



## From our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

As I write this week's newsletter, I am reflecting on the three weeks that seem to have flown past since the start of this term. Our learners are now well settled into their learning, co-curricular and school routines. Senior learners are engaged in planning and preparation for their upcoming derived grade exams in week 8. It is pleasing to observe learners engaging positively in learning, tutorials and the study opportunities being offered.

Today our learners, staff and community gathered in prayer to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We recognise the important role of Mary in the life of Christ, in nurturing Jesus as her child. Our Garin Day Mass also provides opportunity for us to prayerfully thank God for Fr Antoine Marie Garin, for his life of service and for the learning and inspiration we take from his example of service. Like Father Garin we recognise Christ in those we meet and wish to be like Christ in service to others.

As the winter sport season starts drawing to a close for many of our sports, I am reminded of the dedication, commitment and energy our sport coaches and managers provide our students week in week out. It is throughout the season that we evidence the close bond that is established within the teams.

I wish our U17 Garin Marist Rugby team every success in their plate match against Marlborough Boys College to be held at Garin College this Saturday at 11am. I look forward to meeting many of you on the sideline. We also wish our Waimea Combined rugby team every success for their semi-final against Rangiora High School in Christchurch this weekend.

Last Friday evening I joined the audience at the Theatre Royal, Nelson to experience and celebrate the 2021 VAST Dance Festival. Dancers performing in this event also performed in the successful ShowQuest Dance last term. Vast Dance was a celebration and expression of our learners creativity, performance and talent. The support of our staff, parents and learners enables and underpins our learner success and engagement in dance, thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment and service.

It is time to prepare for the Garin Board Student Representative Election 2021. The election will be between the 15 September and 20 September with the call for student nominations open from 30 August. 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 for students representative. I encourage students to consider this opportunity and get their nominations in by the due date.

Year 9 - 12 learners course selection for 2022 is now underway. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to engage in conversations with their children about their plans for the future and the subject choices they are to make. Course Selection Evening is being held Monday 16 August in the College Library. Our Careers Advisor, Heads of Faculty, Teachers in charge of subjects and Deans will be available for consultation with learners, parents and caregivers regarding course selection.

New entrant enrolments for 2022 close on 27 August. This is an exciting time for students as they plan their secondary education pathway. If you have family or friends considering secondary schooling for their children, please encourage them to contact our College office for an application pack and an opportunity for a tour. Scholarship information is also on our College website.

Mā te Atua koe e tiaki,

Ngā mihi manaakitanga

John Maguire  
Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Friday 13 August	Subject Selection Opens
Monday 16 August	Subject Selection Evening
Saturday 21 August	Garin College Ball
Monday 23 August	Subject Section Closes
Tuesday 24 August	Club Garin Photos
Friday 27 August	Enrolments Close

"Pray, Hope and don't worry. Worry is useless.

God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

Saint Pio of Petrelcina



# Special Character Term 3, Week 3

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



God chose Mary to be the mother of His son, Jesus. Mary was always ready and willing to do whatever God wanted. Because she was so special she was taken up body and soul to be with Jesus in heaven – this is what 'Assumption' means. What qualities of Mary would we like to grow in our lives?

### Hail Mary

***Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.***

## Sacramental Programme 2021

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 15th August: Family Mass - followed by morning tea and an introduction to First Holy Communion

- First Holy Communion Session 1: 22nd August
- First Holy Communion Session 2: 29th August
- First Holy Communion Session 3: 5th September

⇒ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 19th September**

*If you would like more information about this or any other sacrament, please contact Markelle Ward at Garin College*



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# Teaching & Learning @ Garin College

## **Important Information Student Course Selection for 2022 Years 9 - 12**

From Friday 13th August, students will begin getting access to online course selection for 2021. Over the next week or so all students in year 9 - 12 will be shown how to select their courses for next year in an assembly, after which they will be given access to enable them to make selections.

As a parent/caregiver you have a vital role to play in helping your child(ren) make informed decisions that keep their possible career pathways open while also keeping them engaged and interested in their learning.

There is an **opportunity to discuss** possible subjects/Courses with Heads of Faculty (HoF), Teachers in Charge (TIC), Deans and our Careers Advisor Brenda Helliwell on

**Monday 16th August from 4.30 to 5.30pm in the Garin School Library.**

Subject Selection will initially close on Monday 23 August at 9.00 am.

Selection and application for courses will again take place online, accessed through the KAMAR Portal.

The Course Selection component of the KAMAR portal shows you how to select subjects as well as gives you subject descriptions and related information about each course by using the menu on the left hand side under Useful information and Courses.

I hope you enjoy this opportunity to sit down with your child(ren) to help shape and plan their future pathway.

*Paul Bucknall, Timetabler & Systems Operator*

# Teaching & Learning @ Garin College

## Learner Capabilities in Year 9

As part of our Strategic Plan - Ako Learning - we have explored in 2020 through a Community of Practice (that included all Secondary Schools in the Top of the South), a project whereby the Garin College group identified a particular aspect of practice for evolution and growth.

We surveyed/ interviewed Garin learners, Garin staff, Garin Whanau and Garin Alumni. Common themes for growth were learner capabilities related to the Aotearoa New Zealand Key Competencies and in particular:

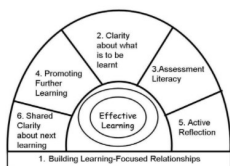
- 1. Self Management - a related concept in te ao Maori would be Rangatiratanga**
- 2. Collaboration - a related concept in te ao Maori would be Mahi Tahī**
- 3. Communication - a related concept in te ao Maori would be Korero**
- 4. Problem Solving - a related concept in te ao Maori would be Whakatau Kaupapa**

Beginning next week, all Year 9 learners will focus on Collaboration over Terms 3 - 4. The rubric our Staff will be using is [on this link](#) and in the image below.

### Mahi Tahī - Term 3 & 4 2021

	I need support	I can sometimes do this	I can usually do this	I can confidently do this
<b>Contributing your ideas</b>	<i>I am learning to share my ideas with others.</i>	<i>I can sometimes share my ideas.</i>	<i>I can usually share my ideas and respond to the ideas of others</i>	<i>I can confidently share my ideas and accept the ideas of others.</i>
<b>Giving and receiving feedback</b>	<i>I am learning ways to offer and receive feedback respectfully.</i>	<i>I can sometimes offer and receive feedback respectfully.</i>	<i>I usually offer and receive feedback respectfully.</i>	<i>I can confidently offer, receive and act on feedback respectfully.</i>
<b>Understanding points of view</b>	<i>I am learning that other people can have ideas that are different from my own.</i>	<i>I can listen to and respect the opinions of others.</i>	<i>I am able to ask questions to find out more</i>	<i>I can listen to the opinions of others and respectfully disagree.</i>
<b>Cooperation</b>	<i>I am learning how to work with others when necessary.</i>	<i>I can sometimes work cooperatively with others.</i>	<i>I can usually work cooperatively with others.</i>	<i>I can be a leader in a group and contribute in a purposeful way.</i>

## Learner Agency at Garin College



Kia ora Whanau,

Our strategic goal for Ako (Learning) is focused on supporting Gairn staff and Gairn learners to develop their capabilities to drive and lead their own learning.

Below are the comments from our Garin Learner Elysia Bronte who discussed learning at Assembly:

### **Why is focusing on learning more important than focusing on assessment?**

*I personally believe that prioritising learning the ways of critical thinking and applying that to reality is so much more beneficial than simply memorising a rubric for a standardised assessment.*

*I think we all understand the feeling of spending copious hours memorising definitions and formulas to then never again apply them to our lives and then by the end of the term, forgetting everything we covered for the particular test.*

*And it isn't just the New Zealand Education system which is focussing on students taking standardised test after test, but the rest of the globe with the occasional exception of countries such as Finland who do have a more innovative way of learning.*

*However, especially with Mocks and Exams coming up, particularly for those in Year 11 as this is all new to you, just remember that when you're studying, to really focus on the learning, delve deeper into information you're given to really understand the subject and how you can apply it to your daily lives.*

*When you're in here completing the exam, that if you've got all this background knowledge and truly understand the topic then you'll be perfectly fine for the exam. You'll know everything needed and all you can do is your best. There's no point stressing while you're in the assessment as you only know what you know, you can only answer the questions to the best of your potential*

# Enrolment & Scholarship Information



## Scholarship Applications

### Important Enrolment Dates to Remember

Enrolments close 27 August 2021

Orientation Day 12 November 2021



Following the wonderfully generous donation to Garin College from Nancy May Black (known as Twinkle to most) the College is privileged to announce the availability of a number of scholarships for the 2022 academic year.

Applications are encouraged from those students who are able to demonstrate outstanding potential in academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and faith-based activities and also those in need of financial support to attend the College.

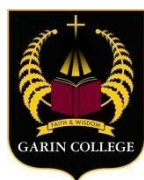
### Scholarships available include:

- Catholic Character
- Academic
- Sporting
- Arts and Performing Arts
- Financial

### Scholarship Applications and enrolments close 27 August 2021

For further information and for a scholarship application form, please contact Shona Erasmuson, Ph 543 9488 or email

[shonaerasmuson@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:shonaerasmuson@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) or visit our website [www.garincollege.ac.nz](http://www.garincollege.ac.nz) for an application pack.



## Garin College



### Whareni Te Rongoā o Aotearoa

### GARIN HUI A WHĀNAU - Thursday 19 August from 5.00pm

Tēnā koutou te whānau o Garin. Tēnei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

We would like to invite Māori students and family to the whānau hui in Week 4, Term 3. This is an opportunity for whānau to share kai, korero and whakaaro (ideas). This kaupapa will be supported by the Dean, te reo kaiako (teacher), and the Ngā Amorangi (Student Leaders). This will also be an opportunity to meet our Deputy Principal, Mr Jeremy Marshall.

The school is presently undertaking a review of Wā Whānau (Form class) and other aspects that relate to whānau structure and through the whānau/house system. We are looking for feedback from whānau.

Some of the areas we are looking at are;

- Purpose of Whānau, what has happened in the past and
- What is happening now
- Wellbeing
- What else could we be working on in the future?

We will be gathering at the Whareni Te Rongoā o Aotearoa at 5:00pm for a karakia (prayer) and blessing of the kai. We would love to have you attend. If you are aware of a whānau who have been missed please let us know. All are welcome and there will be kai provided. Please let us know if you can attend for catering purposes by emailing [allisonmilligan@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:allisonmilligan@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)

Ngā mihi nui, na Tom Speers



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE - PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS or NEWLY ENROLLED SENIOR STUDENTS**

### **Special Assessment Conditions**

Special Assessment Conditions (**SAC**) provide extra help for approved students when they are being assessed for their NCEA so that barriers to achievement can be removed and they then have a fair opportunity to achieve credits. The support is used for internal standards and external (exams) standards.

Examples of SAC are use of a writer or computer, rest breaks, Braille or enlarged papers, or reader, extra time, rest breaks.

If your child has sensory, physical, medical and/or learning difficulties/disabilities eg dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia that might be able to be supported or reduced considerably with appropriate assistance, they may be eligible for SAC assessment. For a student to be eligible for SAC they must be working at expected levels - the use of SAC is to remove their barriers to learning. If you would like to **nominate** your child and you have not already discussed this **please email** our Student Services Co-ordinator (SENCO) Lou Maguire, before **28/8/2021** [loumaguire@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:loumaguire@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)

A student with possible need, will be tested and the various types of assistance can be trialled in Term 4, 2021 in preparation for Level 1 in 2022. Contact may be made with you if more information was required about your child's individual needs, and we will trial various supports that may help your child's achievement. This helps to determine if an application can be made to NZQA for assessments, and for which SACs. If you have any cognitive assessments or medical letters of diagnosis, these could be forwarded to the email above in support of your child's application. If your child is a diabetic and will need rest breaks for testing or eating during an exam SAC application is required or any other medical condition that required treatment/management within a three hour examination.

If you have already submitted cognitive assessments to Lou, your student will be on the register for SAC application. If unsure whether you have submitted any cognitive assessments please email Lou Maguire. (email see above)

Whilst Garin College does the application, all decisions for Special Assessment Conditions are at the discretion of Educational Psychologists at NZQA.

# Vast

## Dance Festival

VAST Dance Festival 2021 was held at the Theatre Royal last Friday. This is one of the highlights of the Garin year for those passionate about dance.

Motueka High school, Waimea College, Nayland College, Nelson College for Girls and Garin College combined for a full day of dance rehearsals and workshops. The students split into groups and attended three

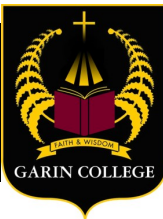
amazing workshops - Modern African dance, Samoan Siva dance and Latin Jive. The students then performed to a full house at The Theatre Royal Nelson and showcased an incredible variety of top quality performances. Garin College performances were led by and choreographed by **Rosa Babington, Jorja Milligan** and **Ellen Theobald**.

Garin students take dance as an extracurricular activity and have been rehearsing hard for the past few weeks to showcase three different dances, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and Jazz. Most, but not all students are dancers and we are really proud to be able to offer this annual opportunity for students to take part in.

Next year will be the official 10th anniversary of VAST Nelson.

A huge thank you goes out to the voluntary committee that provides us with this valuable opportunity for our students.





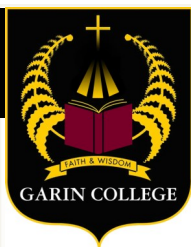
# Garin's Exam Timetable

2021 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 8 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
Tue 9 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science Cook Islands Māori	Drama
Wed 10 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 11 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Te Reo Māori	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 12 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 15 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies		Economics
Tue 16 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean Cook Islands Māori	Accounting	
Wed 17 Nov	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
Thu 18 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Fri 19 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 22 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 23 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
Wed 24 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 25 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	
Fri 26 Nov	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
WEEKEND					
Mon 29 Nov (Westland Ann. Day)	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 30 Nov	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Wed 1 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Te Reo Rangatira	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
Thu 2 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science

## Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women.

An Exciting August meeting! On Saturday 14 August we are privileged to have Father John Rea as our speaker. Fr John is well known locally for his prayer and healing ministry. Fr John will speak on our scripture from the Song of Songs. There will be Praise and Worship and a chance for prayer. We are hopeful that women from all across our area will join us at the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you. Phone Mary 021 174 9383 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)



## Garin College Staff Vacancy

### Caretaker—Property, Plant and Grounds

We seek applications for this permanent, part time position, 15 hours per week, 52 weeks per year.

Please email [hr@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:hr@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) for a job description and application pack.

Applications close at 5.00pm, 20 August 2021

## WELLBEING CORNER

Kia ora Garin whānau

This year we have been working towards assembling a health and wellbeing committee. This is led by our health and wellbeing leaders Bridget Noble and Holly Keenan.

The purpose of this committee is to make sure that student voice is heard around health and wellbeing within the school.

We meet during the first week of every month and are made up by the students you see in the picture.

If you have any ideas re Hauora within the school, please talk to any of the students on the committee or a member of the counselling team.

Below are some links for some awesome mental health and wellbeing apps. Please check them out :)

An official NZ Health system resource site with some cool apps:

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/apps/m/mental-health-and-wellbeing-apps-overview/>

Here is a booklet with some great apps:

<http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/assets/Uploads/Health-and-Wellbeing-Apps-booklet.pdf>

Have a great weekend from Kate the Counsellor and the team







Free event for parents



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021 @ 7 pm

Waimea Intermediate

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Paula Wistrand will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

To Register for this event please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/exHuN2j7uAT9pHZm7>



## Nelson and Tasman Schools and Colleges Theatresports Competition 2021

Venue: Waimea College Drama studio, M Block.

Junior comp Tuesday 17th August 7pm till 9.30pm  
Senior comp Tuesday 24th August 7pm till 9.30pm

Tickets \$10 (+booking fee) buy online at Eventfinda  
Nelson and Tasman Regional Theatresports comp 2021

Be entertained for the evening whilst supporting your local college or school; Nayland College, Nelson College for Girls, Waimea College, Broadgreen Intermediate, Motueka High School and Garin College. These extremely talented bunch of improvisers compete for the Regional Theatresports trophy with never seen before scenes and games that will literally have you falling off your seats with laughter, (we hope). Come along and see your suggestions played out



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- Music and arts

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### Round 1

Applications close 28 May 2021

### Round 2

Applications close 29 October 2021

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