



# The Hostel Spotlight

Garin College

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## Term 3 starts with everyone



At the end of term two we were having a lot of sickness with flu like symptoms all around. We are not sure if any of it was of the Swine variety but we kept it from spreading and everyone was able to go home for the holidays.

No one has returned sick, but this does not mean we are in the clear. Please remind your children to:

- regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water.
- Practise proper cough and sneeze etiquette. Cover their mouth and nose with a clean tissue or sneeze into your elbow.
- Try to avoid contact with sick people.
- If they are sick, stay in their room and stay away from the other boarders.



Jack Best, Jackson Tainui and Nick Bason working hard on the Rugby field and Bernie Matanivanua one of almost the entire girls hostel playing netball

## Hostel Trip to the Snow

Sunday 30 August 2009

We are heading for the snow again. The boarders have been taking a trip to Rainbow for a day in the snow for the last few years. It is always a lot of fun whether they Ski, Board or just to spend the day on the deck of the coffee shop. The coffee shop deck may at first seem like the safest option, but those of us who remember Michaela Ridge will know that a high speed learner skier can end up anywhere. As with any of our adventures we will need parent

permission for your child to come on the trip. These slips should be with this newsletter so get them signed and send them back asap. Food and Transport- supplied by the hostel.



### BUT HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ?

-SKI, BOOTS, POLES AND FULL LIFT HIRE = YOUTH \$65/ OVER 18 \$85

-SNOWBOARD, BOOTS AND FULL LIFT HIRE =YOUTH \$65/ OVER 18 \$85

If parents would like to come along for the day please do so. It is a lot of fun and we can always do with the extra adult help. Let me know if you will be joining us and I will make sure there is lunch for you.

### Things to remember in term 3

- 10th and 12th Aug there are Yr9 & 10 Parent-Teacher interviews. Book times on line.
- Garin Day Mass 14 Aug
- Garin Ball Saturday 15 Aug
- Year 11 to 13 course selection 3.30pm to 5.30pm Monday 17 Aug
- Hostel closed Thurs 3 September to Sunday 6 September School finishes 3.15 Wednesday 2 Sept
- 14 to 18 September Practice exams for years 11 to 13
- Last day of term 3 is Fri 25 September

### From The Chairman of the Garin College Hostel Trust

I would like to thank all parents for your continued faith in us. Last year when you all came to the meetings we held in Westport and Blenheim we were the bearers of bad news, but you all understood the position we were in and stuck with us even when we had to increase the fees by more than 10%. Your faith in us was noted and we went away with renewed energy and determination to make the hostels work in their present format.

We are pleased to report back to you that our position is a lot stronger for 2009/10 year. We now (2009) have a waiting list for the boys hostel and this is going to continue through 2010 and we are looking at only having to receive another two enrolments for 2010, and the girls hostel is also going to be full. All of this means that the fees will only be increased by CPI for 2010. The Boarding Manager will be writing to you soon asking for a commitment from you for 2010. Please get these back asap so that we can start letting parents of pre-enrolled children know if they have a place.

The Trust is working hard to continue to improve the hostels and the facilities and we haven't forgotten your request to put in our own kitchen, we hope to be able to progress this further in 2010.



## 'From The Managers Desk...'



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a great couple of weeks with your children during the school holidays.

Most people have settled quickly back into the hostel routines and it is business as usual.

This term things start to hot up for the senior students, most of them will have a large number of credits available for the taking as long as they get the work in.

Parents and students are able to see what is coming up by going to [www.garincollege.ac.nz](http://www.garincollege.ac.nz) at the top right of the home page click on [links](#). Look for the third bullet point under title "Help for students and families" and then click on the appropriate [NCEA level](#) and you will be able to see everything that is coming up and how many credits they are worth.

There is also Practice exams for the seniors on the 14 to 18 September. These are important, despite what your children may tell you, they give a good gauge of what a student knows, areas of weakness and strengths.

Parents if your child has had an appointment ie Doctor or Physio, please pay the account promptly or everyone may become a cash only customer.

Due to heavy booking by other groups I have been forced to book the Ski trip on 30 August with an alternate day on 13 September. I am aware that Schools Tournament week starts on the Monday after we go skiing. There is a chance that some boarders may have to travel on the Sunday and will not be able to come with us, these dates are the best we can do.

Congratulations to Jack Best, Jackson Tainui for being selected for the Nelson Bays under 16 Rep

Rugby team and Paul O'Regan, Ethan Hydman and Zaiden Corbett who have been selected for rep trials on Sunday 2 August, I wish them well and hope they all get selected for the team.

I will be away from 9 to 17 August, if you need to speak to someone please call, after 5.30pm, Paul or Rod in Francis Douglas house or Wendy in Mother Teresa house. During school hours call John Boyce at Garin if you have any problems.

During the days Joan or Heather will be working, taking boarders to appointments and keeping an eye on anyone who is sick.

I hope that we will all have a great term and as always call me if you have any questions or need help with anything

God Bless, .

Robert

## NIC BASON AND NADINE ASTON, THE NEW SUPREME COMMANDERS OF FRANCIS DOUGLAS AND MOTHER TERESA HOUSES WILL NOW ADDRESS US.

(I tell you everyone around here has delusions of grandeur )

The first half of this year has been full of new, challenging, yet rewarding responsibilities for us as the head boarders. Hi, I'm Nic, head boy of the Francis Douglas house this year. And konichiwa I'm Nadine, head girl of the Mother Teresa house for the year. Our first big responsibility as head boarders was to organise an event for each of our respective houses, to compete in Mahi Toi, the schools celebration of the arts. Both houses put an amazing effort into their items, with the boys hostel winning over the crowd to claim victory. However the girls hostel won on a more "choreographical" level, as reflected by the judge's comments. We would both like to take a moment to congratulate our houses on the effort and hard work put into the items, especially the boys who managed to make it into the final, most prestigious, Mahi Toi performance night. Another highlight in the life of a boarder is the annual combined hostel trip to Kaiteriteri. This year was definitely up there with the best of them, with no major sunburn cases. Good work girls for learning from past boarders knowledge. There were so many sausages on the beach, enjoyed by both the boys and girls alike, thanks to the barbeque that top chef Boothy cooked. A special thanks to Mr Witteman for bringing over his boat and ski biscuit for all to enjoy. Very much appreciated by all. Last term the girls hostel hosted a pink party at the school gym, to raise money and awareness for the breast cancer foundation. This was very well organised and the girls managed to raise \$249 for the cause. Another first for the girls hostel was a combined 40hr famine effort

where the girls all went without internet and television for 40 long hard hours. Good effort girls! We are proud of how hard all the hostel boys and girls are working on their academic studies with good grades expected for the end of the year to match those of last year. It's another good year for the MT nuns, the girls hostel netball team, who are all enjoying a fun competition and keeping fit while they're at it. Many of our boys and girls are involved in sport and play to a high standard in their respective codes, many of whom represented Garin in the Queen Charlotte exchange in Picton last term. We would proudly like to mention Jack Best and Jackson Tainui who were yet again selected to represent Nelson in the U16 rugby squad. All boarders are excited and looking forward to the ski trip coming up this term and we know it will not disappoint. Lastly we would like to give yet another warm welcome to all our new staff, students and families. We hope they are all feeling a part of our family here at the hostel. All are settling in well and making a place for themselves inside our hearts. Lol!

Love from the supreme commanders of your beloved offspring,

## King Nic & Queen Nadine



Congratulations to the boarders of Francis Douglas and Mother Teresa hostels on the great items they both performed during the Mahi Toi week. Francis Douglas won the hostel challenge and have gone one up in the race for the Hostel Shield.

