

GARIN COLLEGE

"Small School, Big Heart..."

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...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

This week all whānau classes along with teachers, staff, parents and parishioners gathered and shared in prayer, reflection and song at our Ash Wednesday service celebrated in the College gym. The receiving of ashes on our forehead begins for all the lenten season of penance, reflection, and fasting preparing us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



*Lord, help us to walk with you toward peace and grace in this holy time of Lent.
Amen*

On Friday last week a number of our teachers travelled to St Mary's Parish Church in Blenheim to celebrate the opening of the school year for the Top of the South Catholic schools. Cardinal John Dew co-celebrated the Commissioning Mass with priests from throughout the diocese and our school chaplain Fr Bill Warwick. The gathering of principals, priests, teachers and staff from all schools is an incredibly powerful moment, when one considers the community of faith we have established and the unity and purpose that exists amongst us. Cardinal John Dew in his letter to Garin College reminds us of our mission as educators in Catholic schools; to be people centered in Christ, to be people of hope, where we grow to be a community of people who "walk the way of Christ, live the life of Christ, and tell the truth of Christ"



Photo by Jonty Perrett

NCEA Parent evening this week was a resounding success with many parents and whanau attending to learn and develop knowledge and understanding of NCEA. Thank you to all who attended.

This week we say a brief farewell to Mrs Kaylene Teariki our Gateway, Trades and Pathway Teacher and Coordinator. Kaylene will be away on maternity leave and will return later in the year. We wish Kaylene well for the birth of her child, send our love and support to Kaylene and her whānau at this special time.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Pip Challenger who has been appointed to fill the position of Gateway, Trades and Pathway Teacher and Coordinator during Kaylene's leave.

I wish to announce that we have appointed our new Sports Coordinator for Garin College. I congratulate Martine McCabe on her appointment to this significant role in the College. I am confident that through Martine's extensive knowledge of and experience in sport, recreation and administration, we will be well served in maintaining and growing student participation, engagement and success in sport. We look forward to welcoming Martine to the College in the next week.

I wish you a restful and peaceful weekend.
Mā te Atua koe e tiaki - May God be with you
John Maguire
Principal



Medical Information Important Message

We are currently experiencing a high number of students off with a gastro virus. Please if your child/student is feeling unwell or has been sick – best practice is to keep them home 48 hours after the last incident.

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:

"Lent is a favourable time for showing concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family."

Pope Francis



"Faith Facts" Week 6 Term One

MARCH FOCUS - STEWARDSHIP : CARE FOR GODS CREATION



For the month of March Garin College staff and students are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship: Care for God's Creation. The meaning of this Principle is: **We have a responsibility to care for the gifts God has given us. This includes the environment, our personal talents and other resources.**

For this newsletter, we will apply this Catholic Social Teaching Principle to the context of our Pacific brothers and sisters of Kiribati. Due to rising ocean levels and the low lying nature of the island, it is predicted that by 2050 they will be the first refugees of rising ocean levels. Caritas Aotearoa has identified the following areas that are at critical point in the Pacific that need addressing if we are to ensure the environment is cared for future generations.

- Impact of severe weather-related emergencies
- Coastal erosion and rising sea levels
- Access to food and safe drinking water

Climate financing for Oceania's developing nations - to support both minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and adaptation to climate change.

To find out more about Kiribati and the struggle they have [please click here](#)



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AT GARIN COLLEGE



We celebrated the beginning of our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday Service. Father Seph led our celebration and shared with us the purpose of Lent, to come together as the Body of Christ and build on our relationship with God. Lent, for 2019 in Aotearoa has a focus towards our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and their current environment which is struggling with conflict and war. Ash Wednesday is an important time to come together as a

faith community and support each other as we journey together towards Easter. Special thank you to the students who led this celebration through their reading, singing and organisation.



"Faith Facts" cont'd

YEAR 13 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



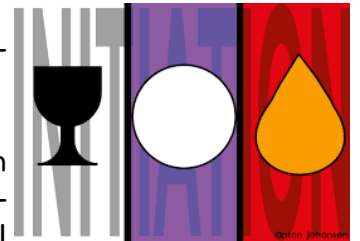
Year 13 students are currently exploring different religious groups present within Aotearoa. We are analysing Buddhism within Aotearoa and the growth of mindfulness and meditation through classrooms across the country. This week Keith Rowan from the Nelson Buddhist Centre met with us and discussed the questions we had and provided insight into his spirituality and faith journey. As we continue our learning we look forward to investigating other religions and finding more about what draws people to faith.



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

DEBATING AT GARIN COLLEGE

On Saturday 23rd February five Garin teams and a Nayland/Garin composite team attended the Kahurangi-Marlborough Regional Debating Tournament at Nelson College for Girls. It was their first time debating for many of the students and although some were nervous we soon got into the swing of things and it became more enjoyable as the day went on.

We learnt a lot (quickly) about how to debate and our skills improved as the day went on.

The senior final between Garin (Theo Gabites, Jade Alborn, Megan Ritchie), and Nayland was exciting and very close, with Garin negating "This house would prefer a world where nobody is able to lie". Garin narrowly missed the win.

The Garin/ Nayland composite team that included Jesse Sherlock won their junior final debate over Nelson College, affirming "This house regrets the rise of solely online relationships".

Antony Lam gained the award for the speaker with the best style and Jade Alborn and Megan Ritchie received highly commended certificates for their outstanding performance. Theo Gabites was selected for the Kahurangi/Marlborough Regional Debating Team, for the second year running, to compete against the other regions in the National Competition later this year.

It was a long day and we would like to thank everyone who came to support us on the day.



Kia ora Garin Whanau

*He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!*

Caitlin and Levi are our health and wellbeing leaders this year. They liaise with the health team, promoting health and wellbeing within the school. They are the student voice and a valuable part of the school wellbeing system.

The Garin health team are always interested in hearing fresh ideas, feedback, answering any questions, and connecting with whanau and the wider community. Please never hesitate to call me or drop by my office and say hello.



Club Garin AGM

CLUB GARIN

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

Dove Catholic Fellowship



for Women is meeting on **Saturday 9 March at 2pm**. We are thrilled to have **Shona Williams** as our speaker this month.

Shona is the new National President of Dove and has been involved in Dove for a number of years. Come along and join us for Praise, Worship, prayer and fellowship.

We meet in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Mary 03 5410770. For more information. www.dove.org.nz

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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.

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. 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.

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