



Regional Triathlon

It was a fantastic day arriving at Rabbit Island for the 2014 Regional Triathlon. We had both experienced and new members in our team this year. Twelve students strong, with five year 9 students. The team had trained hard and were always a pleasure to work with. The juniors performed very well but just outside the places, Samantha Ashley getting 4th in the U14 and Ben Price getting 4th in the boys race. Was Samantha is actually U13 meaning she can complete in the same grade next year making her inaugural event even more impressive. Ben was just pipped near the finish line by two competitors giving hope for an improved outcome next year. In the U16 grade Thomas Heaton used his great speed in the water to gain a second place while Olivia Wilbourn and Poppy Restieaux achieved 4th and 5th, again little separating them from the competitors just in front.

Our best results were achieved by our most experienced athletes in the U19 grade. The distance for these competitors was a 750m swim, 25km ride and a 5km run. Sam Traynor looked very strong to just beat fellow Garin student Sam Harrison for 3rd. Both were about 15 seconds from the 2nd place getter. But Amy proved our strongest competitor placing 1st easily beating all others in the senior girls race. The rest of the team included Claudia Leonard,

Frank Quin, Kate McCashin and Quinn Chisholm all equipping themselves well. It was a great effort by all. If other students wish to join Triathlon it will be restarting again in Term 4. Students join the team for a number of reasons including ;off-season fitness for other sports;, they love competing in Triathlon; and others to win in a sport that they excel in.

Garin acquitted themselves well placing 2nd overall even though we had about half the number of competitors compared to the big schools.



Donations

A big thanks to all parents and caregivers who have already paid the school donations. Schools throughout the country are having to rely more and more on their local community for financial support. For those of you who are still going to pay the donations, it would be beneficial to do so before 31 March 2014. Any donations paid prior to this date are entitled to receive a rebate of 33%. If you paid \$300 in donations to the school you can claim back \$100. Donation statements and a rebate form will be sent out in April this year enabling you to claim the rebate. If you pay after 1 April, you will have to wait till 1 April 2015 before claiming the 33% rebate as we will be in the new tax year. Again your support of the college is greatly appreciated.

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Year 10 Journey

Due to unforeseen circumstances and injury to Mr Penman who was coordinating the Year 10 Journey we have been forced to postpone this event until a later time. We will advise you in a timely manner as to when this will take place and where. Please accept our apologies for this postponement.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a full-time Careers Coordinator, as well as the possibility of an additional part-time administrative role related to careers. Full details will be in this Saturday's Nelson Mail or contact hr@garincollege.ac.nz

Richmond Youth Group

This is on this tonight 6pm to 9pm at Garin Gym with Sausage sizzle, games, reflection and fun. Bring \$2 for food and please bring your own drinks. All welcome.

Can you help?

We are missing a few books in the library from popular series, and wondered if anyone in the Garin community would have a copy in excellent condition at home that they would be willing to donate to the Garin College library. The titles we need are:

- Twilight & Eclipse by Stephanie Meyer
- Eragon & Brisinger by Christopher Paolini

- The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. copies! Many thanks.
Mandy Ditzel, Librarian

CALENDAR

- Tomorrow
- ♦ Regional debating day (here at Garin)
 - ♦ Netball trials: Juniors 9-11pm, Seniors 11.30-1.30pm (details on page 3)
- 10-14 March
- ♦ Year 11 Camp—Pohara (The Year 10 Journey has had to be postponed)
- 14 March
- ♦ First reports sent home
- 19 March
- ♦ Start booking senior interviews

... from the Head Teacher John Boyce



Two days ago we had Ash Wednesday and the Church's liturgy to mark the beginning of Lent as we prepare for Easter.

I am very aware that many of our students (and a few of our parents) have not taken a regular part in these liturgies - and so maybe haven't ever thought much about this sequence of events in the Catholic year.

The events began with Shrove Tuesday - or as it is called in many parts of the world, "Fat Tuesday" which translates into French as *Mardi Gras* (so in New Orleans they got out and celebrated despite the miserable autumn weather).

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before fasting (which used to be taken very seriously throughout the Christian world). On Shrove Tuesday Christians could eat all sorts of rich food for the last time before the 40 days until Easter.

RE teacher April Williams even organised a traditional pancake race to raise money for Relay for Life.

Wednesday is the first day of the 40 day Lenten period, and we marked it with the ashes ceremony where everyone had their foreheads marked with an ash cross to remind us that we are mortal people on a journey of self-discover and self-improvement.

Over the rest of the term we will have events that enable students to take part in a programme of self-awareness of our place in the world.

That will involve self-denial, helping others, and prayer. For instance, all three will be very apparent in the Slum City event at the end of the month.

Lent finishes right at the end of the term with the celebration of Easter where we remember that at heart we are all also spiritual beings, and the resurrection of Jesus helps us understand that death is just one phase in a much longer life.

Careers 2014

Career planning for all students

During the remainder of term one students from year 9 to 13 are working on-line with their career planning via DreamCatcher.

Goal-Setting - Students are also working on setting an academic goal per subject (as well as a career goal and a personal goal or two) and enter these into DreamCatcher. There is a "create task" feature for each goal and it is this step by step approach to goal setting that will enhance success in achieving each goal.

Career ideas and Career research - After an initial lesson in classes, these features in DreamCatcher are self managed by students and they are encouraged to "project manage" their own career research using the DreamCatcher tool.

Log-in at home - we apologise that currently we don't have the parent login passwords for DreamCatcher, however, we are encouraging students to login at home with their own password and discuss their career planning progress with you.

Parent log-in facilities will be advised in the very near future.

Thanks for your patience.

Jane Krammer (*Dip. Career Guidance and Cert. in Adult Teaching*)
Careers Co-ordinator

Stillwater High Tea

On February 26th a group of Year 11 Food Technology students, Caitlin Coates, Georgie Miller, Courtney Butchart, Natasha Goodall and Kate Hand went to Stillwater Gardens Retirement Village. We put on a High Tea for some 70 residents to raise money for the Relay For Life. It was a great success and we were complimented by the guests on the quality of the food we made. The guests said it looked lovely and tasted great.

Overall, we raised \$676 from the High Tea and donations from the residents. All profit is going to Relay for Life. The guests loved it and asked us to come back to do another fundraiser some time! A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Nimmo for all their support and to the residents for their generosity. Thanks to Olivia Wilbourne and Dayna Hollyman for their help. Also a big thank you to Mrs Calt for her support and giving us the opportunity to do this High Tea!

By Kate Hand

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews for Years 11, 12 and 13 students are coming up on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 March at 3.00pm.

This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress or otherwise.

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 MHNPB. Bookings will not be available until Wed 19 March 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 19 March.

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

Garin Code is MHNPB.

Request from the Art Department

The Art Department would appreciate any Heinz or Watties on/off twist sauce bottle tops. They fit perfectly on the large 2 litre paint pots and would make extracting the paint easier and more controlled. If you do have some can you please leave at the school office. Thanks.



★ *Congratulations to Max Nalder who was placed third in the recent Regional Bowls Championship. Pictured is the master in action.*



Computers on the charge!

Could you please ensure that computers are fully charged each evening or that chargers are brought to school to ensure students don't run into problems with laptops which have 'died' over the course of the day.

Garin doesn't have chargers for computers and often there are no other students in class with similar devices. Your help on this would be really appreciated.

A message from a parent ...

On Saturday I had the pleasure of supervising the Garin student team at Relay for Life.

Without exception they were outstanding. Fully participating and embracing the event. The team spirit and genuine support for each other and diligence at achieving the relay was leadership and team work at its best. I felt very proud of an awesome group of young people.

I encourage Garin students to be offered the opportunity at the next Relay for Life.

Relay for Life Raffle

The Level 1, Food Technology class have been working on different projects to raise money for Relay for Life.

Our group decided on a High Tea raffle. We had to research what a High Tea was!

We looked for some recipes and practised making them in double periods. Our raffle sales have been good and we raised \$127.30.

The winners were 1st Shona Erasmuson 2nd Ron Van Drunen 3rd Paula Wilks.

We would like to thank everybody that brought a ticket. Ben Blacker, Kevin Black and Stephen Hounsell.

Take a Moment with Pope Francis ...

May this Lent, then, be a time when, as individuals and communities, we heed the words of the Gospel, reflect on the mysteries of our faith, practice acts of penance and charity, and open our hearts ever more fully to God's grace and to the needs of our brothers and sisters.



GARIN NETBALL TRIALS

2014



Please

- Make sure you have signed up with Mr Aronsten
- Record your playing positions on the sign up sheet
- Arrive 15 minutes before your trial
- Wear sports clothes and netball shoes
- Bring a water bottle
- Remove jewellery, tie up hair & cut nails

TRIAL 1 (Garin Gym)

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH

Year 9 & 10: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Year 11, 12 & 13: 11:30 am -1:30 pm

TRIAL 2 (Garin Gym)

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH

Year 9 & 10: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Year 11, 12 & 13: TBA if 2nd trial required (Yr 11 Journey)

You must attend both trials

Apologies to Miss Macgregor before Monday 3rd March

Supporters welcome in the Gym gallery