

Te Kāreti o Garin
Faith & Wisdom



GARIN COLLEGE

Term 3 Wk 4 2026 Newsletter

Principal/Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora tatou ngā whānau,

As I write this newsletter, I am struck by how quickly the past four weeks of term have flown by, as well as the exciting opportunities still ahead. Our students have settled seamlessly back into their learning, co-curricular activities, and daily routines. Senior students are hard at work preparing for their derived grade exams, while our Year 10 students continue their journey toward the Level 1 NCEA Literacy and Numeracy assessments later this term. It is truly heartening to see so many students taking advantage of tutorials and study opportunities with such a positive attitude. Please enjoy the stories and images below, which capture just a few of the many events and achievements celebrated so far!

Year 9-12 Learner Course Selection Year 9 - 12 learners course selection is underway for 2027. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to initiate conversations with your student about their career goals and the subject choices they are to make for 2027. Learners have received course information. Thank you to all for attending our prior Course Selection Evening.

Nominations for the Student Representative for the Garin Board remain open until Tuesday, 18 August, with the election set for 3 September. Students enrolled full-time in year 9 and above, and under the age of 20, are eligible to stand for election. Students are encouraged to consider how they may contribute to the College Board Member (as a student representative) and submit their nominations.

New entrant enrolments for 2027 close on Friday 21 August. This is an exciting time for students as they plan their secondary education pathway. Thank you to the many students and Whānau who have attended our Parent information Evening, College Open Day, and attended the small group tours of the College and College boarding Hostel. Should you have family and friends considering secondary schooling for their children, please encourage them to pop in or call the college office for an application pack and an opportunity for a tour. Scholarship information is also conveniently available on our Garin College website.

As we look back on a fantastic start to the term and anticipate the opportunities still ahead, I want to express my gratitude to all parents, caregivers, and whānau. Your ongoing support, whether encouraging your children in their sports, cultural, and service activities, or prioritising their daily attendance at school makes a significant difference. Thank you for engaging fully with your child's learning and for fostering a strong partnership with our school community. We look forward to working together as the term ahead unfolds.

Ngā manaakitanga
John Maguire



Generosity, Aroha, Rangimarie, Integrity and New Life



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Garin Mass

Our Garin College and parish community came together today for our Garin Mass, celebrating both the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and our founder, Father Garin. It was a joy to welcome Father Allen and Father Christian as our celebrants, alongside parents, whānau, and honored guests. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father Allen and Father Christian, as well as our talented musicians, readers, and all who gathered with us to share in this wonderful celebration of faith.

We welcomed staff and students from our feeder schools to Garin College for Mass today, with a special welcome to the staff and students from St Joseph's, who joined us and participated in our Mass. It was wonderful to have our wider school community together for this special occasion.

Feast of The Assumption of Mary

Mary stands as a significant person for us who, for all her life, shared her son Jesus with the world. From the moment of his conception, to his death and resurrection, Mary was his greatest supporter and advocate. We celebrate her faithfulness and why God smiled on her. Mary - Mother of Jesus was taken up into heaven, body and soul.

Father Garin was called to carry the word of God to the people of Aotearoa. An Apostle of Education, and through his deep devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus, Fr Garin walked in faith. He inspired others to become agents of the Gospel, spreading the good news.

We pray for young people everywhere, that they may be guided in the values of the Gospel and make right choices as they grow towards adulthood. Grant that we, like Father Garin, may look to Mary as a model of gentle strength, decisiveness, and faithful discipleship, striving every day to live as you call us to live. We pray to the Lord.



our celebration please do not talk.
Come forward and either cross your arms to request a blessing or place your hands out in front to receive Holy Communion.



We are delighted to introduce our new statue of Mary to the College, generously donated by the Roche family after being lovingly placed and treasured in their family garden for many years. To prepare this well-weathered statue for its new home, we are immensely grateful to the creativity and generosity of Year 11 student Sophie Bogle and Year 13 student, Siobhan Neve, who dedicated their time and artistic talents to restoring and repainting it in time for this week's Mass of the Assumption.

The statue will now reside permanently in the Central Garden Courtyard of our Religious Education Centre, Te Mauri Tapu, serving as a peaceful focal point of grace and faith for our entire school community.





Important Update: New Curriculum Preparation for 2027

Planning is now underway at the College to prepare for the implementation of the new Year 9 and 10 Curriculum starting in 2027.

The Ministry of Education has recently released the new Years 0-10 Science and Social Sciences curricula, with all remaining subject frameworks scheduled for release on 9 September. From 2027, alongside our ongoing Year 9 and 10 English, Maths, and RE programs, we will begin rolling out the new curricula for Art, Technology, Science, Social Sciences, PE, and Languages.

Our focus throughout this process is on providing dedicated support to our teachers and staff so they can effectively lead this significant change, while ensuring our students feel reassured and supported every step of the way. We look forward to partnering with our parents and whānau through regular updates, consultations, and opportunities to learn together as planning unfolds.

Garin College Strategic Planning 2027 - 2029 Community Consultation

Garin College prepares its next 3-Year Strategic Plan in accordance with Section 127 of the Education and Training Act 2020, to be effective 1 January 2027. The Board will soon be reaching out for your input and collaboration.

During weeks 5 to 8 of this term, we will be seeking community feedback through an online survey, as well as holding face-to-face focus group meetings.

Further details on the consultation schedule and how you can participate will be sent out next week. We strongly encourage all parents, caregivers, and whānau to join the conversation and help guide the future direction of our College.

Braden Johnson: Catholic Speaker and Content Creator Visits Garin College

In Week 2, we had the privilege of hosting and welcoming Braden Johnson, a dynamic Catholic speaker and content creator visiting us all the way from Kansas, USA. Following a warm welcome and introduction by our Christian Service Leader Renee Ogden Bell, Braden kicked off his visit by addressing the entire school community at our full College assembly. Lennuu Nang closed the assembly with a beautiful reflection on his message and thanked him on behalf of the College. Throughout the rest of the day, Braden led four engaging sessions tailored specifically for our senior Religious Education classes, giving our students and staff a wonderful opportunity to connect with him on a deeper level.

A Message of Purpose and Hope - Braden's central faith message calls youth throughout the world to look beyond the temporary validation of social media and worldly success. Instead, he invites young people to discover that lasting fulfillment, joy, and purpose are found solely in an authentic, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ as passionate, fully alive disciples.

Our learners and staff valued the opportunity to connect with Braden, enjoying his high energy, relatable style, and uplifting message of hope.

We extend a heart-felt thank you to the Archdiocese of Wellington Youth Ministry Team for sponsoring and supporting Braden's visit, making it possible to include Garin College in his broader speaking tour across the diocese. It was a truly memorable day for our college community!



Sunday 6pm Mass Choir

Some Richmond parishioners are starting a choir especially for the new 6 pm Masses each Sunday night at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. The choir is to sing once a month at that Mass.

Garin students are warmly invited to join the choir, which will practice at 7pm-8.30pm in the Richmond church every Monday night. Teachers are also welcome.

If you love to sing then come along. Reading music is a bonus but not essential .



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For the most up-to-date information, notices, newsletters, and upcoming events, please visit the Garin College website.

The homepage is regularly updated with Principal's pānui, key dates, enrolment information, and important community news.

👉 Head to the website to stay informed and find everything you need in one place.



KEY DATES for Term 3

- 14 Aug: Mass of Assumption
- 27 Aug: Course Selection closes
- 21 Aug: Enrolments close
- 21 Aug: Vast Dance Festival
- 24 Aug: Mental Health Awareness Week
- 27 Aug: Enrolment Ballot
- 28 Aug: Scholarships close
- 28 Aug: Teacher only day - no school
- 31 Aug-4 Sept: Winter Tournament week
- 3 Sept: Student Board Rep Election
- 7-18 Sept: Literacy + Numeracy Corequisite exam weeks
- 8 Sept: Club Garin photos
- 9 Sept: Sports Awards Evening
- 14 Sept: Derived Grade Exam week
- 19 Sept: Garin Ball
- 21 Sept: Y12 Journey Camp
- 22 Sept: Board meeting
- 25 Sept: end of Term 3

2027 Year 9 Enrolments - New to Garin Book a School Tour

If you missed our Parent Info evening and Open Day, there's still an opportunity to experience all that Garin College has to offer.

We are now offering small group school tours for prospective Year 9 students and their whānau. It's a great chance to explore our campus, meet our staff, and learn more about life at Garin College.

Tours can be booked through the pop-up on the homepage of the Garin College website.

Enrolments 2027

Should you have friends or family considering Catholic secondary education for their children, please encourage them to visit the Garin College website for our Enrolment Procedure and enrolment pack; our College Admin team are also able to discuss any queries. Applications for Enrolments close on 21 August 2026.

Scholarships 2027

Applications are open to apply for Twinkle scholarships where there are financial pressures, and also to recognise outstanding potential in Catholic Character, Academic, Arts & Performing Arts and Sport. The Garin Financial and Hostel & Financial Boarding scholarships are for those families that need help financially in 2027. Visit Garin College Website for more information on Scholarship packs. Applications for Scholarships close on 28 August 2026.



Club Garin – Supporting Our School Community

Club Garin is our school's equivalent of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA), providing a simple and effective way for parents and whānau to make a direct contribution to enriching student life at Garin College—without the need for traditional fundraising events. Donations made to Club Garin are paid directly into a dedicated school account and are managed by the Business Manager in partnership with the Club Garin Committee. The donation is clearly listed on the school invoice, making it easy and convenient for families to support the school.

Our committee is made up of a dedicated group of parent volunteers, alongside the School Staff Representative and the Business Manager. Together, they consider funding applications each month, assessing requests against an established set of criteria and the funds available.

Some of the initiatives Club Garin has supported this year include:

Various sports teams' tournament fees

Regional Shakespeare Competition

O'Shea Shield

Matariki Hāngī

Cultural Celebration Day

Outdoor volleyball court

We are always looking for new members to join our committee. Whether you have plenty of time or just want to lend a hand, becoming involved is a wonderful way to contribute ideas, support school projects, and connect with other families in our community. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 August, and we would love to see some new faces. If you would like to find out more or are interested in joining Club Garin, please contact us at clubgarin@garincollege.nz.



\$318 Raised for St Vincent de Paul
A huge thank you to our Garin students and Mrs Murray for supporting last Friday's St Vincent de Paul fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of our students and staff, we raised \$318 to help local families in need.

Students donated a gold coin and came dressed in their favourite op shop outfits, making for a fun day while supporting an important cause.

Our local St Vincent de Paul branch has recently been focusing on helping families by paying power bills. With our recent chilly temperatures serving as a timely reminder of the challenges many households face during winter, this support will make a difference. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped bring warmth and hope to members of our local community.

Course Selection is open for students going into senior years in 2027

It will remain open until Thursday 27th August.

Find out about the available courses, curriculum overviews, assessment information and general advice specific to your year level on SchoolPoint, accessed via the KAMAR Portal.

Students can access support at school from their classroom teachers, whānau teacher their dean. Many may have questions they would like to ask of Brenda Helliwell our Careers Advisor.

At this time of year it can be hard to get an appointment with Brenda as she is in such high demand. It could be that your question is answered on SchoolPoint on a Course Description or maybe the excellent 'Planning Your Pathway to Study After School', which can be found on each year level overview.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to support students with research and decisions about subjects. Caregivers can view subjects selected and the approval status from Heads of Faculty and Teachers in Charge of subjects in their portal log in until the end of this term.

Current year 9 students will be asked to make their language choice for year 10 and rank their Arts and Technology choices later this term.

Faculty Area	Year 9	Year 10	Level 1 NCEA	Level 2 NCEA	Level 3 NCEA
Religious Education	Religious Education*	Religious Education*	Religious Education*	Religious Education*	Religious Education*
Arts	Art* Performing Arts* Music*	Art* Performing Arts* Music*	Art Performing Arts Music	Art Performing Arts Music Photography	Art Performing Arts Music Photography
English	English* Accelerated Literacy offered to selected students	English*	English* OR Applied English*	English Media Studies	English Media Studies
Future Pathways				Gateway Trades	Gateway Trades
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education*	Health & Physical Education*	Physical Education	Physical Education Outdoor Education	Physical Education Outdoor Education
Languages	Māori* Spanish* English Language Learning (ELL)	Māori* OR Spanish* ELL	Māori Spanish ELL	Māori Spanish ELL	Māori Spanish ELL
Mathematics & Statistics	Mathematics* Accelerated Numeracy offered to selected students	Mathematics*	Mathematics (MAA)* OR Mathematics (MAS)* OR Mathematics - Numeracy*	Mathematics (MAT) OR Mathematics (MAS)	Calculus Statistics Mathematics
Science	Science*	Science*	Science	Biology Chemistry Physics General Science	Biology Chemistry Physics
Social Science	Social Studies*	Social Studies*	Commerce Geography History	Business Studies Economics Geography History	Business Studies Economics Geography History
Technology	Digital Technology* Food Technology* Materials & Design Technology* Fashion & Design Technology* Design & Visual Communication*	Digital Technology* Food Technology* Materials & Design Technology* Fashion & Design Technology* Design & Visual Communication*	Digital Technology Food Technology Materials & Design Technology Fashion & Design Technology Design & Visual Communication	Digital Technology Food Technology Materials & Design Technology Fashion & Design Technology Design & Visual Communication	Digital Technology Food Technology Materials & Design Technology Fashion & Design Technology Design & Visual Communication

- *compulsory course
- All Subjects are full year courses except Arts, Languages and Technology in Year 9 and Arts and Technology in Year 10.
- A course will run only if sufficient students are accepted into the course.
- At Level 1 and 2, a total of seven subjects are studied. At Level 3, a total of six subjects are studied.
- See subject specific information for subjects that are restricted if studying another subject.
- All Year 9 students study all subjects in Year 9.
- See subject specific details for best preparation information for each subject

Your journey is unique - guided by your interests, values, and aspirations.
We're here to walk alongside you!



International Success

We are super proud to share that Garin College 2025 alumni Hector McNeilly has continued his fine form in archery since leaving college last year. Hector and two other archers have just won gold for New Zealand at the Youth Invitational Archery Competition in South Korea. Hector will soon depart Korea for the USA, where he will commence scholarship studies at Cumberland University in Tennessee US



Winter Tournament Week

With the School Sport New Zealand Winter Tournament Week only two weeks away, our teams are training hard and relishing the opportunity to play their chosen sport against schools from across the South Island and further afield.

This year five Garin College teams will compete in four winter tournaments, three of which will be held at Saxton sports complex, the Kate Trolove Hockey Tournament, the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament and the Jim Wishart Football Tournament. Meanwhile, our Boys A basketball team will travel to Dunedin to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Basketball Championships.

We wish all players, coaches, managers and team officials involved in the tournaments an enjoyable and successful time. We welcome the support of parents, caregivers and other whanau, and hope to see you on the sidelines.

Garin College Sports Awards - Save the Date

Our annual celebration of sport, the Garin College sports awards, will be held on Wednesday, 9 September in the Garin College gym. We are honoured to welcome New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games athlete, Julian Matthews as the guest speaker of our awards evening.

All parents, caregivers and whanau as well as sport team coaches and managers are welcome to come along and join this celebration of sport at our school. Nominations for special awards are still open. If your student has been selected for a regional, South Island, national or international representative team, or if your student has attained a podium placing (1st - 3rd) in a regional, South Island, national or international event please provide your student's name and details of the event to

martinemccabe@garincollege.nz

Tickets will soon be available at the school office

Garin International Dept

The International Department has enjoyed a busy and exciting start to Term 3, welcoming eight new international students to the Garin College community from Germany, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Netherlands.

We warmly welcome:

Al Katsakul (Thailand)

Poon Sutarum (Thailand)

Gordon Leung (Hong Kong)

Luca Kemper (Germany)

Martha Zobel (Germany)

Lina Brigalke (Germany)

Charlotte Krause (Netherlands)

Elisabeth Fiasche (Germany)

Our Orientation Programme was both enjoyable and highly successful, helping students settle quickly into school life. Students met their Kiwi Buddies, learnt about life at Garin College and New Zealand, toured the school, and participated in a mihi whakatau to officially welcome them into our community. A special thank you to our International Student Leader, Alina Lau, our Kiwi Buddies, and all those who gave their time to ensure our new students felt welcomed and supported from day one.

We are also excited to welcome four more students from China during Week 3 of this term:

Kai Wang

Will Wang

Jack Wang

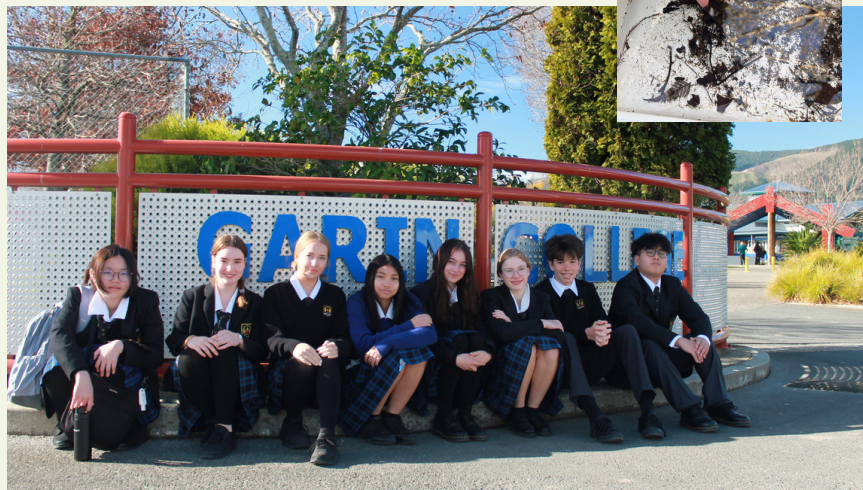
Conghuan Yi

We look forward to welcoming them to Garin College and supporting them as they begin their New Zealand educational journey.

Blake Inspire Programme - Madita Foerster

Congratulations to Madita Foerster (Germany), who recently participated in the Blake Inspire Programme in the Waikato after being awarded a scholarship. This prestigious leadership programme gave Madita the opportunity to explore environmental sustainability, conservation and leadership alongside young people from across New Zealand. Through hands-on activities and outdoor experiences, she developed new skills, built friendships, and gained a deeper appreciation for Aotearoa's unique natural environment.

We are incredibly proud of the way Madita represented Garin College and thank her for sharing these wonderful photos from her Blake Inspire experience.



NZ School Library Week! 📖🌟

What a buzzing, brilliant, and colourful week it's been! From August 10th to 14th, our school library transformed into the ultimate hub of creativity and excitement as we celebrated Aotearoa NZ School Library Week. A massive thank you to Mrs. Ditzel for curating an incredible schedule that kept us laughing, learning, and reading all week long! Kickstarting with Author Stacy Gregg

We kicked off Monday morning with an extra special visit from renowned Auckland author Stacy Gregg! With over 35 books under her belt, Stacy is a legend among our horse-loving readers, and she certainly didn't disappoint.

Period 1 was packed with high-energy activities as Stacy took the stage, captivating everyone with her vibrant stories, signing autographs, and posing for photo ops with thrilled fans.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Authors

During periods 2 and 3, Stacy hosted two creative writing workshops for our budding junior authors. The room was buzzing with imagination as students learned how to level up their descriptive writing and experimented with character creation.

"I enjoyed when we wrote about what animal we were and we had to guess the other people's animals!" — Junior Workshop Participant

The feedback was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, with students walking away inspired and ready to write their own bestsellers!

A Week Full of Fun & Competition

The excitement didn't stop there. Throughout the week, students and staff dove headfirst into a jam-packed lineup of library festivities:

- Staff vs. Student Quiz: Bragging rights were on the line in an epic battle!
- Book Kahoots & Competitions: Fast fingers and book knowledge were put to the test.
- Crafting Sessions: Creatives gathered to craft colourful corner bookmarks to take home.

A huge thank you to everyone who dropped by, competed, crafted, and made this week such a vibrant celebration of our incredible library. Keep reading, keep writing, and we'll see you in the library!



Its been a fun start to the term for our Garin boarders



Garin College Boarding hostels,
A Home away from Home



Garin Boarding

Garin College, is the only Catholic, co-educational College with boarding facilities in Te Tau Ihu - Top of the South.

Mother Teresa (Girls Hostel) and Francis Douglas (Boys Hostel) offer a home away from home. There are limited spaces available in boarding for 2027 and applications are now being received for 2028.



FAITH
Rooted in Catholic values



WISDOM
Inspiring learning and growth



SERVICE
Preparing for a life of purpose



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Our boarding houses provide a safe, supportive and caring environment where students feel valued and can thrive.

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To learn more about life at Garin College, including booking a tour of our school and boarding houses visit

www.garincollege.ac.nz

FAITH, WISDOM AND SERVICE

A New Addition to the Garin Fleet

We're excited to share that Garin College has purchased a new school van, giving us a fleet of two vehicles to support our students and school programmes.

The new van, complete with Garin College signwriting, will be a fantastic asset for transporting students to sports fixtures, tournaments, educational trips, and other school events. Having two vans will provide greater flexibility and make it easier to support the wide range of opportunities available to our students throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing our new van out and about, proudly representing Garin College across the region!



55-Word Stories – Year 10 English

Mrs Lau's Year 10 English class (10P) recently took on the challenge of telling a complete story in just 55 words.

We are delighted to share a selection of these imaginative pieces. We hope you enjoy seeing just how much can be said in only 55 words!

The Race

Speeding down the track, my heart racing.
Can't fail this time.
Behind, my opponent gains.
My right foot hits the floor.
Hands held steady, I was going to make it.
Thud!
Off-road again.
Nature was against me.
Flying, before tumbling downward.
I couldn't steer my way out of this one.
Back to the main menu.

By Azaria Gardiner

THE HUNT

I hide in the bushes, trying desperately not to move.
I hear the wild creature crashing through the foliage, leaving carnage in it's wake.
Suddenly, the crashing stops.
I lock my joints, worried it heard me.
The bushes explode.
"FOUND YOU!!!" My brother hollers loudly, tackling me to the ground.

By Maggie. K.

Rabbits

Hop! Went the rabbit as she bounced around the room.
She bounced to the sky and flew among the stars.
She hopped into lands far, far away where she partied: with princesses and witches and animals.
And finally, she hopped into bed and with a kiss on the cheek, the little girl fell asleep.

By Molly

Anticipation

I stand and wait, hoping tomorrow will be my lucky day.
I might finally get to leave this place.
All my friends have experienced what it's like to be loved - have felt the sun, but I'm still waiting.... As the lid of the crayon box opens, I wonder if it will be my lucky day?

By Gracie Copeland

Serving as the **Student Representative on the Garin College Board** over the past two years has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It has given me the opportunity to represent the voices of students, contribute to important discussions, and gain a greater understanding of the governance and decision-making that supports our school community. Through this role, I have grown in confidence, developed my leadership and communication skills, and learned the value of listening to different perspectives. I am grateful to have worked alongside such dedicated trustees and staff, and I will always appreciate the opportunity to have helped shape Garin College during my time as a student.



School libraries are essential to ensure that the building blocks of structured literacy are strengthened by developing the joy of reading, increasing reading comprehension, empathy, and the capacity to learn.

“EVERY child deserves the benefits of a school library programme”

IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025



Essential Learning Infrastructure

School libraries are not optional extras, they are critical infrastructure required for equitable student achievement and Māori and Pasifika learner success.

Every student in Aotearoa deserves access to a well-resourced school library and specialised librarian, to ensure that they have equitable access to resources needed to achieve their reading and learning potential.



From
‘Learning to Read’
to
‘Reading to Learn’

School librarians cultivate a culture of reading for pleasure, essential for students to consolidate the fundamentals of literacy.



Sanctuary for
Well-Being

School libraries provide safe and inclusive spaces that are vital for supporting student mental health.



Future-Ready
Learners

School librarians are research specialists who teach students critical thinking, how to navigate AI, find information, and evaluate sources.

The Power of School Libraries

Enviro-week

WEEK 5 TERM 3

♥ MONDAY

• BAKING COOKIES. LUNCHTIME

♻️ TUESDAY

• NAME NATIVE BIRDS FOR A COOKIE

★ WEDNESDAY

• ANYTHING BUT DRIVE TO SCHOOL (earn a free ticket to a raffle!)

♻️ THURSDAY

• REAL RUBBISH HAND IN FOR A PRIZE

♥ FRIDAY

• SMOOTHIE BIKE



Enviro-Week is Coming! 🌱

Get ready for an exciting week of environmental fun! The Garin Enviro Group has been busy organising a range of activities for Enviro-Week next week, with something different happening every day.

On Monday, we'll be baking cookies at lunchtime. On Tuesday, test your knowledge of our amazing native birds — name one correctly and you could earn yourself a cookie! 🐦🍪

Wednesday is all about sustainable transport. Take part in Anything But Drive to School Day for your chance to win a free raffle ticket! 🚲🛴

On Thursday, bring in some real rubbish and hand it in for the chance to win a prize. And finally, finish the week on Friday with our smoothie bike, where you can pedal your way to a delicious smoothie! 🥤🚲

We can't wait to see everyone getting involved and making Enviro-Week a fun celebration of looking after our environment. See you there! 🌍💚

Garin College Student Achievements

Our students have been busy making their mark both in New Zealand and on the international stage!

Chayne Bradley is at the Pipe Band World Championships in Scotland, while Theo Berriman has taken on the challenge of the 48 Hour Film Festival.

Congratulations to Ella MacDonald and Sailor Orlowski, who have been selected for the Tasman Mako U18 Development Squad.

In gymnastics, Keeley Beeden competed in the Central Championship Gymnastics Competition, while Luke Linden has achieved an impressive three gold medals in recent gymnastics competitions.

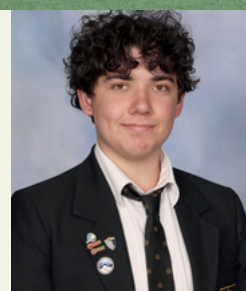
Congratulations also to Amy, Ruby and Genevieve on their success at DNZMade.

In hockey, Erin Gleeson is representing at U18 level, while Tanirau Hetet is competing at the World Seido Karate Championships in New York.

Tyler Laing has been selected for the New Zealand Tap Dance Team, and Tama Kotua is representing New Zealand at the Baseball World Series in Texas.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication, talent and achievements of our students across so many different fields.

For more information and to see more photos, visit the Garin College Facebook page.



Day-to-Day Communication

For all day-to-day communication, please contact your child's Teacher or Dean via **email** rather than through Kiwimail (the KAMAR portal), as it does not support all functions.

Staff contact details can be found on our school website.

Thank you for helping us ensure communication is received and responded to as efficiently as possible.

Reporting a Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify us as early as possible. Keeping us informed helps ensure our attendance records remain accurate and supports student safety.

How to report an absence:

 KAMAR Portal (preferred method)

Access the Portal in either of the following ways:

- Go directly to: garin.school.kiwi
- Visit the Garin College website and click on "Portal" in the maroon strip near the top of the page.

You then look for the button called 'Absence Report'. This can be done for absences that day and the next day. See pic

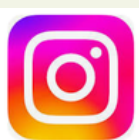
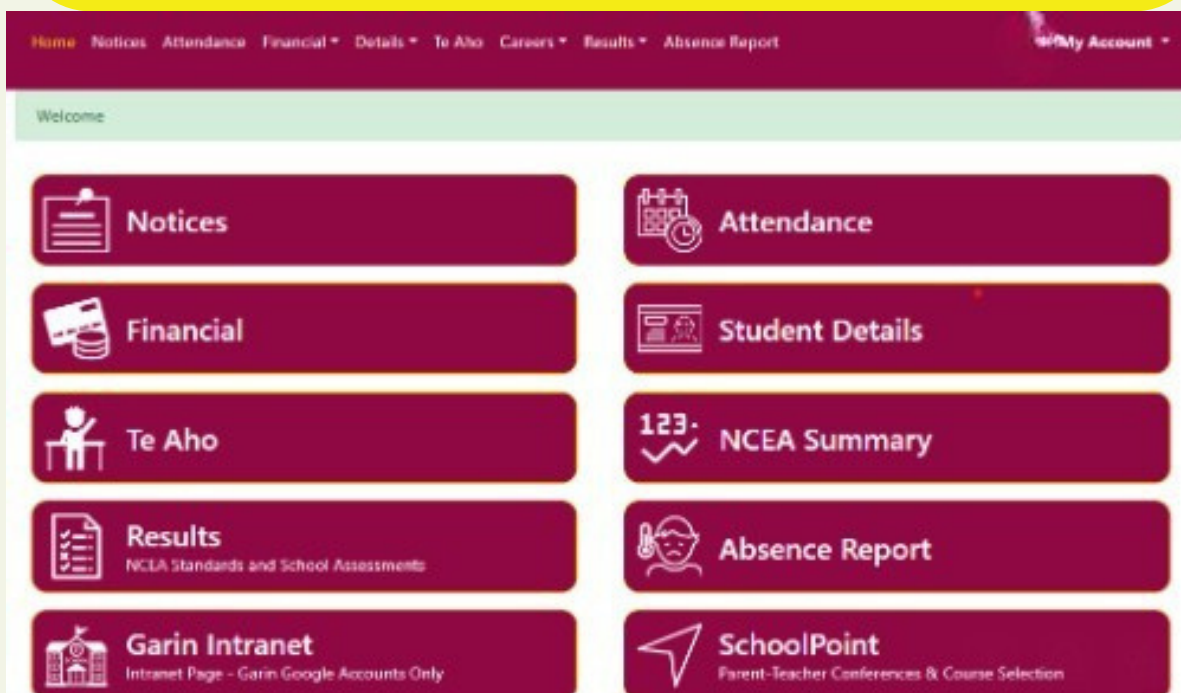
 Email

Send absence details to: attendance@garincollege.nz

 Phone

Leave a message on our attendance line: 03 543 9490

We appreciate your support in keeping our school informed and our students safe.



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