



Academic Colours 2011

Every year at this time we recognize the students who did particularly well in the previous year's National Certificate. A couple of years ago NZQA began to recognize students who had gained 50 or more credits at Merit or Excellence level—but Garin kept its own standard of excellence by recognising students who gained all 80 of their credits for NCEA at Merit or Excellence level. This year Head of Religious Education Peter Mellor spoke about his journey as a life-long learner and presented the 2011 awards.



Colours were awarded to Year 12 students for their Year 11 NCEA results: Cody Powick 80 credits at Merit and Excellence, Karen Drysdale 81, Lily Warner 86, Timothy Shanaher 93, Alexander Buckley 96, Amy Thomson 96, Gabrielle Fisk 99, Abigail Phillips 99, Lauren Faulkner 100, Victoria Hillman 100, Joshua Frew 103, Giorgia Leonard 104, Paul O'Regan 104, James McMullan 107, Phoebe Harris 108, Jeffery Lautenslager 114, Andrew Harrison 126, Abigail Powick 126, Sjaan Hungerford 127, Helena Ruffell 127, Talia Merrin 130, Erin Wilks 130, Nicholas Baker 131, Nicola Morris 143, Veronica Mitchell 36 Merit and 117 Excellences with a total of 153, Ashley Booth 46 Merit and 109 Excellences with a total of 155, and Hamish McIntosh 27 Merits and an amazing 130 Excellences with a total of 157.

That is the biggest number from one year group ever to achieve Colours at Garin – and is an outstanding 48% of the students in year 11 last year. Congratulations to these students, their families, and to the flowing students who did not reach the 80 credits but still received endorsed certificates: Jonathan Clayton, Spencer Bay, Leesa Vickerman, Joshua Lis, Louie Armstrong, Mathew Arnold, Abraham Corban-Banks, Melanie Hardiman, Dana Lobb, Nathan Munro, Minjeong Kim, Dean Bruning, Andrew Goodman, Bastian Guzinski, Matthew Butchart, John Wopereis, Molly Hegarty, Keeli Ferris, Amber Roozendaal, and Emma Greep.

Colours were awarded to the following Year 13 students for their Year 12 NCEA results: Andrea Mollo 60, Ambrogino Lynch 64, Georgia Nott 69, Maryann Cant 75, Yolandi van Staden 78, Isaac Thomas 81, Hannah Robinson 86, Joel MacManus 88, Christopher Sinnott 97, Siobhan O'Brien 98, Aleisha Van Kerkhof 105, Chiara Gasteiger 110, Thomas Nicholson 111, Kathryn Fahey 117, and our top scholar in level 2 last year: Norina Gasteiger 131. As well we have a number of student who gained endorsed certificates, but did not receive Colours: Gerard Page, Kaylah Erasmuson, Nicholas Allison, Oliver Griffith, Whitney Green, Tom Goodman and Holly Tippler. Congratulations to these students, their families and their teachers.

Spirit of Garin - A New Beginning

During Term 1 of 2011, students were asked to design a stained glass as part of QREL assignment. The design judged to be the best would be made into a real stained glass window and displayed at the college. When I heard this, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to make my mark on Garin College. I have a strong interest in art, this came to my advantage when designing the window which I called Spirit of Garin - A New Beginning. There are three main themes: a Dove, a Flower and the Cross. The Flower represents the Year 9s coming in to a new community and environment - a bright new beginning, with the Dove and the Cross representing the faith, belief and traditions of the school. My design was chosen and I, along with Amy Coulton and Philip Gibson, had the honour of making the window for the school. Almost one year and several cuts later, our project was complete. Thank you to Pauline English who gave up so much of her time to come to Garin and teach us how to cut, grind, foil and solder a stain glass window. Huge thanks also to staff Mrs Joy McGahern and Mr Vince Fox. Without you this wouldn't have been possible. By Patrick Ferris



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Lockers at Garin

If your child wants to use a locker at Garin this year, they need to bring \$20, plus a suitable lock to the school office and choose an available locker.

Timetables

All students received a timetable on Day 1. The paper contained two copies: one for sticking in their student diary and one for keeping in a safe place. After this week, Garin will be asking students to contribute 20c towards the cost of printing a replacement timetable.

Garin Express 2012

Despite the rising cost of transport being passed on to us, the Garin Board has managed to maintain its commit-

ment to keep the Garin Express charge under half the best concession rate parents are able to get from Nelson. Now due: \$150 for term 1 (The same for 2 and 3—and \$80 for term 4.)

Emailing Staff

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

Updating Student Details

Having student information correct and up-to-date is important to us. If you do have a change of address, phone, mobile, email or a change in circumstances we would appreciate your letting us know by email at achieve@garincollege.ac.nz or by

phoning us on 543 9488. To receive information from us, such as the weekly newsletter, mailouts such as reports or simply needing to contact you by phone during the course of the day means that the information we use is what is held in our student database at that time.

CALENDAR

Sunday 12 February
♦ Jubilee Mass at St Francis Songer Street at 9am
♦ Jubilee Festival on Garin grounds 11-4pm. Bring your own lunch.
Friday 17 February
♦ Term 1 Mass

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Last week I was delighted to be able to share some excellent news about last year's NCEA results. At our Colours assembly this morning we had further excellent academic news as we handed out our Colours. As you will see from the table below, the number of National Certificates endorsed with Excellence has continued the steady rise over the last few years. Five years ago we decided that while our pass-rates were still very good, the number of Excellences was below what we expected. We have an excellent staff - and when they set their minds on something, stand back! I wish to acknowledge what a stunning job our Heads of Faculty, our teachers and our support staff have done

Garin College		2008	2009	2010	2011
Level 1	Endorsed with Merit	32	21.3	28.6	36.2
	Endorsed with Excellence	7	10.6	14.2	11.8
Level 2	Endorsed with Merit	10	21.8	14.2	18.3
	Endorsed with Excellence	0	5.1	10.4	9.7%
Level 3	Endorsed with Merit	13	17.4	18	17%
	Endorsed with Excellence	0	2.2	6.6	7.7%

in making this happen for our students. And don't forget

the celebration of all things Garin at our jubilee Mass (Stoke at 9am) and picnic day on the rugby field from 11am on Sunday. You are all most welcome - just bring your own provisions. It is not just for past students.

Financial Stress

With rising costs, families are under pressure at the moment. There are a lot of costs associated with education, and if you need to talk to Business Manager Ron van Drunen about a delay in payment or an AP, please give him a call.

We don't collect the Attendance Dues, but if you are struggling to pay them each term, please ask him for a form and we will see if we can help.

Gifted & Talented

If you are interested in your child participating in the Garin Gifted and Talented (GATE) programme for Years 9 and 10 and are an entering family to the Garin community, please stop by the office and fill out a parent recommendation form. If you'd like more information about the programme, please contact Amy Cornelisen directly at amycornelisen@garincollege.ac.nz

NZQA Reviews

Students should download personalised forms from their Learner Login for both reviews and reconsiderations. Applications for reviews and reconsiderations for NCEA externally assessed standards close on Friday 17 February. Scholarship reviews and reconsiderations close on Friday 16 March.

NZQA Documents

Reminder to senior students that they need to order any documents they are eligible for and want copies of. These include: NCEA's Record of Achievement and, for school leavers, the School Results Summary which will not be automatically sent to students in April as they were in the past. Students can also see and pay outstanding fees.

Please use your Learner Login to access all documents.

Summer Sport Payment

Payment for student participation in Term 1 sport is due today, Friday February 10. If this has not already been arranged, we would be grateful if you could do so on Monday so we can confirm our teams.

In fairness to all students and families 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 9488 extn 204.

Information about sport at Garin is contained in the Club Garin sports booklet which was 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.

International Students



Please welcome our new international students: Hiro from Japan, Jan, Sebastian and Verena from Germany, Vicky from the Czech Republic and Won Jin from Korea. Please say hello to them and make them feel welcome. They are all

looking forward to making new friends, playing new sports and doing some travel around our beautiful country.

Nelson Trades Academy

The government is establishing a number of Trades academies across NZ and our region has had approval to commence in 2012.

Garin College has been allocated places on the following industry courses in the Nelson Tasman Trades Academy (NTTA)

- Automotive Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Building and Construction
- Hairdressing and Beauty
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Horticulture and Viticulture

The NTTA is aimed at senior students. There are no fees and students participate in specifically designed programmes held at NMIT each Friday. Travel options are available.

It is possible for students to have the NTTA timetabled as a subject at Garin College. Entry is by application and students must be able to attend to suitable "catch up" arrangements for their subjects missed on a Friday school day.

For all enquiries or to register your interest to begin the application process please contact:

Jane Krammer
Careers Co-ordinator,
Garin College. Email:
janekrammer@garincollege.ac.nz
or
Ph 543 9488 Extn: 216 or
mobile 0274 383 495.

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- ★ *Well done Garin Cricketers! Continuing a strong winning streak, the Garin seniors coached by Andy Leonard came out on top again last weekend. Taking on previously unbeaten Waimea College 2nd XI, the boys finished the game 100 runs in front, scoring 230 in their innings. Clark Hinton 70, Paul O'Regan 30 and Brodie Sidwell 29 provided the batting impetus, whilst Rupert Wockner took 5 for 13 and was supported by some excellent catching to bowl the opposition out for 130. A fine effort all round.*
- ★ *Congratulations to John Gibson and Spencer Bay who are remaining as our representatives on the Nelson Youth Council until the end of March. Being on the Youth Council includes learning about local government and council meeting structure, networking with students from other schools, submission writing, assisting and running community and youth events, sharing views on arising local issues and problem solving.*
- ★ *Garin is fortunate to have a talented writer and editor parent, Belinda Mellor who has kindly offered to proofread our weekly newsletter. Thanks Belinda for bringing your skills to Garin, it is much appreciated.*

CLM HEALTH & FITNESS
0508 GET FIT @ASB aquatics & fitness centre

Calling all Garin Students!

The ASB Health and Fitness Centre welcome you and your friends to come down and check us out.

Join us and you don't only get the Fitness Centre you also get Les Mills group fitness, an outdoor training area with outdoor equipment, free fitness assessments and exercise programmes (updated every 8-12 weeks), aqua fitness AND access to all the pools, spas and sauna.

We have student rates on all of our membership options so come and see the Fitness Team today to sign up! We want to help you stay fit, healthy and achieve your sporting goals. See you soon!

Got an Injury?
Get it fixed at:

Sports Therapy

@ 132 Collingwood Street,
Nelson

Ph: (03) 548 1221
Fax: (03) 548 1227

Physiotherapists
With the upcoming sports season

Sports Therapy would like to look after you when an injury occurs.

We offer 25% discount per treatment to all students from 7 February to 29 June 2012. This means only \$16.50 per treatment.

Open 7am - 7pm
Monday - Friday

Take a Moment...

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world
Nelson Mandela



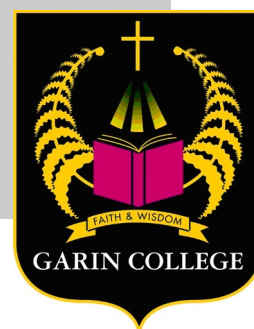
EVERYONE WELCOME!

JOIN THE TEAM NOW

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KAPA HAKA

- EXPERT TUTOR
WAYNE HIPPOLITE
- TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
(2.20PM—4.20PM)
- NO FEES
- PERFORM AT SCHOOL
EVENTS & COMPETITIONS
- LEARN MAORI ARTS—
HAKA, WAIATA, POI
- GREAT FUN & GREAT
EXERCISE



Rotorua Boys & Girls High School students

SIGN UP FORMS AT THE OFFICE
OR SEE MRS A FOR DETAILS