

3 September 2024

Tēnā koutou katoua ngā whānau

Teacher Only Day this Friday, 6 September 2024 school will be closed and staff offsite for Staff Development focussing on Literacy and Numeracy.

Winter Tournament week – we have staff and students away in Christchurch and Timaru this week participating in school hockey and netball tournaments.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori will be celebrated next week, starting 9 September - a week before the official week, due to Derived Grade Exams.

Derived Grade Exams begin the week starting 16 September; the timetable is available on Garin's public calendar and also been emailed to Y11-13 students. Students only need to be in school for their exams and are to be in full uniform please.

Attendance at School this Week - please refer to the attached letter for a current comment. As you will be aware, the Ministry of Education and schools across the country are focussed on lifting student attendance rates as current rates. As a college, our rates of attendance for students sits well below the target of 90% attendance for all students. We seek your support to lift student attendance by responding to the communications you will be receiving relating to your own child's attendance.

Our aim is to ensure timely attendance information is available to Parents and Students to support quicker, more accurate coding and give the students more responsibility in ensuring their attendance is correct.

Advertising Vacancy: Kapa Haka Tutor

Part time, Fixed Term Term 3 and 4 2024

We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Kapa Haka Tutor to inspire and elevate the taha Māori of Ākonga and whānau through the art of Kapa Haka.

2 hours/week, term time only - Friday 9.50am - 11.00am

Planning Start Date: Term 3 2024 (negotiable)

We invite you to speak to Tumuaki; email: johnmaguire@garincollege.nz or call 027 422 7615

Send your expression of interest indicating what you would bring to this role, to:

hr@garincollege.nz by midday Wednesday, 11 September 2024

More information on: <https://www.garincollege.ac.nz/vacancies/>

Your donations count! Highlighting Club Garin:



This year parents have donated over \$20,000 to Club Garin through the \$60 donation in KAMAR! These funds have supported a diverse range of initiatives and causes for the school from partially or fully funding additional outdoor

seating around the school, entry fees for sports tournaments, x100 Kapa Haka uniforms (still to come), board games for the library, food for the Hangi and many other causes. Thank you for your continued support. Your financial contribution helps us make Garin a better place.

School Whānau are invited to hear Fr Frankie from Scotland speak at Our Lady Of the Bays parish, 35 William St over the nights of 16-18 September. More information on attached flyer.

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

Ngā manaakitanga

John Maguire