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"Small School, Big Heart..."

GARIN COLLEGE

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...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Kia ora tatou ngā whānau,

Te Wairua o nga Mahi Toi, is now launched for 2019! To the theme: "CIRCUS". Student creativity will be inspired through the topics of Matariki and Psalm 19:2: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the skies announce what his hands

have made. Day after day they tell the story. Night after night they tell it again."

Thank you to St Joseph's Primary School, our parents and community for joining us in our wonderful celebration. Over the weeks to come students will be planning and preparing their house singing, dance, speech, drama, comedy, poetry, solo music and group performances, art, photography, film, baking, wearable arts and so much more. We look forward to the whole school events in week eight and "Mahi Toi Showcase Concert" on Friday 21 June. This is an exciting time of year in the College as students celebrate and share their giftedness in "The Spirit of the Arts".



We value the opportunity to partner with our students, parents and caregivers to ensure student learning, progress and engagement is maximised. A key aspect to this partnership is our communication through reporting. This week we launch 'live reporting' via the Kamar Parent Portal. Parents of students in years 11, 12 and 13 have this week been sent an email that explains live reporting and how these reports can be accessed through the Parent Online Portal. Later in the term we will be making live reporting available to the parents of our Year 9 and 10 students. We look forward to our senior parent interviews Monday and Tuesday evening this coming week.

We launched our school wide Reading Challenge two weeks ago. Students and staff are engaged in extensive reading. The competition for House points is warming up as the records build for the most pages read. We look forward to the competition and challenges of Geek Week next week along with our book character dress up day on Thursday. Thank you to our librarian Mrs Ditzel, our student librarians, Academic Leaders and House Captains for leading and promoting this event throughout the College.

Best wishes to all students for their 'Workday' on Friday 31 May next week. Thank you to our families and workplaces for your support in coordinating this work and fundraising for the students. Money raised through Workday supports the four children we sponsor through Childfund NZ; 17 year old Emmanuel from Zambia, 16 year old Michael from Kenya, 9 year old Vi Thi Hong Lieu from Vietnam and 15 year old Theepa from Sri Lanka. We pray for these children, that the support provided will nurture and keep them. Students have been invited to complete a survey to identify improvements or enhancements that may be purchased with the student Workday money to add to their school environment.

I wish to remind all parents and caregivers that teachers at our school will be taking strike action next Wednesday 29 May 2019 as part of nationally approved industrial action. If this is difficult for you, we can still supervise a small number of students if required. Please contact the

office or send a note by Monday 27 May to indicate if your student will need this
Ngā mihi nui,
God Bless
John Maguire
Principal

CALENDAR

24 May	Final Rockquest
27/28 May	Snr Student Parent/Teacher Interviews
30 May	Dress Up Day
31 May	Work Day
3 June	Queens Birthday (School closed)
10 June	Matariki Celebrations
12 June	Queen Charlotte Sports Exchange
19-21 June	Mahi Toi

Reminder: Senior Parent Teacher Interviews
Interviews for Years 11, 12 and 13 students are being held on Monday 27 May and Tuesday 28 May starting at 3.30pm.

Take a Moment: Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment

Mahatma Gandhi



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP—WELLINGTON

On the Wednesday the 1st of May, unspeakably early, even before the teachers arrive at school, 25 Geographers left Richmond on their adventure to Wellington. After a bit of a false start on both the bus and the ferry, some students found themselves spending the majority of the ferry crossing doing Mr Kersten's infamous multitude of Maths homework. This was while the other stress free students enjoyed watching Tama attempt to show off his charades skills.

We arrived at Hotel Waterloo excited to finally get into our rooms and settle down, and to meet up with the Year 13s that had been on the BIO3 trip - taking our group up to almost 40! When we got in our rooms we were surprised to see that our rooms were bigger than expected, with more of us in them than we had bargained for. Our room had eight of us in bunk beds! This might have first seemed like a bit of a shock but meant that we were able to hang out together for longer and connect better with people we might not have necessarily hung out with in the school.

Within half an hour of being in Wellington we were assigned with our first task, "The [not so] Amazing Race". We split into teams and frantically ran around the streets of Wellington and the shoreline. It was the first of a full-on few days of activities and also the start of a fair amount of banter between us and also joined in with by the teachers - "Hey Asterix, what's that up there?"

The data collecting for both year groups was the main focus during the daytime. Year 12's focused on processes changing the waterfront and the Year 13's had their own topics they were investigating.

Despite some of us doing our best to try and get out of our comfort zone and try to ask strangers questions about their usage of the waterfront, some of the group showed they maybe aren't as confident as they like to think. Some of us found it too much and were too scared to talk to an old lady drinking a cup of tea on the waterfront. This was not the case for all of us. Some of us were so excited to ask people questions and into getting as much information for our internal as possible that we ended up running alongside with a marathon runner just to get another response. This ended up not only being a good laugh for us but entertaining the teachers as well.

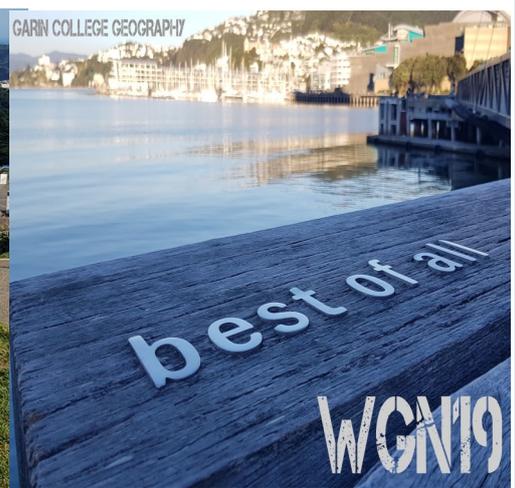
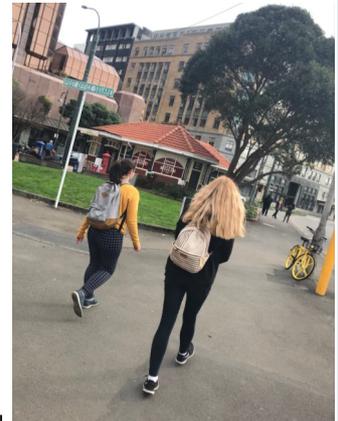
The teachers highlights apparently included teaching Ms Butler the difference between a banana and a moon in a *way-too-loud-for-the-common-room* game of 'Spot It!' and the all too common to be coincidental happenings upon former Garin Geographers (and a few unlucky others) as we wandered the city.

When leaving, we found ourselves once again waiting for the trip jester to show up for our scheduled departure. After a quick plan to prank him and hide an entire group of geographers he eventually showed up with a fresh hairstyle and covered in hair clippings. What a time to choose to get a trim!

In our spare time we went for a walk up Mt Victoria and once at the top were able to read about the history of the land and how it changed as well as being able to enjoy the great views of the Wellington region and a few good conversations with other tourists on the hill. After stopping for a quick selfie we began to make our way down the hill but it was not long after joking about having to turn around and

go back up the hill that Mr Bucknall explained that we might be a little lost. Fortunately for the Geography team they had me to guide them down the track and to freedom.

As well as having a laugh and loads of fun we also managed to gain a lot of very useful information that has proven to be very helpful in the writing of our assessment. The trip has given us many great opportunities to further our knowledge and learn and get a head start on a topic for some year thirteen work. Thanks to the amazing teachers who were willing to give up their week to look after a bunch of rowdy students. A big thanks to them for making it all possible, everyone had such a great time and I know that the year 12's can't wait to do it all over again next year.



Auckland Writers Festival

(This trip appreciates
the support of Club Garin)



Ten students and two teachers were lucky enough to attend 2019's Writer's Festival in Auckland. This was an amazing opportunity to meet international authors from around the world, and learn handy techniques to further their writing. Half the group caught a flight in the evening, but due to some unforeseen setbacks, the second half flew to Auckland in the early morning. The two days were filled with workshops and talks, readings and people, and it was a great chance to meet new friends and experience new things with their literature. Some of the authors the group went to see were Renee Watson, Val Emmich, Marcus Zusak (pictured), and Eileen Merriman. Students from Garin even purchased their own copies of books that were displayed and everyone went home with a notebook, and poem book, a poster, and a head full of new ideas. The students even took the chance to push their comfort zones - some even went up the sky tower! Others went shopping, and even the art gallery was visited. The trip was overall an awesome way to connect and learn from others and encounter different circumstances. *By Josephine Hills*



Our trip to Auckland was a great experience in more than one way. We had the great opportunity of meeting our favourite authors, and we got to speak with them and learn how to make our own writing just a little bit better using their techniques. The workshops included methods for writing poems, short stories, and novels - all of which we got to try out and share with the rest of our classes. We also got to explore Auckland itself and step outside of our comfort zones. The accommodation was fantastic! We had a lot of trouble getting up and down the elevators but altogether it was great. There was a pool table and a table tennis table for us to play around with. Just below the hostel there was a Thai restaurant

that we ate dinner at, that was *AMAZING!* All up, the trip was fantastic. And I recommend that anyone who gets the opportunity to go should go, it's an amazing experience. *By Serene Newcombe*

Last week 10 students, Josephine Hills, Katie Herd, Reuben Scragg, Dominic Muirhead, Serene Newcomb, Jack McCauley, Katie Mills, Nicole Alexander, Mia Ferretti and two teachers, Mrs Ditzel and Mrs Maguire, were lucky enough to go up to Auckland for the Auckland Writers Festival for two days and two nights. It was a very eventful three days, as it begun with separated group flights, sudden cancelled ones and an extremely glorious put together flight at 6 in the morning, just reaching Auckland in time for the first day.

There was no doubt, it was an amazing trip to be a part of. We listened to many great authors who gave helpful and expressive presentations that were both fun and interesting, like Renee Watson (pictured).

We were allowed to do two workshops, one each day. The workshops were creative and helpful and we learned many tips and tricks from experienced writers who willingly gave us useful advice to help us in our writing.

Personally, this trip was a really incredible thing to be a part of, it was really inspiring thing to go to and see and I think it's really bettered me in my writing. Mrs Ditzel did so well planning it and everyone had a really great time.

By Katie Herd





Des Hunt– Author visits Garin College

This week we were visited by NZ author Des Hunt, who has written more than 20 books for young people. His books are “Kiwi books for kiwi kids” and usually have a strong conservation theme, as well as being darn good adventure reads! His latest story “To Trap a Thief” is set here in the top of the South.

Des used science to demonstrate to the Year 9 & 10 students how to write a gripping story, and he certainly had the students spellbound. His illustrations really made an

impact, and we look forward to seeing the students using what they learned from Des. This visit was made possible with the support of the NZ Book Council.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Tim Fahey and Brooklyn Scott were runner up in the duo section and have been nominated to record their song and submit it for the national original song selection.

Caitlyn Smith also performed well in her solo section.

There were two other bands entered at the Annesbrook Convention Centre. Although they did not place in the top 10 they were very good and we will get to hear them play at school assembly.

Senior members: Holly Foster, Janet Talamaivao, Hamish Thompson, Aston Inwood and Ben Etchells.

Junior Band: Jackson Hope, York Tait, Maddie Hall, Jonte Elly, Scarlett Mathews and Rosa Babbington.

Also, last week we had seven students perform at the Songs for Tomorrow concert at the NCMA in Nelson. This was a showcase of students invited from Secondary schools in the district to perform their original compositions or perform music in groups.



Students involved were Tim Fahey, Theo Parker, Zac Griffith, Theo Gabites who performed their group set of country blue-grass.

Caitlyn Smith performed her own solo song composition and got to play on the beautiful Steinway Grand piano. Brooklyn Scott and Tim performed their original song that is to be put forward for judging in the national competition for SmokeFree Rockquest.



"Faith Facts" Week 4 Term Two

THEME FOR MAY: SOLIDARITY

This week we have been reflecting on Sunday's Gospel reading where Christ challenges us to "Love one another, as I have loved you". This links to our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity for our month of May.

The meaning of the Principle of Solidarity is to recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good. In our connected humanity, we are invited to build relationships - whakawhānauatanga - to understand what life is like for others who are different from us.

John describes these few moments in clear detail. We can see that Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen. He knew about Judas and Peter, but he did not change the situation, nor did he stop loving them. Jesus loves us unconditionally and will forgive us whenever we ask for it. Judas couldn't understand this. Peter understood, and despite his shortcomings, his life ended triumphantly because he never let go of his faith in the one who loved him. The message of Jesus to love others was not a new commandment (see Leviticus 19:18), but to love others as much as Christ loved others was revolutionary. We are called to love others based on Jesus' sacrificial love for us. Jesus was a living example of God's love, as we are to be living examples of Jesus' love.

Love is more than simply warm feelings. It is an attitude that reveals itself in action. How can we love others as Jesus loves us? By helping when it is not convenient, by giving and devoting energy to others. This kind of loving is hard to do. That is why people notice you when you do it. 1 Corinthians 13 summarises the concept of love that supports our Gospel reading for this week. I encourage you to pray and reflect on it.



May Focus: Solidarity John 13:31 - 34

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 1 CORINTHIANS 13



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

GARIN COLLEGE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

Garin College would like to warmly welcome your son/daughter into our Catholic Whānau through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation.

By completing these sacraments you will be joined to a joy filled and life-giving community, not only at this school, but across New Zealand. Globally there are 1.3 billion of us, and throughout the 2000 year history of the Church, goodness knows how many individuals have found meaning and connection through this Holy family.

Sacramental classes and activities will be offered during school hours during Terms Two and Three. Parental support is important, and your guardians will be guided to discuss the journey to faith with you, and will be invited to celebrate your official welcoming into the Church. The Sacramental ceremony will be held when you are ready, and Garin College teachers and the Our Lady of the Bays Parish will see you through the other Sacraments of Initiation. We will walk alongside you, and with the support of your own family, we would love you to become a fully initiated part of our Holy Family.

If you would like to participate in this programme, please email our Director of Religious Studies, Jeremy Cumming jeremycumming@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz



DRESS UP DAY

Thursday 30 May – your help please!

As part of our Geek Week celebrations, next Thurs is our Dress Up Day, where staff & students can dress up as a book, tv or movie character, for a \$2 donation, which will be sent to help Nukutere College, in the Cook Islands, build up its library.

Would you please ensure that your student takes note of two things:

- this is NOT a general mufti day – students are expected to come in uniform if they are not in theme (book, tv or movie character).
- A \$2 donation is required on the day.

Nukutere College is the only Catholic college in the idyllic Cook Islands, and has a roll of 155 year 7 to 11 students, many of whom come from the outer islands. Students sit New Zealand NCEA examinations, and these photos show the size and range of their library.

Garin College Library started partnering with Nukutere College's library last year, sending them the money we raise from our annual Geek Week Dress Up day, and the proceeds from our book sale which is also held during Geek Week, during which we sell our older, unread books for \$1 per book.

Last year we were able to send them \$640 to spend on books, and we would like to top that this year!



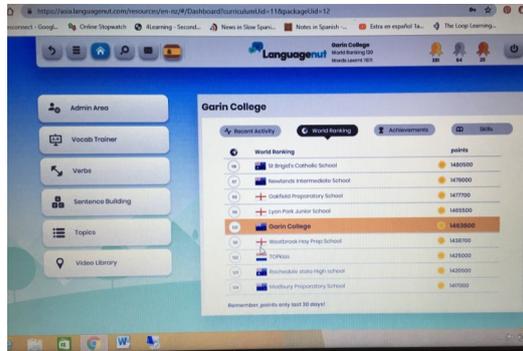
NEWS FROM THE LANGUAGE FACULTY

The Language Faculty is proud to announce that Garin College has been accepted to take part in the Ministry of Education's pilot scheme using an exciting new languages programme called Languagenut.

All students in years 9 to 13 who are currently studying a language at Garin or are enrolled in ESOL classes will be able to use this programme to enhance their language learning. It will be used in class and at home and whānau are invited to ask their student about it's use or indeed have a go at using the programme themselves to learn up to 27 languages including Māori and Pasifika languages.

Languagenut.com

By Judith Davies



CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGIES:

Show Quest

In our rush to say our congratulations to the Show quest team last week we inadvertently forgot to say a HUGE thank you to our very talented Choreographers Zara Fox, Gracie Hardcastle and Nigella Ching who worked tirelessly and patiently with the dance team to put together the amazing performance that got Garin to its 1st place. We would also like to acknowledge the Hair and Makeup Team for their creative work and especially those who doubled as dancers behind the Crystals on the stage. This truly was a team effort.

Spanish Trip to Spain

The recent article on the Garin Spanish Trip reported that Max Stackhouse wrote a memoir – in fact it was Max Francis – apologies Max.

Careers and Pathways IMPORTANT DATES

- * Nelson Industry and Trades Expo - Open to all Y11-13 students and family from the Region, 4-6.30 pm Tuesday 28 May 2019. [Register](#)
- * NMIT "Degree on your doorstep" - Wed 29 May 4-6pm Nelson Campus Hardy Street
- * Massey University Information Night - Wed 29 May Suter Art Gallery, 4.30-6.30pm [Register online](#)
- * University of Canterbury Information Night - Thurs 6 June Rutherford Hotel, Nelson 6pm [Register Online](#)
- [Victoria University](#) of Wellington Information Night - Wed 12 June, Rutherford Hotel Nelson, 6pm
- NMIT Information Evening - Wed 26 June 3-6pm Nelson campus Hardy Street.

Scholarships for 2020 University study open soon!

Visit <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html> for a comprehensive list of scholarships for Year 13 students and tips for success.

Halls of Residence applications

The Careers team will run a Year 13 seminar on Friday 28 June, p2 on applying to Halls/Scholarships.

Health Corner

Kia ora Garin Whānau

It was great to see everybody taking part in pink shirt day last week, such a great cause. The staff had a pink morning tea and raised money for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

How beautiful is it to see us as a school standing up for what matters in our community.

Connection and Community are such an important part of being happy and healthy.

Our social and whānau health play an essential part in our overall wellbeing. Sometimes it can be helpful when you are feeling out of whack to check out the following areas and see how you sit. They are all SO important, and come together to maintain balance and happiness in our lives.

Social, whānau, physical, mental/emotional, spiritual. How are they looking for you? Where could you improve?

It is important to give time to our hauora, and practice self-care that looks after each aspect.

How will you do this, this week?

Have a great week, Kate the Counsellor