



Geek Week

Last week students gathered at lunchtimes to take part in various activities to celebrate Geek Week, culminating in Book Character Day on Friday. Lunchtime activities included a spelling bee, sukoko challenge, rubix cube challenge, House quiz and a Spanish word quiz. Students turned out in good numbers and prizes will be awarded at next week's assembly for both juniors and seniors.

Book characters were judged at lunchtime on Friday. Nadine Hahn was overall winner—seen here on the right as Winnie the Pooh. The best group was The Sleepover Club, the Most Creative were Alexei D'Ath as a hobbit and Andrew Quinney as a big gorilla, and the funniest was Ambro Lynch as a sheep.



Sport this weekend:

Hockey Final: Saturday at Saxton Field 1.30pm v Stoke.

Netball Final: Saturday at Saxton Junior Maroon 12noon v Nayland 9C.

Come and support and teams who have reached the finals in their grades. Well done teams and good luck!



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Scholarships

McKee Trust:

If you are interested in a tertiary scholarship which provides \$2,000 a year for three years study at an approved institution, check out the McKee Charitable Trust website <https://sites.google.com/site/mckeetrust/scholarship-1>.

Applications close 10 September.

McGlashen Pharmacy:

The McGlashen Pharmacy Young Achiever Scholarship is an annual award that is provided to an outstanding local student aged 16 years of age and under who clearly excels in their chosen field of sports, arts, academia etc.

The Scholarship is for \$1,000 to be put towards the successful applicant furthering themselves in their chosen field.

Application forms are available at McGlashen Pharmacy (227 Queen Street, Richmond) and are due by 30 September 2010.

Bubble Dome

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Toy Story are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these school holidays.

For students aged 6 to 16 years. Phone 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) or email info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit www.bubbledome.co.nz.

Summer uniform

As from next Monday, 6 September, students will have the option to wear winter or summer uniform. If they wear winter uniform, they must wear their normal full uniform.

Computers needed

Garin needs more sets of computers. If your place of work or business is upgrading please consider us. Please contact David Dewhurst email daviddewhurst@garincollege.ac.nz.

Raising Teenage Boys?

A fun interactive course for mothers run by a mother of four sons with Anne Harvey author of the book: Sons to Men - a mother's guide. 15 September at Waimea Intermediate 7-9pm. Limited places. Contact Anne email: lifework@xtra.co.nz or Ph 5481235.

Ball photos

To view and order photos online, go to http://www.frankgasteiger.com/garincollege_10.html.

Defensive driving course

September dates are Monday 13, Wednesday 15, Monday 20 and Wednesday 22—from 6pm-8pm.

Contact John Billcliff on phone 5476057 for further information.

Basketball raffle results

1st 183 Ian Howieson
2nd 455 Rochelle Steer
3rd 378 Keegan Eggers

A big thank you to all those who supported the team's fundraising!!!

School magazine—final call

If you would like a school magazine please check your Garin College statement next week to see if you have ordered one and/or paid for it. This will be the last opportunity as we are finalising numbers for the printers.

Teacher strike day

Teachers who are members of the PPTA will not be attending school on Wednesday 15 September.

The school will be closed for Year 9 and 10 students, but all those senior students who have exams that day must still come to school. They will be supervised by non-union teachers.

Trophies

If you have a trophy from last year's prizegiving, could you please return it to the office next week.

Calendar

- Thursday 2 September
 - ♦ Staff only day—no school
- Friday 3 September
 - ♦ School closed
- Tuesday 7 September
 - ♦ Board meeting 5.30pm in the library
- Friday 10 September
 - ♦ Sports Awards Night
- Exam week: 13 September ...
- Thursday 23 September
 - ♦ Momentum Dance evening postponed from 9 September

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



I will be away at the beginning of next week as part of the review team looking at the Special Character of another of the secondary schools in the Wellington diocese.

At Garin we are often isolated from the rest of the diocese but being part of a review of another school is a great way to see what other schools are doing—and the visit also provides time to think and talk about Special Character. Visitors often remark on aspects of our Special Character that we do well. That can be all sorts of things from school Masses, to pastoral care, whanau, restorative justice or team spirit. Just about everything is affected when a school sees students as creations of God—and the adults as co-creators with parents and our Creator.

And although I am proud of the Christian and Catholic nature of our school, I *always* see new things when I visit other schools.

This week a team from our Catholic Schools Board visited the top-of-the-south and held a meeting at Garin for South Island schools to find out about schools of the future—at least in terms of building programmes.

It was very interesting to hear an expert from the Ministry of Education tell us that current thinking for new classrooms is strongly of the opinion that flexible shared spaces are the best way to provide effective learning spaces in schools. Our architect Les Clapcott has given us a whole school built on that principle—and new state school buildings now also have a lot of glass, sliding doors between rooms, little breakout and computer rooms, and shared spaces outside classrooms for discussion groups and shared projects.

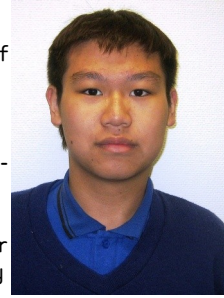
It is all a long way from the schools most adults attended—and a challenge for us teachers. We were successful in those schools and in classrooms featuring blackboards and rows of desks—and the challenge for us is always to make sure that we make the best use of the flexible spaces we have been given.

Welcome to new student

Welcome to Hong Fung from Hong Kong. Hong is a yr 9 student and is living in the Hostel.

He is shy at the moment but has a good understanding of English.

He is feeling very homesick so please go out of your way to say "hi" to him and make him feel welcome.



Summer sport payments

A reminder to all parents/caregivers that participation payments for summer sport are due to the office by next Friday 10 September.

As you are aware, Garin has a "no pay, no play" policy for sporting teams.

For your convenience, arrangements can be made by phoning Ron van Druenen on 543-9488 for automatic payment of these fees.



★ Brodie Sidwell has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Under 18 Koru Tour to Australia in January next year.. What a fantastic effort Brodie.



★ Tom Ashley and Tom Nicholson cycled in the Marlborough Tour last weekend representing Garin College. Tom Nicholson, racing in the U17 category, achieved a creditable 5th overall and placed 2nd in the sprint competition. Tom Ashley, racing in the U20s, came first equal overall but having finished second in the last event was relegated to second overall. Overall Tom A won the Green Sprint Ace Jersey, came 2nd in the KOM (King of the mountain) polka dot jersey and although tied for first on points came 2nd in the overall standings (under 19 grade). They are both placed well to compete in the Yunca Tour held in October. Well done to you both.

Where on Earth are we going?

And what can we do about it?

The **Awakening the Dreamer**

Changing the Dream Symposium

is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an **environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just** human presence on Earth.

If you are ready to explore what this vision means for you, and the opportunity to create an inspiring future, we invite you to attend.

"This was time very well spent on a Sunday afternoon. I wish I had invited my children along - they would have been blown away!"
Veronica Schofield, Featherston.

"I didn't really get to thank you properly for bringing the symposium to us. I found it most rewarding. The images were powerful, and it was good to meet again some people I am already familiar with - Miriam MacGillis, Matthew Fox, Thomas Berry, etc - as well as hear some new, powerful voices." Mike and Jenny Kelly, Carterton.

Saturday 04 September 2010, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall
35 William Street, Richmond, Nelson.**

An ecumenical event – all welcome and bring your friends

Koha appreciated. *Afternoon tea provided in the break.*

For information, contact: Philippa Winch (03 544 1973) (evenings) pjbear@tobit.co.nz (preferred)



Tournament results to date

Senior A Netball—South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Blenheim. Lost to Riccarton High 15-29, drew with Hilmorton High 16-16, beat Timaru High 25-23, beat Fiordland 39-19 and today they beat Mackenzie 22-21.

Girls Football—Kathy Seaward Tournament in Palmerton North. Beat Te Puke 3-0, drew with Sacred Heart 1-1, beat Freyberg 6-0, lost to Wainuiomata 0-1.

Boys Basketball—In Alexandra playing in the Zone 4 'A' Tournament and have won their first game against Mountainview 90-80.



Take a Moment ...

... with Maya Angelou

If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love. Don't be surly at home, then go out in the street and start grinning "Good morning" at total strangers.

Chile 2011

Family information meeting will now be held in the school library on Wednesday 8 September at 7pm.

Senior students learning Spanish next year are welcome to register at the school office.

Young Enterprise

The team of Eric Armstrong, Clark Hinton and Luke Roozendaal who are participating in the Young Enterprise Trade Fair at the Saturday market, are seen here selling their chocolate truffles infused with Maori herbs. It was such a successful day, they had sold out by 10.30am.

Also from the Business Enterprise class, another team called Solutions Unlimited are selling biodegradable rubbish bag packs. If anyone wants some, please contact the school office.

