



...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Kia ora tatou ngā whānau,

With great excitement, students arrived and settled into their whānau and subject classes for the new school year. It is a joy to recognise the focus and energy our students have on re - establishing friendships and making new friendships after the long summer break. Our Powhiri and school Mass were the highlight of Wednesday's opening day celebrations as we welcomed our new year 9 to 13 students and all returning students to the college. Thank you to all parents, caregivers, whānau and members of our community who came along to celebrate the eucharist and support of our students.

This week we welcome our new teachers to the College, Mr Ben Winders - Music, Mr Brendan O'Sullivan - Art, Matua Tamati-James Wilson - Te Reo, Mrs Jennifer Dalton - English, Mrs Sophie White - Mathematics, Miss Mhairi Gray - Economics. We also welcome our new support staff to the college, Ms Kate Sheldon - Counsellor, Mrs Sarah Pumphrey - Arts Co-ordinator, Mrs Freya Picugin - International Teacher Aide, Mrs Karen Clark - International Teacher Aide, Ms Miriam Restieaux - Counselling Student NMIT. We look forward to the knowledge, experience and expertise each will bring to the classroom and college.



Congratulations to our 2018 NCEA level 1, 2 & 3 students on their success and achievement in NCEA. We are extremely pleased and excited by the NZQA provisional NCEA results for 2018. Overall Garin NCEA results are outstanding and remain comparatively well above the National Standard for Decile 8 - 10 Schools. I look forward to sharing the confirmed results when these become available.

This week I have visited many of our classrooms and enjoyed interactions with teachers and students, while each class is unique, there certainly is a common theme of manaakitanga evident in all classes. Positive, caring and happy relationships are building between students and between teachers and students. Learning is underway, today in year 11 Spanish I enjoyed the opportunity to begin learning the Lord's Prayer in Spanish alongside the class.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.

Santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Amén.

Every three years Garin College elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern the College. Right now the Garin's Board are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections in May. If you are considering standing for election for the College Board of Trustees please see information further on in this newsletter (Korari Programme) to support your understanding of the role of a trustee. We look forward to parents in our community standing for election.

To our students and staff I share this whakatauki as a challenge and encouragement for the year ahead;

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki speaks of aiming high or for what is truly valuable, be persistent and don't allow obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

God Bless
Ngā mihi nui
John Maguire

Take a Moment

"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things".

Pope Francis



First Day! Powhiri ...



and Mass



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Due to the high temperatures and the need to keep cool, students are asked to wear their correct summer uniform throughout term 1. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students, we advise students to wear their sunhats, stay within

the shade, and wear sunblock. Students are reminded to keep hydrated, we have free cooled and filtered water stations where students can refill their drink bottles.



Garin Gardens

Garin Gardens is open to all students, teachers and parents to enjoy. It is now an organic garden. Most of the food goes to the food technology department, and the students looking after the gardens learn how to use the produce and take some home to cook with. There often is spare produce which will be displayed around the school for anyone to take home.

The apples, pears and plums are ripe soon, and students can pick one when fully ripe.

There are many skills to be learnt when looking after a garden, and it is fun and uplifting to work with nature in this co-creative way.

We recycle everything from the garden back onto the top soil which will become food for the plants again eventually.

If you want to help, are curious, just want to have a look, find out what there is to eat and what not to eat, please come along.



We meet every Monday at lunch time at the gardens.

We start on Monday 11 Feb with a seed share event.

Garin Gardens has lots of seeds to share with you. We will collect them together into small bags and you can take them home to grow your own vegetables. There are carrot, parsnip, parsley, dill, radish, and beetroot seeds ready.

If you have some seeds from your garden to share with us, please bring them too.



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2019 Timetable <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/exam-timetable-2019.pdf>

This link for reconsiderations and reviews

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

FROM CAREERS

Key dates:

Tertiary information evening - Tuesday 19 Feb 4.30pm-6pm

Year 13 students and their parents who are considering studying at University or a tertiary institution in 2020, are invited to an information evening run by the Careers Adviser Kirsten Thorp. Discussion topics include:

- What is University Entrance and is university for me
- Guaranteed Entry Scores and Preferred Entry Scores
- Cost of University and impact of fees free
- Halls of Residence application process
- University Open Days this year
- Financial Scholarships - GivMe and the process
- Course selection and enrolment - visits by providers
- GAP year pros and cons
- StudyLink

University	Tertiary Liaison Visits to Garin College - location is P3 beside the Canteen	University Open Day 2019
Victoria University	12.40 Wed 27 Feb library	Friday 23 August
University of Auckland	TBC	Sat 31 August
University of Canterbury	12.40 Mon 4 March	Thurs 11 July
Massey University 3 Campus': Manawatu, Wellington, Auckland	12.40 Tues 2 April	Manawatu - Wed 7 August Wellington Friday 23 August Auckland Sat 24 August
Lincoln University	12.40 Wed 13 March	Friday 19 July
University of Otago Tertiary Open Day also includes Otago Polytechnic	12.40 Tues 5 March	Sun/Mon 5/6 May (flights fill up fast, so get online now to book)
Auckland University of Technology AUT	TBC	AUT Live is usually same weekend as Auckland Uni (31 August TBC)
Waikato University	does not visit	TBC possibly 17 May

- **The NZ Defence Force Info Evening - Thursday Feb 21st 6-7pm**

Where: Nelson Army Office, Cnr Hardy and Rutherford Street.

Contact: Nelson recruiting officer is Ayla Kinloch Wells (ayla.kinloch-wells@defencecareers.mil.nz)

Gap year presentation

We are awaiting confirmation of the annual Gap provider information evening, which is usually hosted by Nelson College in their staffroom.

Careers Adviser for Garin College is Kirsten Thorp email kirstenthorp@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz or phone 543 9488 x 216.