



Opening Mass 2015

Huge thanks to Fr Tony Kearns from Fr Garin's parish of St Mary's for celebrating Mass with us today.



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Look after the laptop

A reminder to parents: please ensure that student laptop bags are well padded. If the bag is at all flimsy, please add a sheet of hardboard or ply to protect the machine if the bag is knocked.

If a machine is damaged through someone else's careless behaviour, we will do our very best to insist that the person who caused any damage puts it right. Otherwise your insurance will need to cover it. Our insurance only covers things the school owns.

Encourage your student to take real care of the machine, put it away when not in use, and report any silly behaviour that could damage the

computer.

Dispensing Medicines

Because our staff are not medically qualified they are not able to dispense medication of any sort (including common drugs like *Paracetamol*).

We need a new parent rep

After five years Elton Merrin has left our school Board, so we have a vacancy for a new parent rep. There will be elections in a year, but if you are interested in talking about the role for 12 months please contact head teacher John Boyce or BOT Chair Lisa Dunn (a-m-a@xtra.co.nz).

Reviews and Reconsiderations

Candidates will be able to apply for

a review or reconsideration by logging in and clicking on the relevant link in their Learner login. Reconsideration applications and payments are made on-line and for review applications, candidates must download their personalised review form, complete it, then send it in with the relevant examination booklet or portfolio.

CALENDAR

9-13 Feb

♦ Year 13 Journey at Lake Rotoiti

10 Feb

♦ Music Intro Evening 7pm

16-20 Feb

♦ Year 9 Journey at Whenua iti Outdoors Centre

...from the Head Teacher John Boyce



Welcome back to the new re-formed Garin community of 2015. One of the things we are thinking about this year is the future of the weekly newsletter. Communication with you is still very important to us, but in the electronic age there may be better ways to do this. Fifteen years ago, I used to walk around the school every Friday afternoon to personally hand a paper newsletter to every student. I must say that I really enjoyed that.

Then the newsletter became primarily an email attachment and suddenly the cost of colour printing wasn't something we had to worry about, so more and bigger photos began to appear.

Over the last few years you will have noticed a lot of hyperlinks with additional information. For the next few weeks I intend to publish my weekly comment as a blog. You will find the link in each newsletter (or you can bookmark it).

Eventually the newsletter may consist of a single page with one news story, and then links to other stories, notices, calendar, sports results and draws etc. Talk to our editor, Shona Erasmuson in our Office.

This term at my weekly assembly I am trying something I have never done before. I think it is something that will be useful for everyone, and may change the lives of some. You will find out what and why at http://pjohnboyce-insight.blogspot.co.nz/2015_01_01_archive.html

The Garin College Educational Trust (GCET)

Over the last few weeks parents have received requests for our GCET donation, so this is a good time to tell new parents about that.

Because the school is owned by the Church, the school Board is not allowed to use its (taxpayer-generated) money to add value to the Church's property. But the trust can do this because it is not controlled by the school Board. Every year parents donate up to \$30 000 to the trust and it is able to use that money to provide things like seating and shelter for students, and but also to work with the diocese to pay a share of the redevelopment of facilities like the canteen and a share of the solar panels (that will save the Board thousands of dollars over the next 25 years). We are really grateful for your support in developing the school.

The trust was started several years ago when the Nelson Hibernian Society (this is a Catholic friendly society set up to provide mutual support for parishioners) donated \$80 000 to provide support for students and families associated with Garin College. So the GCET was set up initially to administer scholarships - and also to administer other money donated to enable the trust to provide better facilities for our students. The Hibernian section of the trust has about \$4500 to distribute each year (and last year had \$14 000 in applications).

There are two application forms available in the Office: a scholarship of up to \$2 000, and another for amounts of up to \$500 (for support with a school camp or a Catholic leadership camp etc).

Welcome to our new International students

This term we welcome Jose from Chile, Jacky from Hong Kong, Tawin from Thailand and Sato from Japan. Please say hello to them as you see them at school and make them feel welcome.



Call for Business Mentors

Do you have a business background and want to share some of this knowledge with our students? We need business mentors for our 2015 academic year to help our Year 12 & 13

Business Studies class. A mentor will attend 1 -2

business meetings a month between March and October offering advice and guidance as students plan, produce and market their own products.

If this sounds like a commitment you could make, please email delphidixon@cloud.garincoll.edu.ac.nz



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Thank you Garin Students from Playcentre

During the summer holidays, a number of Garin College helped out at our Stoke and Appleby centres with our end of year cleanups and grounds maintenance. We really appreciate how they gave up their free time to work in the community alongside our parents and how well they interacted with our tamariki.

Appleby: Grace Reader, Samantha Smith, Joshua Damien, Olivia Nichols and Madi Healey. Stoke: Abigayil Haines-Bellamy, Taylor Pumphrey, Harry Wood-year-Smith and Jared Lautenslager. Thank you all.



Quickstep to Dance

Ballroom and Latin classes for children.

We are looking for Boys and Girls to join our new children's classes. Great fun and very rewarding!

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