

...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

True loss and grief are the emotions felt within our communities throughout New Zealand, in reaction to the shootings at the Christchurch Mosques.

Within this sadness, it is a joy to witness and experience the compassion, unity, solidarity and hope so richly emerging in response to the events - to support the Muslim community and defend our individual and collective right to be a nation of inclusion and peace. May our hearts and minds be open to transformation through prayer and meeting the needs of those who suffer and who are affected by grief and loss at this time.

Year 10 students this week engaged in their Te Haerenga Waka (Guardianship) Journey at Marahau. Students celebrate the great outdoors and their connectedness as a community of shared faith and spirituality. The journey is a time for our students to slow down, reflect and contemplate their path as students at Garin. I thank our staff, Mr Russell Maxwell, Ms Keryn Kircher, Mr Tony Etchells, Mrs Mandy Ditzel and Ms Vanessa O'Brien for their leadership and support of our students this week.

It was pleasing to welcome and host students from Liangyang Senior High School, Yangjiang China yesterday. This exchange was arranged by the Nelson Branch NZ China Friendship Society. Thank you to students Jade Alborn and Megan Ritchie for their co-ordination and leadership hosting this visit.



This week we welcome Mr Allan Kissell to the college. Allan joins the technology faculty support staff as our Materials Technology workshop technician. Allan is well known in our Nelson and Richmond community for his leadership and service to the community through the Menzshed Waimea. We wish Allan every success for his work in Garin College.

Parent Teacher interviews for year 9 and 10 students are coming up during week 10, 1 April and Tuesday 2 April. I encourage parents and caregivers to access the School Interviews website to book appointments. It is at this time in Term 1 that students are encouraged to reflect on their learning and set goals for the term ahead. It is pleasing to note that our students at all year levels are engaged in learning and that there is a positive energy within classrooms and about the college.

God Bless
Ngā mihi nui
John Maguire, Principal



2019 Twinkle Black Scholarships

Following the wonderfully generous donation to Garin College from **Nancy May Black** (known as Twinkle to most) we congratulate the recipients of the Twinkle Scholarships for 2019.

Special Character - Students who demonstrate their commitment to the Catholic ethos and service at Garin and within the Garin community; Josh Hall, Grace Hall, Katelyn Mills, Megan McCauley, Jasmine Barney

Academic Scholarship - Students who demonstrate outstanding academic potential. Joshua Hobden, Amy Kramer, Madeleine Hall

Sport Scholarship - Students who have had outstanding success as an individual at regional or national level; Sophia Kersten, Harry Pugh, Aston Inwood,

Art & Performing Art Scholarship - Students who demonstrate exceptional potential in their chosen discipline; Isaac Lewis, Amy Clark, Zoe Clark, Zoe Hefferen, Zac Griffith

St Peter Chanel Scholarship - Brendan Hay

Take a Moment:

A nations culture resides in the hearts and the souls of its people.

Mahatma Gandhi





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 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 1st 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

YANGJIANG STUDENT EXCHANGE

Eight friendly Chinese students and two delightful teachers, supported by the Nelson Chinese Friendship Society, visited Garin College on Thursday 21st March for a cultural exchange with our students. Megan Ritchie and Jade Alborn put a lot of thought and time into organizing their activities so the students would have a memorable experience while at Garin. Megan gave a warm welcome to them in the morning assembly, followed by Jade's in fluent Mandarin. At the Powhiri, they experienced a hongi, sang in Chinese and presented our school with a print to show the importance of environmental protection, made by one of their students. They enjoyed joining in a number of classes and communicating with our students. It all left quite an impression and links of friendship that show us that we have much in common.



INTRODUCING GARIN COLLEGE'S NEW SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

Kia ora students and families

My name is Martine McCabe and I have recently taken up the role of Sports Coordinator at the college. I have studied physical education and recreation to post-graduate level and have recently returned to live in New Zealand after a number of years living overseas. I am delighted to have the opportunity to help our students participate in sport and physical activity. I look forward to working with you all and hope you will get in touch if I can help you in anyway.



Health Corner

Kia ora Garin Whanau

Kia ora Whanau

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by the Christchurch Mosque shootings that happened last Friday. Let the love our nation has shown shine through the terror of Friday's shootings. Let the compassion of our country, and generosity that has been shown to be the focus.

Be kind to each other love each other and show aroha to those around you, particularly over these difficult times. As Pope John Paul II said all those years ago - "I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." and "Above all, **love** each other deeply, because **love** covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8:

If anybody would like to speak with a member of the counselling team do not hesitate to drop by. In times of crisis like this it is normal to feel shaken, worried, and impacted.

Kate is away all of week 9 and the first day of week 10. Miriam will be available as usual on Wednesday afternoon and Friday from Period 3. Julia Grigg will be covering mornings Monday - Thursday and available all day Friday.

Kia Kaha Whanau

Any queries email Justine - justinebutler@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz or speak to another member of staff.

YEAR 10 JOURNEY

This week our Year 10 students embarked on their 2019 Journey. Three days spent in the Marehau sun learning about themselves and others. With a theme of whanaungatanga (family connection and team work), the classes banded together to learn taiaha, waka and powhiri tikanga.

In the afternoons the students collected and cooked kaimoana. As evening came, they prepared meals together and reflected on the spiritual ideas behind whanaungatanga - considering their place in the Garin whanau. It has been a wonderful week and our year 10s were positive and bold with the challenges they faced. He waka eke noa!



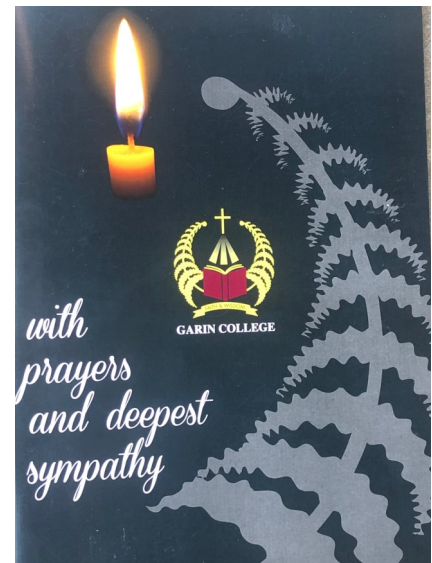
"Faith Facts" Week 8 Term One

The events of last Friday 15th March in Christchurch has been a focus for College this week. We have gathered together in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters to remember the 50 lives that have been lost and the 36 people who are still in hospital. Many of us are at a loss about what to do or what to say and I know that many of you may have already reached out to members of the Muslim community in your neighbourhoods. Your acts of love are already overpowering the hate of this event.

This week we have completed a signed book of condolences which have been sent to both the Masjid Al Noor Mosque & the Masjid Linwood Mosque. We thank the students for their thoughtful comments.

Today, we have joined in Solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters by completing a day of fasting from 8:40 - 3:10pm. This fast focused on both food or digital technology if students were able to. We have collected over \$300 for this event which we will send with our condolence book. At 1:34 pm today, we gathered as a College to celebrate two minutes of silence to remember the victims and their families who are still grieving. Christians and Muslims have shared connection through the belief in one God. We are people of the book and share sacred stories together. The following prayer is offered for unity with our fellow brothers and sisters who have suffered so much.

*Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You.
Great and wonderful are Your works, wondrous are your ways.
Thank You for the many splendored variety of Your creation.
Thank You for the many ways we affirm Your presence and purpose,
and the freedom to do so.
Forgive our violation of Your creation.
Forgive our violence toward each other.
We stand in awe and gratitude for Your persistent love
for each and all of Your children:
Christian & Muslim,
as well as those with other faiths.
Grant to all and our leaders attributes of the strong;
mutual respect in words and deed,
restraint in the exercise of power, and
the will for peace with justice, for all.
Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You.
Amen.*

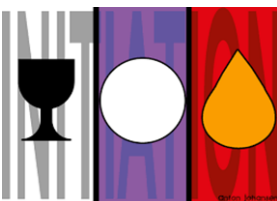


SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME AT GARIN COLLEGE FOR 2019

The Catholic Faith is the inspiring light for our school, giving purpose and meaning to our lives as we strive to live by faith and bring God's light to the world.

Our next Sacramental Programme preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation will begin early in Term 2. Candidates work through a school-based programme during lunchtimes in terms two and three. Our whole School Community is encouraged to pray for the students as they complete the programme. This is a rewarding and deeply spiritual experience designed to give all those involved a closer relationship to God and a deeper understanding of our faith.

Please contact the Director of Religious Studies, Jeremy Cumming if you would like to register OR for more information jeremycumming@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

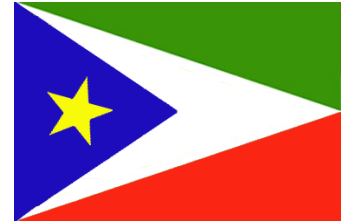


SENIOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS

Below is an outline of the NCEA Religious Education Assessments which are taking place over Week 9 - Week 11.



Year Level	Due Date & Assessment
Year 11	AS 90818 assignment released on 28/3 and due on the 10/4
Year 12	AS 90822 assignment released on 28/3 and due on the 10/4
Year 13	AS 90825 assignment released on 28/3 and due on the 10/4



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: _____