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SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

GARIN COLLEGE

# Mahi Toi Concert stunning!!!

Last night's concert was magnificent. Congratulations to all the performers, the stage and technical crews, the Arts faculty and our Arts Coordinator, our polished MCs, and everybody who took part in our two day festival that led to such a stunning selection for parents and parishioners last night.



## When do we start Mandarin?

Back in 2001 when we were putting our curriculum together and employing teachers to deliver it we asked the parents who had enrolled students which languages we would teach alongside Maori. We were told that they didn't mind which language, so long as we got the best teacher. But Mandarin was third or fourth on the list even then.

We have the opportunity to start a Mandarin class because we have found a teacher. Because we don't have "options" in our junior school, we can't just slot a compulsory new class in - especially a tonal language which has a completely different form of written communication.

So we are thinking that for the first two years we would offer Mandarin to parents and any student who wanted to learn what is undoubtedly a key language for the future of New Zealand. We will ask students separately - but if any parents are interested in joining a three hour per week beginners' class (that we see running 7.30-8.30am or 3.30-4.30pm or even at lunchtime two or three times a week - depending on the availability of the learners) please send a note to the Office or an email to our Head Teacher at [johnboyce@garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:johnboyce@garincollege.ac.nz) before the end of term.

The longer term goal would be to have a level 1 NCEA class in 2015.

## Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 9 & 10

Interviews for Year 9 and 10 students are going to be held on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 August. The times of parent interviews have now changed to the time from 2.30-5.00pm, this is due to the increased number of parents booking online. School will close at 2.00pm on both these days -Tuesday 6 August and Wednesday 7 August .

This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress or otherwise. In Term 3 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
2. The school code for booking on line will be S7TC5. Bookings will not be available until Wednesday 10 July 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 Wednesday 10 July.**

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 & info

### NCEA update

Parents of students taking NCEA assessments (year11, 12 and 13) will also receive a report showing any fees still owing. It will also show all the standards that the student is entered for. Please could this entry information be carefully checked and Mrs Ditchfield notified if there are any errors.

### CANS CANS CANS

Amy Cornelisen needs your soda

cans! They need to be whole, intact cans! Please drop off to the office by Wednesday 10 July if you have any at home. Thank you!

### Homestay Required

Homestay required for 14 year old Japanese boy from 27 July-23 Aug. Remuneration @213 p/w., Please call Jacqui on Ph 543 9498.

### CatholicTV.net

"The myth of Matariki, one brave man brings light to the darkness, this

week on [www.catholicTV.net](http://www.catholicTV.net). Great for sharing with a friend

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 10 July  
 ♦ Bookings available online for Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 Friday 12 July  
 ♦ School Closed (Teacher Only Day)  
 Saturday 27 July  
 ♦ Uniform Shop open from 10am-2pm.

## ... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Last night I went to the opening night of Mahi Toi 2013 and, although I may be biased, I think it was the best ever!

Every year we lose wonderful performers and I worry that the standard will drop as new performers mature—but it just never happens. Every year I watch with amazement as students roll across the stage—and I often find myself reflecting that this level of talent is present in every school in the country—every school in the world.

The thing that makes the difference is the willingness of staff to provide opportunities for the students to show the gifts God has given them. As our Chaplain pointed out, the energy and creativity of our God was obvious.

Every year I am amazed at the humility of our performers. It seems to me that there are two ways of performing: some get up and fuss around forcing everyone to wait and look at them and pay attention to them, and retune the guitar to show how good their ear is. At Garin our performers get up and just do it: it is not about them—it is about sharing something special with their audience.

I hesitate to single people out—because it is all very much a team effort. But I was pleased our excellent MCs thanked our key staff (led by our Arts staff) publicly at the end of the night.

The performers were, without exception, wonderful. But if I had to give awards, there would be something for the energy and style of the Hostel boys, something for the courage and sheer ability of the year 9 performers who must have been in awe of the seniors but did it brilliantly anyway, and something for the Girls' Choir who performed with style and beauty for Abbey at the end. But the drama, the dances, the comedy, the photography, the Kapa Haka, the cupcakes, and the singing—all winners. And the biggest winner of all: me and the rest of the audience. Thank you all.

## Top of the South Trades Academy - New Programme

Adventure Leadership starts in August until the end of this year then a full year programme next year in 2013 and/or 2014. Students can enrol for either. The programme is based at Whenua iti Outdoor Pursuits Centre each Friday. Free transport to and from the Lower Moutere venue is provided. This programme is ideally suited for students who enjoy work and play in the outdoors. They will gain self-confidence, learn to motivate others and build trust with the team around you. There is a 2 night camp during October holidays.

Learning outcomes move students towards a NCEA Level 2 National Certificate and this programme would be an ideal career pathway to Adventure tourism, paramedics, emergency management, teaching, NZ Police and Defence Careers. For further information and application please contact [jane.krammer@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:jane.krammer@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)

Also for Registrations of interest for other Top of the South Trades Academy programmes in 2014 are now open (Aquaculture/Maritime, Carpentry, Automotive, Hospitality, Hair and Beauty, Health and Well-

## Youth Group

**Richmond Parish Youth Group** will have the last gathering for this Term at Richmond Parish Hall on **Wednesday 10th July from 7pm to 9pm**.

Come along for food and fun. **All are welcome** bring your friends.

**Next term** we have booked the Garin gym for activities. The first meeting in Term 3 will be on Friday 2nd August (week one) at the usual time and each fortnight following.

**See you there.....The Youth Leadership Team**

## Internet safety expert visits school next week

As discussed in previous newsletters we have been keen to get internationally recognised expert in internet safety, John Parsons, to come and speak to the whole school next week, on 10<sup>th</sup> July. John will speak to three different audiences: our junior school at 12.30 to 1.30pm and then the senior school 2.20 to 3.10pm. In between, there will a shorter session with staff while students have their afternoon break. Parents are invited along to any of these student sessions to be held in the gym. Just turn up 5 minutes before time and we can even guarantee a seat. John will be picking up on our themes about looking after yourself, your reputation, and looking after your mates as well. He has a wealth of practical advice and sensible practice for us all about behaviour and management of social media and our rights, safe guards and obligations as digital communicators.

## SCOREBOARD

### RESULTS FROM LAST WEEKEND

#### RUGBY

**Under 14 7**, Nelson Hurricanes 41.

#### FOOTBALL

**Boys Under 19 7**, FC Nelson Raiders 0. **Under 17 2**, Motueka Youth 9. **Senior Girls 0**, FC Nelson 12.

#### HOCKEY

**Garin 4**, Tasman 3

#### NETBALL

**Hanger 58 Senior A 35**, Jacks Red 28. **Senior B 24**, Nayland Senior B 20. **Senior Black 20**, Waimea 11 Red 38. **Funky Monkeys 15**, Waimea 11 Purple 18. **Senior Gold 27**, NCG Senior E 7. **Junior A 31**, Junior B 3. **Junior Black 18**, NCG 10 C 17. **Junior Gold 23**, Waimea 10 Green 26. **Junior Maroon 14** Waimea 10 Blue 35.

#### BASKETBALL

**Gladiators 38**, Firebirds 24.

### WEEKEND SPORT

#### FRIDAY

##### HOCKEY

Garin 4.30pm v United Waimai

#### SATURDAY

##### RUGBY

Under 14 11.00am v Nelson College Argentina at Broads.

#### NETBALL

Hanger 58 Senior A 2pm v Stoke Accessman. Senior B 2pm v Prices Pharmacy Purple. Senior Black 12pm v Suburban Red. Funky Monkeys BYE. Senior Gold 3pm v Waimea Silver. Junior A 1pm v NCG 10B. Junior B 10am v Waimea 9C. Junior Black 10am v NCG 10B. Junior Gold 12pm v Nayland 10 Blue. Junior Maroon 2pm v NCG 9 Orange.

#### FOOTBALL

Under 19 Bye. Under 17 9am v Richmond Raiders at Garin.

#### SUNDAY

##### FOOTBALL

Senior A Girls 11.15am v Nelson College at Garin

#### BASKETBALL

Gladiators 4.15pm v Blue Dragons at Jack Robins.

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◆ Congratulations to Warena Boyles who won the Jewellery Raffle, and to Mrs O'Neal who won the lovely chocolate cake, both run by the Spirit of NZ Trophy team.

◆ Stephanie Hills is the Hanger 58 Netball player of the week for her awesome intercepts and the support and encouragement she gives her team mates.



## Help Needed For Billets

In week 2 next term, on Tuesday August 6, Our First XV will be playing a game against a visiting school from the UK, Bishop Vesey School. Continuing the tradition of playing these First XV games is very important to the College as is billeting our visitors. Half our current team reside in the hostel which cuts down our options for billeting from within the team. We would be grateful if some other families from within the Garin community would be able to assist. Two nights would be involved, Sunday August 4 and Monday August 5. Please contact Sports Director Mike Aronsten on 543 9488 extn 206 or email [michaelaronsten@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:michaelaronsten@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) if you can assist.

## Year 11 Numeracy Trip

Some students from the Numeracy class will be going on a trip to Fresh Choice Supermarket on Tuesday 9 July to complete part of the Weights unit. Contact Mrs Mead if you have any questions.

## Mirror wanted

Mr. Inman is seeking a rectangular, flat mirror (such as a bathroom mirror) that is large enough to put up permanently in the physics classroom. The mirror will be used for demonstrating the light ray concepts. Please contact Mr. Inman ([jayinman@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:jayinman@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)) if you have a surplus mirror you'd be willing to donate so that our students may reflect on physics!

## Take a Moment ...

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle.

The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

