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From our Principal, John Maguire

Kia ora tatou ngā whānau,

oipoia te kakano

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, this week Ngā Amorangi, Rahania McDonald and Christian Andrew lead the college in celebrating Māori Language Week. Kia Kaha te Reo Māori set the theme for the week, with a range of activities organised to encourage the speaking of



Te Reo throughout the college. Students spoke Mihi and and challenged each other to speak the longest place

name in the world; "Taumata whakatangi hangakoauau o tamatea turi pukakapikimaunga horo nuku pokai whenua kitanatahu," students and staff also competed in Māori traditional games and Māori flax weaving. We look forward to our continued learning and use of Te Reo in our daily speak within the College.

Ko tōu reo, Ko tōku reo, Te tuakiri tangata, Tīhei uriuri Tīhei nakonako Your voice, my voice. It is an expression of identity, Behold the message and the messenger.

This week we celebrated our annual Sports Evening. With students from all codes seated with their teammates alongside their coaches and managers the stage was set for a true celebration. We enjoyed the company of parents and staff who were there to celebrate the success and participation of all students in sport. Our keynote speaker for the evening, New Zealand multi sport athlete Mr Richard Ussher shared his journey in sport from training for and representing NZ at the 1998 Winter Olympics to his successes in the NZ Coast to Coast. An outstanding feature of the evening was the large number of students who have been selected in representative sport at a local, regional and national level, this is a true reflection of each student's dedication and commitment to their sport. I thank all our coaches, managers, parents, teachers and staff who have supported our students throughout the year and particularly our Sport Coordinator Mrs Martine McCabe for her leadership in providing sport opportunities for our students. Tele Likiliki and Zac Lackner have been dedicated sport leaders throughout the year and are commended for this outstanding organisation and presentation of the evening.

With great excitement and anticipation our students, staff and many parents welcomed the landing of the Royal New Zealand Navy Super Seasprite Helicopter on our football field on Thursday. The visit was a great opportunity for our students to experience the landing and to learn more about the opportunities offered through careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force. It was great to learn that Garin College out of all the high schools in the top of the South Island has the greatest number of graduate students entering the regular forces during 2019.



As we head into senior exams next week, I commend our students for their commitment to their preparation for their exams. I remind them of the importance of balance between study, exams, breaks, healthy food and water and good sleep. Let those digital devices be turned off an hour before sleep and

allow themselves the best opportunities for success in the exams.

I wish our four candidates well as they stand in the Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees election. We thank them for demonstrating their willingness to lead and to serve the students of Garin College. All students are encouraged to vote, we look forward to the announcement of the duly elected candidate 26 September.

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

CALENDAR:

20/9	Student BOT Rep voting closes
16/9-20/9	Year 11-13 exams
23/9	Year 12 Journey
26/9	Student BOT Rep announced
27/9	End of Term 3
14/10	Start of Term 4
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2019 GARIN EXAMS: 16 to 20 September

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You will shortly be receiving your "statement of entry" for the examinations. This must be kept in a safe place and brought to all final (end of year) examinations. Please also inform Mrs Ditchfield of any errors on your NSN cards. If you do not have your NSN card collect it from S2 at lunchtime on Monday 2 September. You do not bring any card or entry document to practice exams.

"Faith Facts" Week 8 - Term Three

Social Justice Week Prayer for Aroha

E te Atua o te aroha, God of love, I have caused others to be sad at times when I've treated people badly just because they are different. Forgive my words and actions. Help me to be more like Jesus. I want to bring a smile, caring words, and helping hands. Help me to be fair to all and to share your love. Amen.

Social Justice Week 2019

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During Social Justice Week this year (September 11-18), we are invited to join our Catholic Colleges throughout Aotearoa to focus on the **issue of fairness**. In our world, which is tainted by unfairness, we are challenged to open our eyes to what is not just, and to be inspired to be instruments that will bring fairness and justice in our homes, schools, communities and the wider world.



As part of this week we have had the following events for our community:



Guest Speaker: Margaret O'Connor

Margaret woks for St Vincent de Paul and is an active supporter of Social Justice in our community. She spoke to our students about her work in supporting two Syrian Refugees acclimatise to Aotearoa. Margaret discussed the journey it took to get to Aotearoa for family and the difficulties they face. We were left with a sense that we are called to support all people coming to Aotearoa from nations that are struggling with violence and war.

Can Trail: House Challenge

On Friday during Whanau time students completed a Can Trail around their House name with donated food. Students were called to think about the Poor & Vulnerable in our community & recognise the dignity of all of our brothers & sisters who are made in God's image.



Justice & Ministry Team on Instagram



Instagram



The Garin College Justice & Ministry team have started an Instagram page so you can keep up with their latest initiatives and events. To find our account and to follow <u>click here</u>

"Faith Facts" Week 8 - Term Three cont...

Can Drive at Garin College Weeks 6 - 10

By Vanessa Kouhestani & Shona Gladstone

Our school is running a food drive where we collect any non-perishable items. The items donated don't have to be food, they can be items like toilet paper and toothbrushes etc. These items will then be donated to St Vincent de Paul to be distributed into the community to the people who need it. The food drive is a great way for Garin College to show some of their values, such as Generosity and Aroha and the people who receive this food will greatly appreciate it. The food drive also has a house competition aspect as there are house points up for grabs for the house that donates the most items, this competition will hopefully motivate the students to bring in as many items as they can. As this runs until the end of term students are encouraged to bring in a couple of items each week rather than just one item.



It is a simple but powerful act to give and supply food for others. It is a reminder for us to be humbled by all the ways God has blessed us. With blessing comes responsibility. Jesus was clear when he said " Anyone who has been given much, much will be expected of them" (Luke 12:48). As a Catholic College we want our students to leave with more than an educated mind, but also an educated heart. We hope to form your son/daughter into leaders who recognise injustice and speak for the voiceless. Not because it is "a good thing to do", but because they have been called by God to do it.

Learning Dispositions in Religious Education

The Religious Education Faculty is currently exploring how we move beyond simple knowledge acquisition and focus on skills and dispositions that will prepare them for their futures. In the image below are the characteristics we are looking to develop.

The GC Code



 <u>Generosity</u> Are centred on the Gospel values of commitment, compassion and community. Have a personal attitude that focuses on serving others through the example of Jesus Christ. 	 <u>Aroha</u> Respect the dignity of all human life. Promote social justice for all, especially the most poor and vulnerable in society. Recognise the gifts they have been given by a loving God and the giftedness of others. Form positive relationships, showing care and consideration for one another. 			
Integrity Constantly strive for academic excellence. Have the ability to set goals and work towards achieving them. Are resilient and independent with a 'can-do' attitude. Actively seek, use and create knowledge using faith and reason.	 <u>Rangimarie</u> Use their God-given talents in promoting the good of society. Are active participants in social, sporting, Christian spiritual and cultural activities Continue to grow in leadership through service to others. Actively promote stewardship of the earth for the good of all. 			
<u>New Life</u>				

Are active in seeking their place in the community and how they can positively contribute to it.

Recognise that failure is not final and that we can learn from the challenges we encounter

Actively seek a relationship with the person of Jesus Christ who brings salvation to all.

Form an understanding of Hauora and how they can support their personal well being and the wellbeing of others in the college community.

"Faith Facts" Week 8 - Term Three cont...

Religious Education Assessments



The Religious Education Faculty has assessments underway for students to demonstrate the learning they have completed over the last eight weeks. Please open the assessments (below) which you can view and see the questions being covered by your son/ daughter. It may provide some interesting discussion for them and open up the opportunity for deeper thinking around their learning

Year 9: The Life & Times of Jesus Click Here

Year 10: The Middle Ages & The Catholic Church Click Here

Thoughts about learning: As part of our teaching of faith & religious literacy a key goal for the Religious Education Faculty in the midst of screens & devices is to keep the human person at the center. We are currently focused on how the world is changing. As such, we need a new sort of learner; one who is a creative problem solver, who can work collaboratively. We see this as part of developing the human dignity of our students who are made in the image of God. A current tool you will see in the assessments is the I - Can Scale. The I - Can Scale focuses on developing key soft skills needed for deep learning which can be applied across different curriculum areas. We see Religious Education as being the source from which all other curriculum areas flow from, with the teachings of Jesus Christ being paramount. Take a look at the I - Can Scale and the skills our Year 9 & 10 learners are developing. <u>I - CAN Scale Click Here</u>

"Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nona te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nona te ao"

The bird that feeds on the miro berry his is the forest, the bird that feeds on knowledge his is the world.

Tēnā kotou Garin Whānau

It is Māori Language week. Te Reo is a taonga which we need to protect. Please continue to challenge yourself with your Reo and use it in your korerō as much as you can! Growing our knowledge and confidence is key to helping this beautiful language survive. Ka pai to everyone who has been making the effort this week.

PHEW! We have reached the end of week 8! Hasn't this term just flown by? Next week our seniors are on exam leave doing practice exams. For some this will be their first time, others will be more familiar with it. NCEA can seem really scary for those going into it, and externals are often pretty stressful for students. Because of this, it is a time to really focus on positive self-talk, and making sure that you are practicing self care. Self talk is the way you talk to yourself, the image below I feel sums it up quite well. Self-care is looking after yourself - recharging and refuelling by doing things that help you relax, or things that you enjoy.

Good luck to the seniors for next week, please sing out if you need anything, I will be available before and after exams as needed.

Juniors - you may be starting to worry a bit about next year, this is totally normal. Please speak to your teacher, dean, myself or another trusted adult if you feel like things are getting on top of you. We are here to help!

Have a great weekend all Nga mihi, Kate the Counsellor





MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Join us for the Sunrise Walk For Wellbeing, a 6km walk around the airport for Mental Health Awareness Week.

Rally the troops – workmates, friends and family. Everyone's welcome. Wear yellow, form a team, encourage each other and have fun. After the walk, stick around for a light snack, live music and a guest speaker.

Koha welcome for Supporting Families in Mental Illness Nelson.

6AM SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Nelson Golf Club carpark 38 Bolt Road, Tahunanul

For more information and to register **SUNRISEWALKFORWELLBEING.COM**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is meeting on Saturday 14 September at 2pm.

Margot Fletcher, our wonderful musician, has agreed to share with us on this occasion. Join us for Praise and Worship and to hear Margot speak, followed by fellowship. We look forward to seeing you Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. For Women of faith or no faith. Contact Mary 0211749383. For more information. www.dove.org.nz



The art rooms will be available on Saturdays from 10am for senior students to work on their folio submissions.



STUDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE

2019 Student Board of Trustee Representative Election

Any student enrolled full time in Year 9 and above, under the age of 20, is eligible to stand for election and vote in the school election to be a student representative Student trustees have equal standing, voice, accountabilities and vote as other board members. The timeline for the election is as follows:

20 September voting closes 26 September results are announced

Uniform Shop — amended hours

Due to the Practice exams held in the Gym the uniform shop open hours will be amended to **5pm to 6pm,** for the week of **14 - 18 September.**

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Appointments are available from Tuesday 10 September to Wednesday 18 September evenings and weekends.

Heather Tonk, Uniform Shop Manager, Text only 027 417 1063 for an appointment.

Senior Student Cultural Exchange to Yangjiang, China, April 2020

The Nelson Branch of the NZ China Friendship Society is again arranging a student exchange with Guangdong Liangyang Senior High School in Yangjiang, Nelson's second sister-city in China. The aim is to further develop friendly relations between young people and introduce young people from Nelson to the senior high school system in China, while develop-ing mutual understanding and a raised awareness of Chinese Culture.

For: Eight Y12 or Y13 (2020) Nelson and Richmond students and two accompanying adults. Timing: April school holidays 2020 for 12 days including travel time.
Accommodation: Students will be billeted in the school dormitories during the school week, and in a hotel during the weekend.

Funding: NZCFS Nelson branch will cover some funding. Personal costs are likely to be around \$1500. to cover visas, travel insurance, gifts, and some travel costs.

Applications are due by October 14th. As this is a cultural exchange, applications are sought from senior students with a particular interest in the arts, such as music, dance, film, fine arts, or drama.

Return exchange: It is hoped that when there is a reciprocal exchange the selected students will be able to homestay Yangjiang students.

Expressions of Interest: For an information pack and further details, please email Mrs Corrina Kagaya (ESOL Teacher, Garin) (corrinakagaya@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)