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SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

GARIN COLLEGE

Introducing Garin's Academic Deans:



Garin has two academic Deans, one for the senior school (Mr Henry Kersten) and one for the junior school (Mrs Jo Calt). Mr Kersten teaches mathematics and is Garin's Head of Sport, whilst Mrs Jo Calt also Heads the Technology Department and teaches Food Technology as her specialist subject.

Senior Dean, Mr Kersten's primary role is to allow students to make the most of their academic opportunities at Garin. This involves a lot of one on one discussion with students about issues around their learning.

It has also involved coordinating the rollout of the Credit Watches. These are documents which list all the credits available to students, in which term, details about pre-requisites for next year and details about endorsements. These documents are essential for success and were handed out to students during whanau time this week. A copy has gone home to families as well. It is important that as a family, they are kept in an obvious place and used as a guide to see how well your son/daughter is progressing. Students are encouraged to highlight standards as they are achieved. Students have also been given an Assessment Year Plan. On a single piece of paper, students record when all their assessments for the year are on. This allows them to see upcoming assessments and where their assessment bottlenecks are. As Senior Academic Dean, Mr Kersten also looks after other issues that students have with regard to their learning and this includes Independent Study.

Mrs Calt has taken on the role of Dean of the junior school which is our Year 9 and 10 students. Her key focus is to identify students who are underperforming, then set up Individual Education Programmes (IEPs) and monitor and assist those students to achieve their targets for the year.

Parent Teacher Interview Bookings are now open

Interviews for Years 11, 12 and 13 students are coming up on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 March at 3.30pm.

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 is **QUDJL**. Bookings are now open for you to book 5 minute interviews with your son/daughter's teachers.
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.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN: WWW.SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.CO.NZ.

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



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

Peer Tutoring

This year we are doing our Peer Tutoring slightly differently; we are making it free! If a student or a parent would like to organise a tutor please contact Norina Gasteiger at her Garin email on

norinagasteiger@garincollege.ac.nz

Norina will do her best to match a student with the right tutor.

Ex Student offering tuition

Michael Shanahan who was in year 13 last year is in Nelson until June of this year. He is very keen to offer tuition to students of all ages wishing to gain extra help in the subjects of mathematics and physics at any level. Michael is very flexible with times and is available to contact on mobile 021 033 6728 or email mshanahan@gmail.com. His rate is \$20/hour.

GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Emailing Staff

If you want to email teaching staff at Garin College you use the person's name @cloud.garincollege.ac.nz, e.g. tracystock@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz.

Below is a list of the names of Garin-teaching staff (not case sensitive):

Alexishead	Abbiewright
Alanwest	Amycornelisen
Andrewpenman	Catharonsten
Danmoon	Daviddehurst
Denismoriarty	Edrimmer
Edwinmcræ	Elainerowling
Glyniswoodhead	Henrykersten
Janekrammer	Janellemacgregor
Jocalt	Johnboyce
Jossbradley	Judithd Davies
Justinebutler	Kathrynwalker
Kimpope	Kyleproffit
Kyliemead	Margoruhén
Marymcentyre	Mikerose
Nidajoyce	Paultraynor
Paulbucknall	Petermellor

Sarahrankin	Sheilaghditchfield
Simonpimm	Suellenboyce
Sueroughton	Tonyetchells
Tracyduncan	Tracystock
Trudiewalter	Vincefox

Richmond Catholic Youth Group

This Saturday the Richmond Youth Group is having a Cross Pilgrimage at the Botanical Gardens in Nelson. We will carry a life-sized cross to the top of the Centre of New Zealand and spend time in prayer at the summit. We will assemble out the front of the hall at 2.00pm.

CatholicTV.net

Will Israel bomb Iraq or will Iraq bomb Israel? Or, will there be an outbreak of peace as people like you and me bring hope to the disadvantaged and distressed? Holy land hearts of

hope this week on www.catholicTV.net. Great for sharing with a friend.

Turntable Required

Mr West teaches Level 3 Physics and is asking if anyone has an ancient stereo system with a turntable that they would be happy to donate to the Science Department. Much appreciated!

CALENDAR

- Friday 9 March
 - ♦ Online parent interview bookings for senior students
- Monday 12 March
 - ♦ Year 11 & 12 Journey
- Monday 19 March
 - ♦ School Closed for Professional Development Day
- Wednesday 21 March
 - ♦ Reports posted for whole school

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Parents may remember a few weeks ago I was quite proud of our initial NCEA results from last year.

This week we received our final marks after errors were corrected and students had had a chance to have papers checked – and if I was a little proud then, I am now very proud!

NCEA	2011
Level 1	88.1%
Level 2	83.5%
Level 3	82.5%

Congratulations to our students, parents and teachers on Garin's best ever final grades.

Hostel Manager Robert Booth is also pleased. His results are particularly good – the last year's year 11 leading the way: 100% passed!

In another couple of weeks we will have national figures available so we will be able say how these marks compare with other schools.

And that is just one of the highlights from the first half of a really busy term. Garin is an holistic school and we aim to help students discover and develop gifts in the classroom, on the sportsfield, in creativity and communication, in service to others, in leadership – in a whole host of ways.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had our very committed Ash Wednesday liturgy, a really strong presence from staff and senior students at the Relay for Life, academic leadership, top triathlon results and a wide range of students doing well in a wide range of activities. We have been asked why such a small school needs a newsletter every week – the answer is clear – it is the only way we can keep track of our student successes and acknowledge their hard work and the way they are developing the gifts and talents God has given them.

NCEA Night

The NCEA evening that parents were able to take the time last week to check out the NCEA system and discuss how they can make sure they can help at home (using tools like our Credit Watch and the NZQA website). Any parents who would like a copy of the slides will leave them at our front counter.

Check out Garin's new couch

Huge thanks go to NMIT for donating a beautiful brand new spacious and extremely comfortable couch for the reading area in our Library.

Since the arrival of the couch last week, Students comments have been positive, "We enjoy this area of the Library to just chill out and read sometimes. Getting the information we need is more fun with nice seating." Also, watch this space, as Garin Librarian, Mandy Ditzel is working with NMIT on shelving choices to fit with NMIT's plan to donate some shelving along with the latest touch screen computer, dedicated to providing information on tertiary programmes for students, this will be a huge help as we encourage research when making career decisions.

Thanks to NMIT for their valued support.



Year 12 Biology Trip

The Year 12 annual trip to the Waimea Estuary is coming up and this year there are 45 Year 12 Biology students. This is a plea to all the wonderful parents and caregivers—if you are available on Friday March 16 and can help with safety and supervision of these students for all or part of the 4 hours we are on the field trip (from 8.30am onwards) please contact me via email on kathryn-walker@garincollege.ac.nz. Just to also let you know that you do NOT get muddy at all and can bring a deck chair and book to while away the time in relative comfort. (Be warned! We go regardless of the weather). Last year our parent helpers took some great action shots of the field work and the mud! If you could bring your camera too that would be greatly appreciated. Go on, email now, you know you want to!

Spirit of Adventure

Garin College has been offered three berths for the 10 day Youth Development sailing voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand. All trips are leaving and arriving at Auckland. Two male berths, one leaving on the 28th May and 7th June 2012. One female berth is leaving on 28th December 2012. You must be between 15 and 19 year of age. If you are interested view the web-

site www.spiritofadventure.org.nz. Or contact Paula Wilks at 544 1072 or ppwilks@xtra.co.nz for more information.



Garin's Year 9 G&T

Garin's Year 9 gifted and talented (G&T) students lead their first inaugural leadership day at one of our feeder schools, St Pauls, on Thursday 1 March 2012. The students designed and presented a lesson to the St Paul's G&T students, aged between 5 and 11 years, on the characteristics of living things, all living things are made of cells and how materials enter/exit the cell. Our students were quite impressed with the knowledge and abilities of the St Paul's children and did a fantastic job designing and articulating their work. Garin will return to St Paul's in two weeks to introduce the same students to Cells under the Microscope.

Year 13 Geographers

This year the Year 13 Geo students made a great start to the year with a trip out around Nelson to interview freedom campers.



Garin's Blokarters

Garin's Blokartering Team below (Henry Brooks, Sam Harrison, Logan Witteman and Lawrence Heckler) are ready and waiting for a team from Garin to challenge them.



STAR STUDENTS OF Garin

★ Congratulations to the following students who gained PE or Adventure Leadership awards in 2011: The PE awards are offered by the Physical Education Faculty to all senior students taking PE or ADL and are awarded to those who meet the criteria of the awards. Recipients from each year level as: Year 12 - Nick Allison, Ambro Lynch, Joel MacManus, Tom Nicholson, Brodie Sidwell; Year 11 - Emma Greep, Bastian Guzinski, Kristian Hall-Smith, Cody Powick, Tasman Walker, Karen Drysdale, Sjaan Hungerford, Nathan Munro; Adventure Leadership - Tom Goodman, Kaylah Erasmuson.



★ Congratulations to the school's triathlon team who came 2nd overall at the recent Regional Schools Triathlon Champs held at Rabbit Island. Ten students competed as individuals in their age grade with everyone putting in fine efforts to complete their respective distances. Individuals who placed include: Tom Nicholson (U19 boys winner), Amy Coulton (U16 girls winner) and Maryann Cant (U19 girls runner up).



★ Well done Isaac Thomas who recently performed at the NZ International Festival of Arts in Wellington in a youth theatre company performing "The Show Must Go On". Isaac commented that the shows were well-received and he said it was great to perform alongside other professional artist.

Take a Moment ...

We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival.

