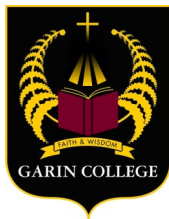


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GARIN COLLEGE

"Small School, Big Heart..."

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...message from our Principal, John Maguire



Kia ora tatou ngā whānau,

I write to you just a day and a half into our celebration of *Te Wairua o ngā Mahi Toi*, it is abundantly clear, **The Spirit of the Arts** is alive and well at Garin! It is with huge admiration and respect that I reflect on the energy, talent and creativity displayed by our students throughout the three days of Mahi Toi. The students have been absolutely amazing, the shared joy, fun and excitement reminds us that we are truly blessed to share in the peace and beauty that exists in our wonderful college. We look forward in anticipation of what is still to come on Friday and in our Showcase Concert on Friday evening.

The spirit in which our students have entered Mahi Toi, has been lead with enthusiasm, focus and talent by our Arts Leaders, Jade Alborn and Theo Gabites. Having shaped the celebration around the theme of "The Circus" Jade and Theo have teamed up their leadership with Mrs Sarah Pumphrey, our Arts Coordinator, Head of Arts Faculty Sharlene Belcher, our Art and Performance Art teachers, and many more staff. Our students look up to and take inspiration from you all and again you have raised the bar. The array of events available to students to enter is simply remarkable; Art, photography, film, speech, performance music, dance, theatre sports, cake decorating, and wearable arts. A range of workshops are also offered, tie dyeing, taiaha and waka paddle making, calligraphy, anamorphic art, and digital technology were on offer and provided by our teaching staff. Thank you everyone for all you have given to this unique event within the College.

Today as I enjoyed the entertainment, I was hearing Yr 9 students already saying, "I wish I entered more," or "next year, I am going to do that as well." Hearing St Joseph's and St Paul's students saying what they will do when they come to Garin College, and St Joseph's also sharing their talent with their polished Kapa Haka performance on the big stage. The wairua of the experience of Mahi Toi continues to grow.

Whilst I have talked about participation, I would also like to acknowledge the students for the manner in which they uphold our school values. The audience support they provide each other is impressive. You have been generous; offered each other encouragement, praise and confidence in acknowledging the contributions of all. This inclusion is key to our school culture and something that each and everyone of you can be very proud.

I look forward to our parents and families joining us tonight in the 'transformed School Gym' to celebrate our Mahi Toi Showcase evening.

I remind you all that enrolments for 2019 are open. We have our Parent Information Evening in our school library on Wednesday 24 July and our Open Day on Wednesday 31st July. If you have family or friends considering secondary schooling for their children, please encourage them to contact our school office for inquiry and an application pack.

Last of all, I remind all parents of the PPTA Paid Union Meeting to be held next Tuesday afternoon. MOE / Waimea College buses will leave at 12.30pm so Garin buses connecting with Waimea College will leave at 12.20pm. The Garin Express will leave at 12.25pm.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
God Bless

John Maguire
Principal

Mahi Toi's theme this year was 'The Circus' and this clearly was visible in the cake creations this year. A full report and photos of Mahi Toi 2019 will be in next week's Newsletter



Take a Moment:

"Faith Facts" Week 8 Term Two

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

"THEY ALL ATE AND WERE FILLED"

This Sunday's Gospel focuses on the Kingdom of God and was a focal point of Jesus' teaching. Jesus explained that it was not just a future kingdom. It was among them, embodied in them, through the Messiah. The Kingdom of God begins in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus. It is as present with us today as it was with those Judeans over 2,000 years ago.

An interesting aspect of the Gospel is when the disciples expressed concern about where the crowds of thousands would eat! Jesus offered a surprising solution - "You give them something to eat." The disciples protested, focusing their attention on what they didn't have (food and money). This is an important reflection moment for us and our lives. Do you think God would ask you to do something that you and God together could not handle? Sometimes, due to the busyness of our lives we forget to remind ourselves of this.

Finally, you may be wondering why did Jesus bother to feed these people? He could just as easily have sent them on their way! However, Jesus does not ignore needs. He is concerned with every aspect of our lives - the physical as well as the spiritual. As we work to bring wholeness to people's lives, we must never ignore the fact that all of us have both physical and spiritual needs. It is impossible to minister effectively to one type of need without considering the other.



PARISH/COLLEGE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



During Term Three Year 13 Garin College students will be analysing the response of the Catholic Church to a range of Ethical issues such as Pornography, Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Euthanasia. The programme runs from September - November and will involve guest speakers and experts of these particular issues. We are opening up our classrooms for Parishioners to learn alongside the young people of our College. You will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions as well as learning about how and why the Church responds to these current challenges. The Garin College Religious Education Faculty view a Parish/ College partnership as being imperative to the development of our young people in faith. The classes operate during the day (Monday - Friday). If you are interested in this opportunity please email Jeremy at

jeremycumming@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Garin College Year 12 students are focused on putting the Catholic Social Teaching Principles into action by creating a social action to help those in need. They have established a winter clothing drive (jackets, beanies, scarves, gloves, blankets) at the College and would appreciate your support! Please drop off any donations to the Garin College Office. All donations will be handed on to our support organisation, St Vincent de Paul.



From the Sports Desk.....

Darts:

Congratulations to Nicola Turner who won the Ladies Singles title in the Sun City Darts Club Singles Championship held last weekend. Well done Nicola!

Rugby:

The Marist/Garin U15 rugby team will play a home game against Nayland U15 this Saturday, 22 June. If you'd like to come along and support the Marist/Garin team, kick-off is at 10:00am at the Garin College rugby field. It would be great to see you there.

Tasman Secondary School Championships:

The final event of the Term Two TSS Championships calendar, Table Tennis, will be held next Thursday 27 June at Saxton Stadium. Nine students will represent Garin College. We wish them all the best for the day.

Health Corner

Kia ora from the Garin Health Team

What a wonderful and busy week it has been here at Garin! Tonight we have the Mahi Toi concert! A show case of the wonderful work the students have been doing this week, celebrating arts and culture. There is so much talent in our school!

Did you know that engaging in the arts can help anxiety and depression? 'An evaluation revealed a 71% decrease in feelings of anxiety and a 73% fall in depression; 76% of participants said their wellbeing increased and 69% felt more socially included. Here is the original article if you want to read more!

<https://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2017/oct/11/contribution-arts-make-health-wellbeing>

Kate Sheldon

Garin College Guidance Counsellor

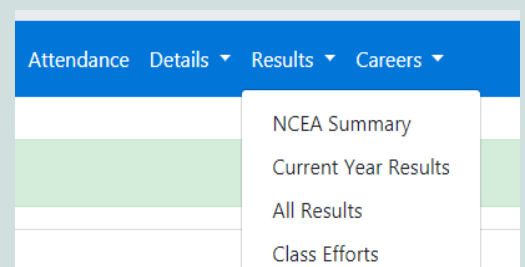
Have a lovely weekend and good luck to everyone tonight, it will be a great night!

KAMAR PORTAL - REPORT COMMENTS

Parents please keep checking for report comments on the Kamar portal. Seniors are available, juniors will be from week 10.

The information about how to find on the portal :

- Once logged in to the Portal, from the menu bar, choose **Results**, then **Current Year Results** as shown
- You will find results, progress grades and comments for each subject in this section.
- The Te Aho report - our fortnightly student engagement report - will continue to be available through the Kamar Parent Portal. This is found under the Class Efforts tab as seen above



Containers required

The Ministry of Inspiration is in desperate need of small M&M's containers (empty)! Your assistance would be appreciated.

They can be dropped off at the school office.



Ex Saint Paul's Students Can you help??

Saint Paul's Winter Fleece's Required.

If you were a Saint Paul's family and still have some old uniform items at home, Saint Paul's would love to see these. All aspects of uniform would be gratefully accepted but fleeces are most desperately required. Please deliver to the Saint Paul's school office if you can help.