

15 March  
2019

Public Office  
Hours 8.15am  
-3.30pm  
Monday-Friday



# GARIN COLLEGE

"Small School, Big Heart..."

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## ...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

Sitting writing this week's newsletter, all I can hear is the sound of heavy rainfall on the roof. It is almost unbelievable after such a long, hot and dry summer to experience the sheer volume of water falling from the sky. The ground is soaking the water up like a massive sponge and almost before our very eyes, we see what appears to be absolutely browned dry grass being revived to sprout in striking green. Maybe this is nature's way of preparing us for St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March!



Our year 11 students have been away on their "Kaitiakitanga" or "Guardianship" Journey at Canaan Downs in the Takaka Hills. In this remote location, our students have the opportunity to explore the outdoors in our beautiful region and to have time to reflect on their lives and pathways. I wish to thank our staff, David Dewhurst, Lindsay Furlong-Taylor, Leanne Reiha, Peter Mellor, Mary Brodie and Mandy Ditzel, who have lead the journey this week, for their commitment and support to our year 11 students. Next week our year 10 students head out on their "Te Haerenga Waka" Journey at Marahau. We wish them every success and an enjoyable week.

Thank you to Amy and Dylan our academic leaders for highlighting and celebrating Pi Day Thursday this week. The day saw our Mathematicians challenging each other to the most Pi digits memorised, puzzles and Quizzes. Congratulations to junior student, Josephine Hills with a staggering 116 digits and to senior student, Hayley McBride with a stunning 61 digits listed under pressure. I am sure the weeks celebration has enriched and deepened our students engagement of the concepts of Pi and mathematics.

We encourage our Parents and Whānau to attend the Netsafe LIVE free event to be held next week on Monday 18 March, 7pm, at Annesbrook Church in Stoke. As our students are spending significant time online, it is important that as parents we teach them how to stay safe when online. As parents we are encouraged to work together to support our young people as they navigate the online world.

*As we reflect and prepare for the Risen Lord this Easter, may our hearts and minds be open to transformation through prayer and meeting the needs of those who suffer in our community.*

*Lord hear us.*

Mā te Atua koe e tiaki - May God be with you  
John Maguire  
Principal

### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### *Nelson Marl Sec School Athletics Champs*

♦ Tom Lloyd	200m	3rd
♦ Logan McCrae	200m	1st
♦ Kane Chilton	High Jump	3rd
♦ Eamon Shellock	200m	1st
	Long jump	1st

#### *NZ South Island Darts Champs*

Nicola Turner - Junior Girls  
Open Ladies Plate Final 3rd

#### *Top of South Special Olympic Swimming*

Helen MacKay retained her title of top female swimmer for the South Island gaining 4 x 1st's  
Alfi Linn x 2 1st's

### CALENDAR

- 9/3 Junior Netball Trials
- 11/3 Year 11 Journey
- 13/3 Tasman SS Athletics
- 18/3 Year 10 Journey
- 21/3 Club Garin AGM
- 24/3 Volleyball Nationals
- 2/4 BOT Meeting
- 10/4 Snr Spanish Trip to Spain
- 13/4 Term 1 Ends
- 29/4 Term 2 Starts
- 9/4 Lvl 3 Bio Trip to Wgtn Zoo
- 1/5 Lvl 2&3 Geo Trip to Wgtn

### Take a Moment:

*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back,*

*Irish Blessing*





# PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS YEARS 9 AND 10

Interviews for Year 9 and 10 students are going to be held on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 April from 3.30-5.30pm. This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress.

Teachers will have a really good perspective on how students are performing and can supply you with some quite specific details of this. You are encouraged to bring your son or daughter along to the interview as it is an important part of reporting on academic progress.

*To make things easier, parents are able to book their interview times online.*

1. The website address is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) for Year 9 & 10
2. The school code for booking on line will be **q8stk**. Bookings will be available from **Thursday 21 March at 9.00am**.
3. Just follow the instructions and you will be emailed confirmation of your times.
4. Where there are no check boxes to tick, the teachers are unavailable for those times.
5. If the teacher's name does not show on the website, that means they are unavailable.

**NB: Bookings are available from Thursday 21 March at 9.00am.**

Bookings close at 3.00pm the day before Parent/Interview evening. If you miss out booking an interview online you can email your son or daughter's teacher to discuss their progress.

**Bookings for interviews on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April will close at 3.00pm on Friday 29 April. Bookings for interviews on Tuesday 2 April will close at 1.30pm on Monday 1 April.**

*If you have any difficulties with bookings please phone the school office.*

**A reminder to check the KAMAR portal, 'Class Efforts' tab which shows student engagement in each subject.**

**NB: INTERVIEWS ARE FOR JUNIORS ONLY**

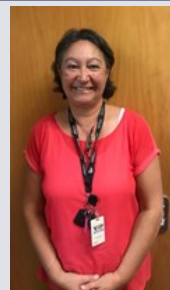
## Health Corner

Kia ora Garin Whanau

Helen Omlo and Sheryl Hockey are the Public Health Nurses for Garin College this year. Their role is to support the school/students around Health concerns. If you have any health issues you would like to discuss or would like support with please give them a call or fill out a referral form. Forms can be filled out with Kate or found at the front desk, which will be emailed to Helen.

Helen works Mon - Thurs and can be contacted on 0272460951 or 543-7907. Sheryl works Wed - Fri and can be contacted on 0272460162.

Any queries email Kate - [katesheldon@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:katesheldon@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) or speak to another member of staff.



## Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

**ASB**  
ONE STEP AHEAD



**CLUB GARIN**

# AGM

The Club Garin AGM will be held on Thursday 21st March at 5:15pm in the School Library.

Important notice from the Archdiocese in Wellington regarding student accounts, please read.

## Message from the Attendance Dues Team



Statements have been sent out in the post to all accounts that have an outstanding balance. If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2019 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz).

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

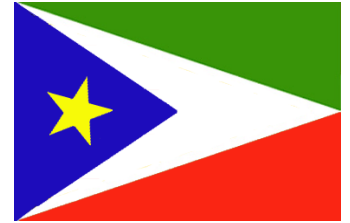
**Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card** - One off payments using your credit card can be made at [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues). If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office.

**Internet Banking Payments** - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you **do not** use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

**Cash** - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon.

**Cheque** - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

Phone: 0800 462 725 Email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz) Text: 021 0890 7902 [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)



15/03/19

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Lent is a time of preparation, for looking and reflecting on oneself and how we are living our lives and responding to the Gospel values as witnessed through Jesus Christ.

Each year we set about to try and raise awareness of social justice concerns through our teaching and learning in Religious Education. The work completed by Caritas also needs financial support and through the work of the Justice and Ministry Team we support this as a College.

**Move it Caritas Challenge–Walk-a-Thon (Slum City Replacement)**

This event will take place on the 30th of March from 8 am - 8 pm at Garin College. This activity is open to staff, parents and students of the College. Students will need to find sponsorship (a minimum of \$20) for Caritas and complete a 'Move it Challenge' for twelve hours to appreciate the experience of people living in developing nations.

Students are welcome to arrive at Garin College from 7:30am and to meet their move it team members. Be advised that whatever students bring in they need to take with them at the end of the event. Parents may need to assist, and are also welcome to the Walk-a-Thon at any time.

Thank you for your understanding and anticipated support. **Please complete the permission slip and return to the school office by Friday the 22nd of March.**

Thank you,

Religious Education Department

(Please detach this section and return with sponsorship money to the office at Garin College)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Whanau Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I, as Parent /Caregiver give permission for my Son/Daughter to attend the **Caritas Move It**. I have read all the information and understand what my son/daughter has to bring and what is expected of my child and the College. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ring the College and update any health information for my child if required. I consent to the person in charge of the event to make decisions surrounding their wellbeing.

Medical Information of your Son/ Daughter:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver)

Parent/Caregiver contact number during event: \_\_\_\_\_