager finished eighth in the Boys under 14 1,500m in 4min44.07secs. Patrick Hassan placed ninth in the Boys under 16 800m in 2min21.59sec. Aleisha Van Kerkhof finished 12th in the Girls Under 19 javelin with 22.30m and 12th in the shot put with 7.48m.*

- ★ *Congratulations to all the students from Garin who performed in the SCGNZ Tasman/Golden Bay Shakespeare Festival last weekend. A letter of thanks was received from the Regional Coordinator for the extra efforts of teachers who made it possible for students to be involved.*

- ★ *Good luck to Jonathan Clayton who has been chosen to be one of 24 cadets who have been selected to represent the South Island in the 2012 St Johns Youth National Competitions which are being held in Queenstown from 12-16 April. As part of being selected Jonathan has attended 6 training camps.*

- ★ *Congratulations to 7 senior students who completed a Kiwi-Host Customer Service Training Programme last week. This Gateway and STAR funded programme involved students spending 3 days joining with local secondary students working on sales skills and developing personal qualities to achieve NZQA units in customer service and frontline skills. All these students now have plenty to add to their CV as they seek employment and/or training at the end of the year. A year 13 student comments - "I gained self-confidence and new skills for getting my dream job in the Travel and Tourism industry". Participants will receive their Certificates in Assembly.*

Take a Moment ...

Christ the Lord is risen to-day," Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high;.....Charles Wesley



Outstanding Year 9 Science Project

Year 9 students have a project in which they must construct a model of a specialised cell and discuss the functions of the different organelles in that cell. Tom Trotman of 9W has produced a model that is exceptional and is one of the best seen in recent years. His model involved making a cake and decorating it to represent the various cell parts. It has involved a lot of work, both in researching the topic and in constructing his model and in paying real attention to detail. He is to be commended for his outstanding effort.



Grease performers come to Garin Assembly to showcase the musical.

Winter Uniform: Must be worn from 30 April through 28 September and can be worn anytime. For Seniors, Garin blazer must be worn for Assemblies, Mass, Prizegiving, any trips or teams away representing Garin, and any formal occasion. Senior Garin blazer can be worn anytime. Whenever the blazer is on, the tie is worn.

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 - OR-clerical grey Garin trousers	Clerical grey Garin shorts	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.			

Two hours' homework a night linked to better school results

Any time spent on homework shows benefits, according to study published by Department for Education

Jeevan Vasagar, education editor *The Guardian*, Thursday 29 March 2012

The benefits of homework were greatest for those who did two to three hours a night, the study found.

Spending more than two hours a night doing homework is linked to achieving better results in English, maths and science, according to a major study which has tracked the progress of 3,000 children over the past 15 years.

Spending any time doing homework showed benefits, but the effects were greater for students who put in two to three hours a night, according to the study published by the Department for Education.

The finding on homework runs counter to previous research which shows a "relatively modest" link between homework and achievement at secondary school.

The academics involved in the latest research say their study emphasises what students actually do, rather than how much work the school has set.

Pam Sammons, a professor of education at Oxford University, said that time spent on homework reflected the influence of the school - whether pupils were expected to do homework - as well as children's enjoyment of their subjects.

Sammons said: "That's one of the reasons Indian and Chinese children do better. They tend to put more time in. It's to do with your effort as well as your ability.

"What we're not saying is that everyone should do large amounts, but if we could shift some of those who spend no time or half an hour into [doing] one to two hours - one of the reasons private schools' results are better is that there's more expectation of homework."

The study controlled for social class, and whether pupils had a quiet place in which to do their homework, but still found a benefit, Sammons said.

The research was conducted by academics from the Institute of Education, Oxford and Birkbeck College, part of the university of London. It has tracked around 3,000 children from pre-school to the age of 14.

It also finds that students who reported that they enjoyed school got better results. "This is in contrast to findings during primary school where 'enjoyment of school' was not related to academic attainment," researchers said.

Schools could ensure children had a better experience by improving the "behavioural climate", making schoolwork interesting and making children feel supported by teachers, Sammons said.

The research shows that working-class parents can help their children succeed "against the odds" by having high aspirations for them.

Children who did well from disadvantaged backgrounds were backed by parents who valued learning and encouraged extra-curricular activities. "Parents' own resilience in the face of hardship provided a role model for their children's efforts," the research says.

The study underlines the importance of a good primary school. Children who attended an "academically effective" primary school did better at maths and science in later life. The study did not find a link with performance in English.



Snapshots taken of Garin performers at the Shakespeare Festival held at Waimea College on Saturday 31st March 2012