



GARIN COLLEGE

"Small School, Big Heart..."

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.....message from our Principal, John Maguire



Kia ora tatou ngā whānau

With the start of Advent celebrated in our Parish Mass last Sunday and the setting up of the Advent wreath and nativity scene in our school foyer, we are reminded that Christmas is now less than four weeks ahead of us. During the four weeks of Advent we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through our prayer and reflection. Let us take time to slow down and reflect on the significance of Christ being alive in our lives and look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the Advent Season.

*Loving God, as we enter Advent,
We open our lives to your healing light.
Show us the power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be changed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.*

Next week on Thursday and Friday 8 - 9 December our students and our teachers will celebrate Christian Service Day. Many exciting workshops, events and activities have been organised that will enable us to focus on the spirit of giving and serving through our creativity and the sharing of our talents.

While the epicentre of the recent earthquake was of significant distance from our backyard, the shaking was certainly felt by many of us across the region. Fortunately we experienced minimal damage to our school and homes. At this time however we do have many students and their families from the Kaikoura region being challenged and affected by the destructive nature of this earthquake. Let us keep these families in our prayers and where possible continue to extend a lending hand through offers of support and encouragement.

We wish the Garin Rugby 7's Team every success this weekend as they travel to Auckland and compete in the Condor Sevens National Finals. This is an outstanding opportunity for this team, we are proud to have them represent Garin College at this level. We thank Mr Allum, Mr Healey and Mr Nalder for their coaching, management, and support of the young men in this team. We look forward to their return and exciting news of their encounters.

Congratulations and well done to our Senior Students, the 2016 NCEA exams are over! You can now put the study away and begin your summer break. I look forward to meeting you all again on the 14th December for our Prizegiving celebration.

Ngā mihi mahana, God Bless,
John Maguire



I Todo el mundo de moda! Year 10 Spanish

Year 10 Spanish classes have been learning all about clothes, shopping and how to describe what people are wearing. We ended this topic by staging our own collection of fashion shows which was really good fun. Students had to create an outfit, choose their catwalk music and write a commentary in Spanish describing what the models were wearing.



CALENDAR

- 2 December NCEA Exams finish
- 8/9 December Christian Service Day
- 12/13 December Graduation Challenge Yr9/10
- 14 December Last day and Prize Giving
- 31 January Year 11-13 Start School 2017
- 1 February Year 9-13 All School Powhiri

Uniform Shop News

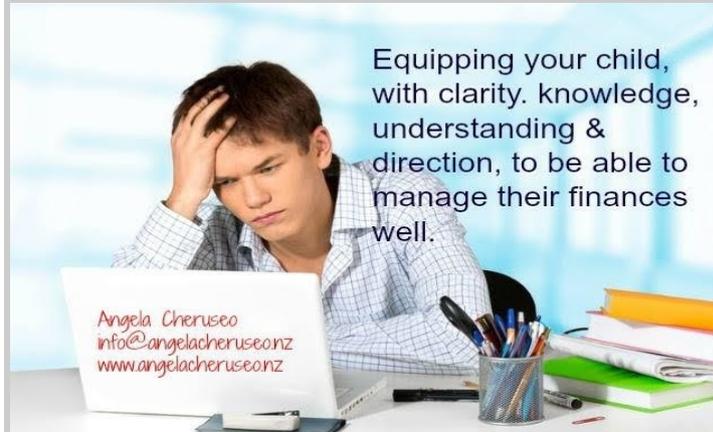
Senior Blazers have arrived and are available to collect on:
Friday 2nd December 6pm to 8pm
Sunday 4th December 4pm to 6pm



So what does the research say about how to prevent the Summer Slide? Part 2

The second factor is **engagement**. Readers need to have a chance to fall into a book. And if a reader isn't enjoying a book, get them a new one! "Research has **proven** time and again that in order for students to **improve**, they must read for **l-o-n-g** stretches of time, with **just-right** material, **enjoying** their texts." (Allington 2011, Serravallo 2010, Calkins 2000.)

The final factor is reading **series books**. Don't be too precious about these! How many of you started off reading Famous Five, Babysitter Club or another series? And remember how we need to value all reading – if you tell a reader their choice of favourite books is bad, you are telling them they are doing reading wrong. "There is a strong correlation between series books and **lifetime readers**. No one becomes a lifetime reader without discovering a **joy of reading**, an intrinsic joy. Almost always, **one step** in that joy is the reading of series books." (G. Robert Carlsen and Anne Sherrill: *Voices of Readers: How We Come to Love Books*)



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Ministry of Inspiration Holiday Workshops

Week 1: 9-13 January

Science and Engineering:

Julia and Reuben are back in this fun filled week of science and engineering! This week long camp will introduce students to many new scientific principles such as polymers, roller coasters, microscopes, dissections and much, much more! Each day will also include engineering challenges designed to incorporate innovative thinking and engineering skills.

Art and Engineering:

Come along to a fun filled week where we mix engineering and art. This EA combo is a great way to explore maths and science concepts but to also unleash your inner artist and get creative. Join Grace and Kirby as we make hot air balloons, paper cities, Rube Goldberg machines, Bridge Building and so much more! Each day will also include engineering challenges designed to incorporate innovative thinking and engineering skills.

Week 2: 16-20 January

Computer Science and Engineering:

Join Simon and Jamie with our re-designed Computer Science and Engineering camp! This camp will introduce students to beginning concepts in: electronics, block coding, robotics, 3D printing, and much much, more! Each day will also include engineering challenges designed to incorporate innovative thinking and engineering skills. The week ends with Friday at NMIT Nelson for the community Hackathon.

Science of Cooking:

Did you know you can bake ice cream? Do you know why popcorn pops? Join Kirby and Julia for this amazing Science of Cooking workshop where students will learn the science behind many of the dishes they create. The final day of camp will include a 'Master Chef' competition with invited tasters.

20 January 8am to 8pm

Community Hackathon

From Ernest Rutherford to Suzie Moncrieff, the Nelson/Tasman Area has a history of being at the forefront of innovation. It's a place where big thinkers change the way things are by questioning the way things have been. The MOI-DELAWARE Impact Challenge is designed for college student to have the opportunity to work in teams to solve a real world problem. **This is a 12 hour coding challenge to make a socially impactful game.** Impact being defined as: awareness of, knowledge of, attitude shift towards and/or solution for...

Teams will be formed from 3-4 like-minded/skilled persons that can utilize SCRATCH, PHASER, or UNREAL ENGINE to design their game. **Challenge participants will be mentored by 25 computer teachers from the University of Delaware.** Students need to provide their own laptop for this challenge with the appropriate software downloaded. \$40 price includes morning tea, lunch, and a 'swag' bag!

18-19 January

Unreal Engine

Unreal Engine is a complete suite of game development tools made by game developers, for game developers. There is no limit to what you can achieve with Unreal Engine technology, whether you're making a clever puzzle app or an open-world action game. Because Unreal Engine 4 is used by students, indies and large teams, it's an engine that you'll never outgrow. From 2D mobile games to console blockbusters and virtual reality, Unreal Engine 4 gives you everything you need to start, ship, grow and stand out from the crowd.