



## Top scholars for 2009

On Monday our Sports Director and former business executive, advertising guru and postman Mike Aronsten talked to the school about his life—the huge variety of life experiences he had found for himself—and some of the things he had learnt.



This year's guest speaker Mr Mike Aronsten with the recipients of Colours for 2009

Every year one of our staff talks to students and their families about themselves as lifelong learners and Mike was able to provide a completely different perspective on the importance of looking for learning.

And then we presented our Academic Colours.

Although the Ministry of Education has caught up with us and decided to recognise students who gain the top academic results, we have decided to continue with a higher level of achievement by limiting our Colours awards to the students who gain all 80 credits in their NCEA with Merit and Excellence passes.

Those who achieved all 80 credits Merit and Excellence in Level 1 last year were Lulu Shanaher 84; Annabelle Nichols 85; Katy Sinnott 85; Michael Shannaher 85; Jeanie Winter 88; Emily Graham 91; Brook Powick 93; Eilish O'Connor 102; Matthew Ruffell 102; Chris Phillips 104; Kelsi Ashley 115; Tomica Saunders 115; Benedict Morrissey 120; Hannah Gibson 128; and Hazel Wilks 136.

Students are allowed to carry 20 of their level 1 credits with them for their level 2 National Certificate—and those who achieved the remaining 60 with Merit and Excellence in Level 2 last year were Natalie Hardiman 63; John Harrison 63; Sam Ellis 64; Jared Van de Geest 67; Alex Menzies 72; Gemma Doorman 78; Nadine Hahn 80; Charlotte Watkins 81;

Oscar Damerham 86; Rebecca Sims 88; Tom Ashley 95; Sarah Quinney 95; Amy Moffat 101; Claudio Cannata 108; Nick Pittar 114; and Emily Chapple 121.

### Helpful sites

- ♦ [www.studyit.org.nz](http://www.studyit.org.nz) for NCEA help for NCEA Maths, Science and English students
- ♦ [www.edCentre.govt.nz](http://www.edCentre.govt.nz) for NCEA and educational information
- ♦ [www.AnyQuestions.co.nz](http://www.AnyQuestions.co.nz) for free access to quality information

## GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

### Board of Trustee elections

BOT elections are coming up this year. Nominations open 15 March and close 23 April. Voting day is 7 May.

Please give this some thought and talk to one of our current Board members if you are keen.

Our school needs people who have time, energy, passion and some particular skills to make the governing decisions required of a Board. It is challenging and exciting, as well as very worthwhile, to contribute to your school community.

Chairperson Cathy Ellis 543-2890.

### Paid union meeting

There is a union meeting for staff on Tuesday 23 March and school will finish at 12.25pm.

This is an opportunity to catch up on schoolwork—and staff will supervise that in the library. Parents who need supervision for their children need to contact our Office so we are sure who we are responsible for on that afternoon.

Buses will leave Garin at 12.30pm, except for Aniseed Valley, Motueka, Mapua and Moutere which will all leave at normal times from the Waimea College bus bay.

### Board Minutes

The minutes of all Board of Trustee meetings are held in the office and are available as a public record should anyone want to see them.

### Catering equipment needed

Our catering group at the school needs help with much needed items so we can entertain and host visiting teams and groups more efficiently.

If you can help by donating any of the following items we would be most grateful ...and yes we do pickups.

Please phone Mrs Leonie Haines at the school.

Items required are a medium sized chest or vertical freezer, two fridge freezers, three punch bowls (the larger the better—glass or metal), metal dippers for serving punch, platter plates of any description (the larger the better, large flat oven trays for heating food, large metal oven dishes with lids for cooking meat cuts, carving knives and steels, sets of glassware, wine or tumblers, 9 or 4.5 kg gas bottles in operating order. Many thanks.

### St. Paul's Harvest Gala

Saturday 27 March 11am–2pm. Needed now; white elephant, kids clothing and books.

Drop off at St. Paul's office or for pick up call Jacqui on 544-1535.

### Schizophrenia movie

*Canvas* is a moving story about the impact of mental illness on a family. You can see *Canvas* 6.30pm at the State Cinema 6 on 10 March—FREE. Limited seats—email office@sfnelson.org.nz or phone 545-8162 or to reserve your seat.

### Hostel News

Craig Vaile and Lauren Murphy are the Head Students of the hostels this year. They will be reporting on achievements, activities and events each week.

*Well done to our senior students who received leadership positions and academic Colours.*

*On Sunday we will be going to Kaiteriteri as a group and will update next week.*

### Looking for a new direction?

Then the FREE First Steps course may be for you. This part-time 24 week course starts 23 March on Tuesdays in Tahuna.

Phone Barbican Learning Centre on 544-9812.

### Calendar

- Monday 8 March
  - ♦ Y12 Biology field trip
- Wednesday 10 March
  - ♦ Athletics regionals
  - ♦ 1.40pm Mass in Sacred Space
- Friday 12 March
  - ♦ Secondary Schools Tennis
  - ♦ ADL Sea kayak trip
  - ♦ Attitude reports posted
- Monday 15 March
  - ♦ Year 12 Journey begins



Over the next few weeks I will continue writing about some of the things that make Garin different—mostly for our new families—but I think all of us benefit from re-thinking our reasons for committing ourselves to this particular school.

I have already looked at our Journey programme and why the Church invests so much in Catholic schools. Today I would like to look at why Catholic schools are usually quite small.

Something happens when a group of people grows past 500-600: people seem to lose contact with each other. Half way through the year people see someone they haven't ever seen before. People begin to forget that each other person they talk to is a real person with real dreams and hopes—too many of the people they meet are just strangers.

What used to be a community becomes an institution.

New Zealand's pre-eminent educational researcher John Hattie explains it: *schools, particularly small high schools, can maximise interrelations among students. Lee and Smith (1995) found that smaller size was considered a feature of school structure that moved schools towards a communal organisation. Using the National Education Longitudinal Study (NELS) 1988 data, they reported that students in smaller schools learned more in reading, maths, history, and science. The effects of increased school size on cognitive gains were negative and significant. Furthermore, students in smaller schools were more engaged in their courses. Achievement was also distributed more equitably in smaller schools. (Hattie 2002)*

So education benefits—but so does social contact, social justice, commitment, and responsibility for personal success. A community encourages everyone to contribute—there is a place for everyone. Sort of fits in with our slogan doesn't it? Garin College: small school—big heart.

### Jubilee celebrations

Sunday 7 March. Richmond Parish is celebrating its 50th Jubilee Mass at 10am with Archbishop Dew. No other Masses in our parish will be held that weekend.

A 1960s theme will encompass hymns of that era, and dress attire. Remember—ladies wore hats and men wore ties! A gift will be made to the parish at the Mass.

Entertainment will follow—music, barbecue, cutting of cake, afternoon tea, historical displays, photos, vestments etc. Barbecue food will be provided, but families are asked to bring salads/desserts.

Let's make this a day to remember. It is also National Children's Day. For further information, ring Colleen 544-7957.

### Defensive driving courses

Course dates 9, 11, 16, 18 March (Tuesdays/Thursdays) or 15, 17, 22, 24 March (Mondays/ Wednesdays). Phone 547-1151 to register.

### NCEA Education forum

Due to the busy schedule this week, we have postponed this until Wednesday 10 March from 7-8pm in the library. This is to familiarise new senior students and their families with NCEA.

### Sewing machines wanted

Upgraded your sewing machine recently? Technology students are out-numbering our machines and we need more machines. An industrial one would be great but anything will be considered. Contact David Dewhurst ph 543-9488.

### Academic Deans for 2010

Deans have been appointed to help students take responsibility for their own learning. Please contact these people if you see a learning issue developing:

- Year 13 Simon Pimm
- Year 12 Rachele Tomlin
- Year 11 Dan Moon
- Year 9-10 John Boyce

### Win a ten day voyage on Spirit of New Zealand

Gasoline Alley are giving 30 young New Zealanders (aged between 15 and 18) the opportunity to experience a ten day voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand.

All you have to do is write a 300 word essay entitled 'One big idea that will make our community a better place to live in'. There are thousands of ideas out there but no one knows what a community needs as well as the people who live there. Ask your parents, ask your friends, ask your local community groups for their ideas and write about how you could help make their ideas happen.

Entry forms are available from the student desk at school or online at [www.gasolinealley.co.nz](http://www.gasolinealley.co.nz). For further information email [robnyvangelder@garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:robnyvangelder@garincollege.ac.nz)

### Split page works!!

*Hello from Victoria University. Uni is going very well, but there is just one thing that I think would make my study really streamlined.*

*I remember that on the Student-Read somewhere is a computerised version of the split paged notepad.*

*If it is at all possible could you please email me a copy of this document, I am rapidly running out of the Refill pads of split page that I had saved up from my years at Garin College. It appears that the pad is really useful in lectures and fits in well with lecture reflection. Many people I have shown it to, agree that it is a great tool during note-taking and revision. If you could please email me this online version I would be most grateful.*

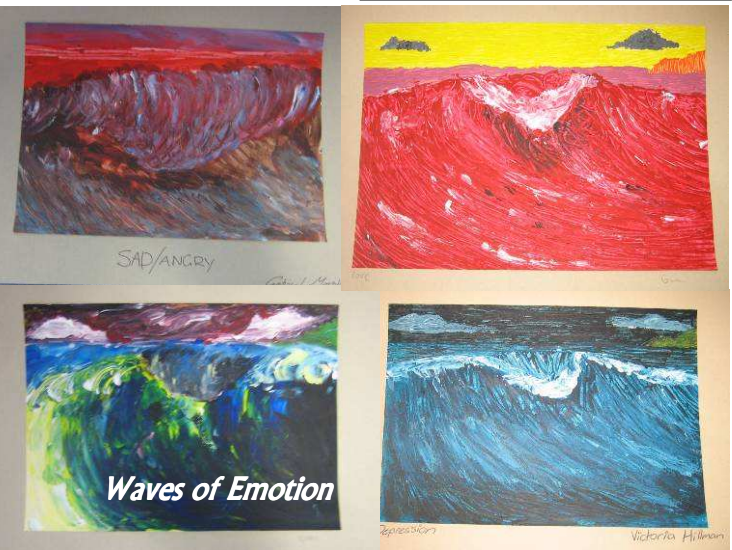
*Kind Regards, Andrew Blackwell*

### Year 12 Journey

15-21 March. The theme is Servant Leadership. Information, programme, cost and gear list were handed out on Wednesday.

The aim of this programme is to increase our Year 12s' awareness of our collective and individual ability to serve our school, church and wider community. All students will assume leadership positions during this camp and develop (and reflect on) a number of key skills and attitudes important in servant leadership. Following on camp will be some real opportunities to employ these new found skills—such things as Buddy Swimming, Vinnies, Geco and Christian service initiatives. The activities are challenging and fun and a wet suit (which fits) is an essential item as is rain-gear and warm outdoor wear. (It actually snowed there last year!) We have some spare wet suits if needed.

- ★ Mr Dewhurst's ICT2 class went to Victory School last Friday to meet the Myanmar Refugees. All ages were represented. Some people spoke no English, but some of the younger ones were fluent. The purpose of the visit was to help identify issues they are having assimilating into their new country. In doing so the students can then start to develop ICT-based products to help. This was the start of a long journey for the students who, at the end of Term 3, will present their products to the refugees for testing.
- ★ Congratulations to Benedict Morrissey who just achieved a Bronze medal at the Australian Mathematical Olympiad held in February. For the first time New Zealand was invited to participate in the Olympiad and our squad performed very well.
- ★ Best of luck to Jack Best, Markus Parker, Marc Knalmann-Jary, Tim Gallagher, Robin McLean and Gabes Callaghan who are off to Twizel today to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta.
- ★ STOP PRESS—Tom Nicholson has just gained a Bronze Medal in the Cycling Track Nationals in Invercargill in the Sprints 200 metre race—awesome effort Tom!



Year 10 students have just finished learning about the Expressionism art movement most prominent in Germany, Austria, Holland and Russia in the years directly surrounding the turn of the twentieth century.

The aim of this style of work was to express emotions through the use of vivid colours and strong, obvious brushstrokes in-

stead of capturing the likeness or reality of the subject matter.

It was all about the inner world of the artist rather than the outer world he/she lived in.

Using a simple line drawing template of a 'breaking wave' the students have created paintings that capture how they feel when swimming at the beach and being confronted by a large wave.

The works reflect everything from 'terrifying' to 'exciting' to 'peace and calm' - much like a classroom sometimes!



### Take a Moment ...

... with Kurt Vonnegut, Jr

*What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.*

# Don't be a stranger

The easiest way to stay in touch with staff at Garin is e-mail. Our address format is the same for everyone: staff and students.  
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heathertonk  
henrykersten  
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janekrammer  
janellemacgregor

jennyborlase  
johnboyce  
juliescoggins  
judithdavies  
kathrynwalker  
kyleproffit  
kylie mead  
leonehaines  
lorrainehart  
marymcentyre  
michaelaronsten  
michellekennedy  
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nickysowry  
nicolewestbrook  
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petermellor  
rachelletomlin  
rachelbright  
richardroden  
robertbooth  
robynprokop  
robynvangelder  
ronvandrunen  
roseshepard  
samdemello  
sheilaghditchfield  
shonaerasmuson  
simonpimm  
suellenboyce  
sueroughton  
tracystock  
trudiewalter  
vincefox

## Garin sport

### Gillete Cup Cricket

On Sunday 14 February Garin 1<sup>st</sup> XI had their qualifying match against Nayland College. Nayland batted first and made a respectable total of 248 all out. Great bowling by Scott van der Colk scooping up 6 for 31. In reply Garin made a poor start by being 5 down with only 9 runs on the board. Kristian Hall-Smith on debut for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI was partnered by Erik Panzer who both tried to save Garin with a 50 run partnership, Kristian making 22 and Erik 23. In the end Garin were dismissed for under 100.

On Monday Garin played Motueka. Garin batting first, made 132 all out with Erik again scoring well with 57. Motueka went into bat and were slow and steady but made the total with only 2 wickets to spare. Good bowling by Chris Sinnott with 3 for 29. If only Garin had a few more runs on the board we could have won.

Our last match was against Nelson College who batted first and made a mammoth 341. Many dropped catches and missed run out opportunities made it really hard to take wickets. Garin went into bat and lost wickets regularly being all out for 121.

### Senior Boys Volleyball 23 February

The team had a great game against the "Smokin" team. The team established a handy lead in the first set but dropped concentration and allowed Smokin back into the set, which Garin lost 25-22. The second set was extremely close the whole way, and Garin fought back in a cliffhanger to win 28-26. The final set was another seesaw affair, but Garin pulled away thanks to some great pressure serving from Marcus Schweiger. The team really knuckled down in the last two sets, and to win a tight match was a great result.

### Senior Boys Volleyball 2 March

The boys had a very tight game against the Allandale team. The game swung one way then another for all 3 sets. We established a handy lead in the first set, and looked like winning comfortably, but allowed Allandale back into the set. Garin ended up clinging on for a 25-23 win in the first set. There was never much in the second set the whole time, and Allandale ended up with a 25-23 set win. The final set was to 15 and the Garin Seniors held their nerve and took out the set 15-13, and a narrow match victory. It's the teams second win in two competition games, and they have played intelligent volleyball both times. This week saw a marked improvement in serving, with very few points lost directly from the serve. An excellent effort.



*Year 10 girls slam big guns in volleyball !*

Over the last three weeks the Year 10 Volleyball girls have given people something to talk about. Playing in the A Grade Junior Volleyball competition the team have beaten Nayland A, Nelson Girls A and, last Tuesday, Waimea 10A.

The team is capably coached by Year 12 students Lulu Shanaher and Lydia Wadsworth. "They are a dedicated team who have lots of spirit and potential" commented Lulu. "It's great to see Garin achieving such brilliant results against bigger schools."

The team consists of Sjaan Hungerford (captain), Amber Roozendaal, Phoebe Harris, Ashley Booth, Talia Merrin, Keeli Ferris and Rosie Hopkins. The girls have shown a strong commitment to their play, with great work in the backcourt picking up free balls and a consistent standard of serving. The front court are quick on their feet and counter attacking through great blocks. Expect to see more from the Garin team as they compete in a regional tournament mid-march.

### Senior Girls Volleyball

Last Thursday after Athletics the senior girls volleyball team headed away to Christchurch for the South Island three day tournament.

We got off to a good start on the Friday, winning our first two games against Marlborough and St Hilda's 3 sets to nil. By the last game of the day, tiredness had set in but we fought hard against Burnside finally losing in the 5th set 15-13. It was a late night, arriving home after 9pm, yet we somehow still managed to be up early enough the next morning to do some well earned shopping. To be sure of a place in the final we needed to beat Ranui. Sets were played with only a few points difference but eventually we lost 3-1. What should have been an easy win against Otago that afternoon, dragged out, with

us finally winning in the 5th set. Sunday saw us playing off for 3rd and 4th place against Marlborough Girls. However, our serving and lack of strong attack let us down, and much to our dismay we lost 2-3.

Though our outcome wasn't as good as we expected, we played well as a team, and enjoyed the trip. Many thanks to our managers Senora Walter and Eileen Shanaher, and our coach Alison Moffat.

### Athletics 2010

It was a new look athletic sports this year with prelims and finals day run on a new and successful model. It was a competitive day and we were especially lucky to have the use of the new track facility at Saxton Field.

House spirit and rivalry was high this year, with the opportunity given to students to show support for their house by wearing house colours for the day. Well done to MacKillop who went all out in yellow to claim the award for best dressed house, most sun-smart went to Navar Robertson-Stone and non-whanau staff voted McAuley as having the best house spirit.

Congratulations to the individual age-group champions for 2010. They are Liam Mintrom, Phoebe Harris, Joel MacManus, Giorgia Leonard, Tom Goodman, Maryann Cant, Sam Ellis and Rebecca Sims.

A number of records also fell this year. New record holders are Liam Mintrom (1500m), Brayden Cook (Javelin), Andrea Mollo (Shotput), Danielle Mintrom (Javelin), Brook Powick (100m), Craig Lautenslager (800m & 1500m), Abel Derks-French (Javelin) and Sjaan Hungerford (Long Jump).

Good luck to those students selected to represent Garin in the regional athletics meet next Wednesday.