

Kia ora tatou ngā whānau

This Wednesday 30 October, we will gather together as our Garin College community to celebrate our end of year Mass in prayer and gratitude for the blessings we have received in our community this year and to farewell our senior learners as they depart for NCEA exams. We extend a warm welcome to all Parents, Caregivers and Whānau to join with us in prayer, Eucharist and celebration for this wonderful moment in the lives of our graduates. **Mass begins at 11.40am and will be followed at 12.50pm with light refreshments for guests and staff in the Library.**

Garin learners have grown this year in all areas of faith, academia, culture, sport, arts and learning. We remain proud of our young people and what they have achieved this year. For many of our senior learners it is also the end of their time at Garin College, prayers and blessings will be shared for all learners graduating. In celebrating our traditional 'candle' ceremony, our Yr 9 learners will hand over to the Year 13 leavers with their graduating candle. The handing over of the 'candle' is a symbol of going out into the world with the light of Christ in their life to share. It is a time for all graduates to look back on the challenges and success of their schooling journey and a time for each to look forward to new opportunities, new friends and new beginnings.

On behalf of our Garin community, it gives me great pleasure to announce and congratulate the following students appointed to serve in key leadership portfolio's for the 2025 school year.

Christian Service Leader:	Sophie Pahl	Kate Rankin	
Ngā Amorangi:	Caitlin Gorn	Ayla Turner	
Learning Leader:	Ben Adlam	Flora Jackson	
Arts Leader:	Naima Selg	Abbie Parker	
Sport Leader:	Gus Western	Hector McNeilly	Francheska Diza
Pasifika Leader:	Sadie Wells		

We wish our leaders every success as they grow in their journey of service within Garin College. Through shared participation of peers, teachers, staff and community our leaders will thrive in building the wairua of Garin in 2025

'Ehara taku toa e te toa takitahi engari he toa takimano.'
My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective.

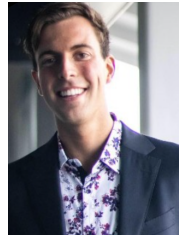
In early December, these leaders will participate in the Archdiocese of Wellington, Young Catholic Leaders (YCL) development conference in Ōtaki. I thank all learners for their strength and courage in applying for our Garin leadership roles this year. I look forward to announcing the 2025 House Captains and other student leadership roles in due course.

I acknowledge and thank all our year 13 Learners who have this year engaged in student leadership within the College in 2025. Through your leadership and service, the voice of all learners is brought to the fore and embedded in every school activity and event throughout the year, ensuring relevance and purpose. Thank you.



The 2024 **Club Garin Colours Awards** set the scene for celebration early in the week. We gathered as school and community to celebrate excellence in the areas of the arts, sport and service in the College. It is wonderful to celebrate and recognise the diverse range of skill and talent our learners share and the commitment they have made over time to excel in their chosen field. We thank Club Garin Chair Mr Bruce Richardson for his presence and the awarding Gold and Maroon Colours to many recipients. I

acknowledge the work of the Club Garin Committee in serving and supporting our learners to achieve across the fields of Arts, Sport and Service and the contribution from Club Garin to enhancing College grounds and amenities this year. A key highlight of our ceremony was welcoming our guest speaker, 2017 Garin Graduate Student, James Fleury. James' immediate connection and warmth with our learners, staff, parents and community as he fondly engaged in recalling his time as a learner at Garin and recognising the value and contribution this journey had contributed to his career pathway through Broadcasting School to TVNZ reporter and Presenter. *"I've had the privilege to tell people's stories from all different backgrounds. I pride myself on my strong work ethic, professionalism, and inclusion of diverse groups of people. I enjoy telling stories from minority communities that would not usually be covered, especially people with disabilities."*



James's authentic story demonstrated for our Learners what can be achieved and the rewards that can be gained through valuing and making the most of the opportunities that are presented to us. Thank you James.

Garin College Office Manager - On Wednesday of this week, we look forward to welcoming our new Office Manager, Ms Katrina Rowley. Katrina brings significant knowledge, skills and experience in school office administration and college boarding hostel leadership and management. Katrina joins our experienced office staff at the front of the college, in providing outstanding communication, care and service to Learners, Parents, Staff and Community. We wish Katrina every success in her new role.

As we enter NCEA assessment weeks, we wish our learners every success throughout their exams and in their preparation through tutorials, study and revision throughout the day between their exams.

Please take note of the extra notices below.

Ngā mihi manaakitanga

John Maguire
Principal

Take a moment - *The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you. BB King*

*He Waka Eke Noa
We are all in this together*

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

Andrea Stauffer Public Health Nurse | *Hauora Tūmatanui Nēhi, Nelson Marlborough*

Measles is one of the most highly contagious disease

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisations can be access via GPs, Pharmacies and Immunisation Clinic - Victory Community Centre Nelson - see brochure below

Measles is one of the most highly contagious disease, spread via coughing and sneezing or even breathing the air that was breathed by someone with measles. The virus remains active and contagious in the air or on infected surfaces for up to two hours (WHO July 2024). International measles outbreaks in the Middle East, Europe and Africa (CDC 2024) (WEF 2024) are now a national concern for New Zealand. Reported cases in the first three months of 2024 were almost higher than reported cases for all of 2023 (WHO May 2024).

New Zealand does not have wild measles circulating, therefore that only way it can come into our country is from international travel (visitors to NZ or residents returning to NZ after holiday etc). The good news is that measles is easily prevented via immunisation. The World Health Organisation recommends “Countries that do not currently have measles cases or outbreaks should be proactive in planning and preparing for any such importation to prevent the virus from spreading within and beyond the country.” (WHO May 2024).

With active measles cases increasing around the world, and falling vaccination rates, Aotearoa New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak.

Not enough people living in New Zealand are immunised against measles – just one case could start an outbreak. We need at least 95% of people to be immunised to prevent this.

Immunisation is the best protection against measles. It's more important than ever for people to check they are protected.

References

US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2024) [Global Measles Outbreaks | Global Measles Vaccination | CDC](#)

World Economic Forum (WEF) (2024) [Measles cases are rising – here's what can be done | World Economic Forum \(weforum.org\)](#)

World Health Organisation (August 2024) [Measles \(who.int\)](#)

World Health Organisation (May 2024). [Joint press release from WHO and UNICEF: measles cases across Europe continue to surge. putting millions of children at risk](#)

IMMUNISATION CLINICS AT *Victory Community Centre*

3-6pm

**EVERY THURSDAY
AFTERNOON IN
NOVEMBER**

Join us for some kai,
giveaways and the chance
to win prizes

- Immunisations
- Smoke Free / Vape Free services
- Nutrition and cooking advice
- Healthy Homes information
- HPV (self) testing

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Te Whatu Ora

Victory Community Centre
Te Puna Hauora o Wairepo



St Joseph's Nelson

SPRING GALA

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

11.30am - 3.30pm

