



## From our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

With an air of anticipation and excitement the year begins. It is a joy to recognise the focus and energy our students have on re-establishing friendships and making new friends after the long summer break. Our Powhiri and opening Liturgy were the highlight of our celebrations this week, evident throughout the week has been a true sense of manaakitanga as we welcome our new students and all those returning to the College. The wairua of Garin is alive and well, caring, happy relationships are built between students and between teachers and students. Thank you to all parents, caregivers, whānau and members of our community who came along to celebrate and support our students as we begin the New Year.



It gives me great pleasure to announce and welcome our new staff to the College, Jeremy Marshall - Deputy Principal, Liam Muir - Teacher Music, Reuben Fletcher - Religious Education, Lauren Williams - Maths & History, Anna Lau - English, Jacquie Arnold - ORS Teacher, Keeli Ferris - Teacher Aide, Kayla Edmonds - NMIT 3rd year Student counsellor, Nina Duhanmel - Lab Manager/Technician, Wayne Glover - Technician Materials Technology and Natasha Smith - Accounts Clerk.

Congratulations to our 2020 NCEA level 1, 2 & 3 students on their success and achievement in NCEA. We are extremely pleased and excited by the NZQA provisional NCEA results for 2020. Throughout a challenging year of COVID with lockdown and online learning, students demonstrated outstanding capacity to develop as independent learners with the support of our teaching staff and the learning programmes provided. I look forward to sharing the confirmed results. I congratulate Year 13 students Max Francis, Outstanding Scholarship English, John Noble, Religious Education Scholarship, Emma Jones, Technology.

At our opening mass in week 4 we look forward to formally welcoming Fr Seph Pijfers as our College Chaplin, last Sunday we farewelled and thanked Fr Bill for his five years of service as College Chaplin and proprietors representative on the board. We are forever grateful for Bill's care, compassion and tireless energy for all those he served. Bill is now serving as Parish Priest in Wellington.

Due to the high temperatures and the need to keep cool, students are asked to wear their correct summer uniform throughout term 1, however, formal school uniform is required to be worn when required for significant school events and celebrations. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students, we advise students to wear their sunhats, stay within the shade, and wear sunblock. Students are reminded to keep hydrated, we have free cooled and filtered water stations where students can refill their drink bottles.

I wish our Year 13 students every success on their "Summit" Journey at Lake Rotoiti next week. While on the Journey, students will reflect on their spiritual lives, make connections and establish enduring friendship within their peer group.

We look forward to a wonderful year of fun, learning, engagement and success,  
God Bless, Ngā mihi nui  
John Maguire, Principal

Take a Moment:

"People begin to become successful the minute they decide to be."

Harvey MacKay



# Powhiri & Liturgy





# Garin Journey Camps 2021

Please note the following dates for 2021 Journey Camps which are coming up very soon in some cases:

Year Level	Venue	Dates	Split of Classes
Year 13	Lake Rotoiti	9th - 11th February	One whole group
Year 9	Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO)	15th - 19th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Group A: 9A, 9I, 9R</b> from Monday 15th February until Wednesday 17th February</li><li>• <b>Group B: 9G and 9N</b> from Wednesday 17th February until Friday 19th February</li></ul>
Year 11	Canaan Downs	8th - 12th March	Class split - To be confirmed
Year 10	Marahau	22nd - 26th March	Class split - To be confirmed
Year 12	Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO)	27th September - 1st October	Class split - To be confirmed

Watch this space as we update information on class splits, deadlines for Permission forms, etc.



## Journey Camp Prayer:

As we busily prepare for the various Journey camps, we embrace the spirit of Garin and remind ourselves that the Creator of the stars of the universe is with us and we call him 'Father'.

*May none of God's wonderful works keep silent, night or morning.*

*Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, source of rushing rivers:*

*May all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*May the angels in heaven reply: 'Amen!'*

*All power, praise, honour and eternal glory be to God, the only Giver of grace.  
Amen.*

# "Faith Facts" Week 8 - Term 4

## NCEA Scholarship 2020



Congratulations to the following Scholarships winners for 2020. Scholarships results are awarded to the Top 3% of learners in the nation. Garin College is very proud of the following:

- Emma Jones - Technology
- John Noble - Religious Studies
- Maxim Francis - Outstanding Scholarship English

## Whakamana



Whakamana is a concept we have shared with our learners this week. It is a Tikanga Maori concept whereby the whole inner being of the person is uplifted by another individual. This Maori concept relates to our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity. Human Dignity focuses on the fact that each and every one of us are made in God's image and as such should be duly respected by one another. Whakamana is really important to our College Learning culture in terms of how our Garin learners interact with each other, how they interact with the teachers, and how they interact with our wider staff.

Whakamana is also about applying this to our learning. This involves things such as enhancing the manner of other learners by sharing the gifts and knowledge we have in our learning, the questions that we have to help other learners, and their ability to live the purpose of our College through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Whakamana is also related to our College understanding of Ready to Learn. Ready to Learn is about shared expectations that we have for each Garin learner that they will complete every single day while they are here. The purpose of Ready to Learn is to ensure that our Garin Learners are ready to leave College with a clear set of skills, capabilities and knowledge to ensure they are successful in whatever life path they choose. Please take time to look at the key features of Ready to Learn (below).

## Ready to Learn Garin College

- Be on time to class
- Bring a charged device and charger
- Bring a writing utensil and paper
  - One device at a time
- Ask first before using phones
  - Engage in your learning
- Wear the correct uniform

# Deans for 2021

Māori Dean - Matua Tom Speers  
Y9 Dean - Sarah Rankin  
Y10 Dean - Trudie Walter  
Y11 Dean - Lou Maguire  
Y12 Dean - Katrina Eggers  
Y13 Dean - Henry Kersten

We look forward to the knowledge, experience and expertise each will bring to the classroom and college.

## Congratulations to our Twinkle Scholarship Recipients for 2021



**Catholic Character:** Grace Hall Y13, Josh Hall Y13,  
Kate Rankin Y9, Taylor Gibellini Y9,

**Arts:** Michaela Carruthers Y9, Zac Griffiths Y12, Theo  
Parker Y12, Ayla King Y9

**Academic:** Jake Beekmeyer Y11, Malika Rai Y11, Jack  
Hatley Y11, Ruairi Moorhead Y12, Ronan Moorhead Y10

**Sport:** Harry Pugh Y11, Finn Russ Y9, Abbie Smale  
Y13

**St Peter Chanel :** Shelby Parkes Y9

**Parklands School:** Amber Stephens Y9

## FATHER JOY - WELCOME MASS

**Sunday 14 February  
10:30am  
at St Mary's Church.**

Please note this will be the only mass offered on 14 February.

Welcome Gathering will take place in St Joseph's School Hall after mass. All Welcome and something for everyone. Food, bouncy Castles, lolly scramble, music and dancing.

Everyone warmly invited, transport will be available – signup sheets are in the foyer of both Churches.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

## WELLBEING CORNER

Kia ora everyone and welcome back!

I hope that everyone is settling in well. Just a reminder that the Garin Health Team are here if you need support of any kind. You can email Kate [here](#) or find our online referral form [here](#) if you would like to organise a catch up, or ask any questions. You can also talk to your Dean, Whānau teacher, Office staff or any other teacher if you would like them to arrange a referral for you.

This year we welcome a new NMIT student counsellor Kayla Edmonds to our team, and Julia Grigg is returning to work with us two days a week for the year.

Jay Blazek our Alcohol and other Drug clinician continues to be available Monday afternoons from week 3, and we have our Health Nurses Helen Omlo and Val Collie here week b Friday lunchtimes, or as per request.

Come and see us about anything you may need, and remember it is totally okay to ask for help.

You can find more information on pastoral care at Garin College on our website or under the pastoral care section on Garin Intranet.

And remember - **He waka eke noa - we are all in this together.**

Ngā mihi, Kate the Counsellor.

## PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS 2021

All existing and new students wishing to have Piano/ Keyboard lessons this year, please register your interest with Ms Jane Penno for timetabling.

Lessons will begin week 3.  
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Cell: 027 405 4892