

Week 9 Principal's Message

Tēnā Koutou Katoa ngā Whānau,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4,5:



We pray that this advent will be a time of true spiritual awakening and renewal for you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the World!

The College is now all quiet following a week of celebrations and farewells, although in the distance I can still hear the builders working away toward completion of the four new classrooms to be ready and open for classes at the start of the 2025 school year. Thank you to our teachers, support staff, parents, whānau and community for gathering to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students at the Junior Prize Giving and Senior Prizegiving. Our learners once again shine as they are recognised for their commitment to excellence, hard work and service. Congratulations to all who crossed the stage, be pleased and thank God for all you have achieved and gained throughout the year.

We congratulate Ellen Theobald, Awarded Top Year 13 Scholar and Winner of the Sir Patrick and Lady Hilary Goodman Trophy for Outstanding Achievement as Dux of the school.



Ellen achieved Distinction in Religious Education, Distinction in English, Distinction in Biology, Distinction in Geography, Distinction in History, Distinction in Media Studies. We thank Ellen for her leadership and service within the Arts and Performing Arts throughout her time at Garin College. We acknowledge and thank Ellen's Parents and Whānau for their dedication and support for Ellen as Garin a student and boarder from Renwick in Marlborough. Ellen is to also be commended for her leadership and service within the Garin College Hostel.

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Deans for 2025. **Year 9 Dean** Mrs Bethany Ashton, **Year 10 Dean** Ms Shaz Murray, **Year 11 Dean** Mrs Angela Thomson, **Year 12 Dean** Mrs Katrina Eggers, **Year 13 Dean** Ms Mhairi Gray, **Māori Dean** Matua Tom Speers. I wish to particularly thank each of our Deans for their commitment to serve and support all our students throughout 2024. Stepping down from Dean at the end of this year is **Mr Henry Kersten**; I thank Henry for his outstanding

dedication to the role and the care and support he has provided our learners over many years as a Senior Year Level Dean since 2016.

Footprints is our Garin Year Book - our book of joy and celebration, the Garin story in colour pictures and words capture a snapshot of life and times at Garin in 2025. To have the Garin year captured in this way is outstanding, our gratitude and thanks must go to our Chief Editor and Teacher Mr Roman Birch, year 13 learners - Co Editors Finlay Davis & Mia Fraser and Front and Back Cover Designer Miles Coulson for their creativity in design and editing throughout Footprints. I encourage you to sit back, read, reflect and reminisce.

<https://www.garincollege.ac.nz/footprints-annual-school-magazine/>

Garin is well served by our dedicated Board, I acknowledge the leadership of our Presiding Member Ros Allen-Hall and thank all members for their commitment and service throughout 2024. I particularly wish to thank and acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our Teachers and Staff. Student success permeates from the engaging relationship established between our Learners, their Teachers and Support Staff. Quality teaching and learning, inclusiveness and service are integral evidenced from our teachers and staff every day in the life of the college.

Thank you one and all for your prayers and gifts of service to our Garin community throughout the 2024 school year. It is through your partnership with us all here at Garin that we can achieve great outcomes for all rangatahi. We look forward to a peaceful Christmas, restful holiday and once again gathering in the new year to welcome all returning students and our new learners at our Garin Powhiri on Tuesday 4 February 2025.

Hari Kirihimete

John Maguire

Take Minute - *"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ." This Advent, prepare to celebrate Jesus' arrival as an infant born into poverty in the small village of Bethlehem. - Pope Francis*

Christmas Mass Times at Our Lady of The Bays and Holy Family

24 th December – Christmas Vigils	
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Carols 4pm, Mass 4.30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Carols 4.45pm, Mass 5pm
St Peter Chanel, Motueka	Carols 6.30pm, Mass 7pm
St Mary, Nelson	Carols 6.45pm, Mass 7pm

25 th Dec- Christmas Day	
St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	8.30am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	9.30am
St Mary's, Nelson	10.30am