



Prizegiving Thanks

Garin celebrated the 2011 presentation of awards on Thursday 1 December in recognition of excellence, personal growth and contribution in mahi aroha (involvement), rangimarie (tolerance), waiaro tika (positive attitude), hiringa (determination), hinonga (enterprise and creativity) and aroha (caring and compassion) of our students. The angel theme created an atmosphere in the gymnasium with the liturgy dedicated to those who lost their lives in this year's earthquake and the angels who risked their lives to rescue them.

This year many businesses have supported our young people with prizes. Thanks to South Pacific Books, Network Tasman, McGlashen Pharmacy, NMIT, Tasman Coach Services, Convent Girls Past Pupils Association, Dutch Rusk, Nelson Coachlines, Page and Blackmore Books, Orange Dog Limited, Office Max, Interislander, Total Print Solutions, Waimea Electrical, Craig Potton, Pleroma Christian Supplies, McKee Charitable Trust. If you are a parent of a student who has received a prize, it would be much appreciated for a note of thanks to go to the sponsor for their support.

Thanks for all the administration and work behind the scenes in preparation for the awards evening: Sheilagh Ditchfield, Mary Anne Heckler, Rachel Bright and Shona Erasmuson who made it happen; Rose Shepard, Mrs Aronsten, Kim Pope and Suellen Boyce who set up and decorated the gym; Ali and Tessa Moffat who cleaned all our trophies, Marcella van Zoelen, Mary Sullivan, Jacqueline Mumm, Clare Corban-Banks, Peter Mellor, Dan Moon, Jacqui Cleary and Deborah Lautenslager for flowers; Adrienne Cairns for assisting with flowers and sprays; Abraham Corban-Banks, Antoni Leonard, Kyle Proffit and Denis Moriarty for technical assistance and Deb Page for providing supper for our leavers and their families.

Merry Christmas .

from the Head Teacher

On behalf of our hard-working staff and Board I would like to wish our students and families a safe and holy Christmas.

We have had another very busy year and have appreciated your support: one of the things that makes us special is the way our parents and students support us and work alongside us, to create a strong, life-giving community.

I really enjoyed our Awards Evening last week. Thank you to all the families who took the time to come along. I know you will have been proud of your children, but our Awards always give me a lot of hope for the future of our school—and our nation.

I was very proud of our students as a whole—and our leaders, musicians and dancers in particular. The most moving moments for me were the pride on the faces of those able to be recognised, the acclaim for Benedict in particular, the speech by Eily and Erik, and the contribution of current School Leaders Chris and Hazel who just stepped in and ran the second half of the evening as if they had been running awards ceremonies all their lives!

Please look after each other over the holidays—and my prayer is that we all have a safe and happy Christmas, a relaxing holiday, and that everyone of us begins Garin's year 11 fit and ready to go!

God bless you all.

John Boyce

Summer Sport Sign up 2012

Sign up for Summer sport in Term 1 will be at 10.30am on Tuesday January 31, the first day of the new term. Students will be given the opportunity to register and take permission slips for a range of sports including Cricket, Volleyball, Triathlon, Waka Ama, and Tennis lessons. Permission slips need to be signed by a parent or caregiver and returned to the College office together with payment by Friday February 10, 2012.

In fairness to all students Garin has a "no pay - no play" policy. Sporting fees cannot be charged to a school account and are paid by cash, cheque, internet direct credit or through automatic payments which can be arranged with our Business Manager, Ron van Drunen on 543 9494.

Information about sport at Garin is contained in the Club Garin sports booklet which will be mailed to all families at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please call Sports Director Mike Aronsten on 543 9488 extn 206.



Benedict Morrissey— Dux



Calendar

Wednesday 25 January, 2012

♦ Y11, 12 and 13 course confirmation day 9-12 noon

Tuesday 31 January, 2012

♦ All students return—powhiri starts at 8.35am

Tuesday 7 February, 2012

♦ Year 9 and 13 Journeys start

How we will start the new school year in 2012

Garin College will open on Wednesday 25 January for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. During this time, students will confirm their courses. The day will begin at 9.00am and end at 12.00pm, when teachers will be able to have their organisational meetings. There will be no buses, so students will need to make their own transport arrangements. Students are to wear their summer uniform to course confirmation day.

The school will officially open for all students on Tuesday 31 January at 8.35am with our traditional powhiri. All senior students must be in formal uniform for the powhiri on Tuesday 31 January.



The first morning for all students

On Tuesday 31 January we all start at the normal time (8.35am) with a Powhiri and then assembly in the gym for all students.

Parents (especially the parents of new students) are welcome. We won't begin classes until 12.01pm.

8.30am—students and staff new to the school assemble on the cobbled drive outside the office. Mr Moriarty will meet you there and explain what will happen next. Then we will all walk over to the gym for a welcome that will make all newcomers part of our school.

9am—around this time all students will have whanau time—a chance to meet your whanau and your whanau teacher. This will last for about 70 minutes. Parents of new students are welcome to join the whanau.

11.21am—morning break

12.01pm—classes start for the day.

1.43pm—lunchtime. New students need to bring lunch—or money to buy lunch from the canteen. Other than Year 13, our students do not leave the grounds at lunchtime.

Bus students

Our bell rings at 3.13pm, and the buses leave at 3.15pm. It is important that you move quickly over to the bus bay. Feeder buses will take you to Waimea College bus bay where you catch your bus home—if you don't know which bus to catch, try to find someone from your area to tell you.

If you miss your bus, come to the office so you can call home. The students on the Garin Express go into Nelson and then on to Clifton Terrace, via Stoke.

Bring a cheque

Also on Day 1 all students should have the money for their stationery—you will find details in this mailout.

Students will be called over to the library class by class to get issued with the equipment they need. This is really important to us, because it means teachers can start work knowing that all students will have the stationery and equipment they need from the start.

EOTC permissions

EOTC stands for "Education Outside The Classroom" and covers all school activities outside the classroom.

We know that these events can be the most memorable things in a student's education, so we want them to be an integral part of education at Garin. We also know parents must get tired of filling in the same health information for each activity.

New students for 2011 have already filled out their forms—and our other students filled them in last year. But things change—so please let us know if there is new medical information we need to know about.

Farewell to leaving staff

Last week we farewelled several staff who are leaving Garin this year. Mick Barlow (Religious Education), Jenna Teesdale (History) Jessica Le Bas (English), Mary Brodie (in Physical Education) and Amelia Friend (Teacher Aide). We thank them for the way they have embraced the Garin way and fitted in so well.

We farewell Mick Barlow (DRS Religious Education) who will be downing his teaching cloak to run a Sprig & Fern in Wellington. All the best Mick!

Jenna Teesdale is moving to Palmerston North to work with the hearing impaired in a teaching role.

We also farewell Jessica Le Bas who will be leaving Nelson to take up a Deputy Principal's role in the Cook Islands. We wish her well in her new role in the Pacific Islands.

Mary Brodie has been one of our key relievers at Garin throughout 2011 and took over from Ed Rimmer for Term 4 whilst Ed has been in the UK.

Amelia Friend is leaving Garin after working as a teacher aide to student Sharon Schipper who is going to attend Waimea College in 2012. Your hard work and commitment will be missed at Garin, Amelia.

Second-hand uniform sale

There will be a second-hand uniform sale in late January—date to be advised by email or parish newsletters.

Timetable—2012

The table below shows the times of Garin classes; with 6 periods throughout the day. Please note that whanau classes are held after period 3 and just before first break. Students need to remember that they need to bring enough food for two 40 minute breaks to help them maintain their focus for the whole school day.

Korawai made by the Kete Aronui students in 2011 and presented to Jackson Tainui at the annual awards evening. The cloak will be displayed in the reception area of the school office and used for formal occasions.

Period	Start	Finish	Length
1	8.35	9.25am	50 mins
2	9.27am	10.17am	50 mins
3	10.19am	11.09am	50 mins
Whanau	11.11am	11.21am	10 mins
1st break	11.21am	12.01pm	40 mins
4	12.01pm	12.51pm	50 mins
5	12.53pm	1.43pm	50 mins
2nd break	1.43pm	2.23pm	40 mins
6	2.23pm	3.13pm	50 mins



NCEA Results 2011

Students will receive their NCEA results online via their Learner Login. Results notices will not be sent in the post. Students can order a printed NCEA results notice from their Learner Login by 31st December 2011. Scholarship Result Notices will be posted.

Parents of new Year 9 students

If your child has participated in a Gifted and Talented (G&T) programme in their previous school and/or you think they would benefit from this type of programme at Garin, please come to the office and fill out a Parent Recommendation form. If you have specific inquiries about the programme, please contact Amy Cornelisen, teacher in charge of G&T at Garin or email amycornelisen@garincollege.ac.nz

Garin's 10th Anniversary

Next February on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th we will be celebrating Garin College's 10th Anniversary. There will be activities at the College, a Dinner Dance and special Mass celebrated in the Gym.

An invitation and registration form is available on the Garin College website by following the 10th Anniversary link.

This is a great opportunity for past and present students, parents and others who have been involved with College life to get together and share those special memories.



Take a Moment ...

Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God.

...George F. McDougall



Uniform shop

2012 hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1pm-4pm, or by appointment. You can text Heather Tonk on 0274 171063, or email her at tonk@xtra.co.nz. Other hours are as per the 2012 calendar.