



Prizegiving Thanks

Garin celebrated the 2012 presentation of awards on Thursday 6 December in recognition of excellence, personal growth and contribution in Oha (Generosity), Tikanga-a-Hapori (Social Justice), Pukumahi (Diligence), Matatika (Trustworthiness), Pono (Honesty), Auaha (Innovation) and Whai Wahi (Joining in) of our students.

The theme created a magic atmosphere in the gymnasium with the liturgy - Haere Mai Emmanuel by Joy Cowley and a wonderful liturgical dance 'The Gifts of the Spirit Garin 2012'. Music was *Gifts* by Andrew Penman and dancers included Hannah Robinson, Lily Warner, Amy Newman, Claire Graham and Elizabeth Mitchell. This year, for the first time at the annual awards our School Captains and House Captains for 2013 were presented with certificates and badges.

This year many businesses have supported our young people with prizes. Thanks to South Pacific Books, Network Tasman, NMIT, Tasman Coach Services, Convent Girls Past Pupils Association, Dutch Rusk, Whitcoulls, Orange Dog Limited, Office Max, Waimea Electrical, ASB Aquatic Centre, Vicki Turnbull Photography Ltd, McKee Charitable Trust, Beggs Musicworks, Stirling Sports, Spotless Services Ltd, Raewards Fresh, Nelson Federation of Graduate Women Trust, also NZTS and Manna Christian Schools. If you are a parent of a student who has received a prize, it would be much appreciated for a note of thanks to go to the sponsor for their support.

Thanks for all the administration and work behind the scenes in preparation for the awards evening; Sheilagh Ditchfield, Mary Anne Heckler, Rachel Bright and Shona Erasmuson who made it happen; Catherine Aronsten, Lyndsey Furlong-Taylor and Suellen Boyce who set up and decorated the gym; all those parents who gave us flowers; Adrienne Cairns for her beautiful flowers and sprays; Antoni Leonard, Jono Clayton, Kyle Proffit and Denis Moriarty for technical assistance. Thirkettle Nurseries for the plants and Monica Hailes-Paku, Robin Hinton and Gabriel Quin for providing supper for our leavers and their families.

Merry Christmas from the Head Teacher

On behalf of our hard-working staff and Board I would like to wish our students and families a safe and holy Christmas.

We have had another very busy year and have appreciated your support: one of the things that makes us special is the way our parents and students support us and work alongside us, to create a strong, life-giving community.

I really enjoyed our Awards Evening last week. Thank you to all the families who took the time to come along. I know you will have been proud of your children, but our Awards always give me a lot of hope for the future of our school—and our nation.

I was very proud of our students as a whole—and our top scholars, leaders, musicians and dancers in particular. The most moving moments for me were the pride on the faces of those able to be recognised, the acclaim for Tom Nicholson in particular, the speech by Aleisha and Rupert, and the contribution of current School Leaders Joel and Kate who just stepped in and ran the second half of the evening as if they had been running awards ceremonies all their lives!

Please look after each other over the holidays—and my prayer is that we all have a safe and happy Christmas, a relaxing holiday, and that everyone of us begins Garin's twelfth year fit and ready to go!

God bless you all.

John Boyce

Summer Sport Sign up 2013

Please read the information page with this newsletter which explains the procedures and times for summer sport sign-up next term. Separate sign-ups will be held for years 9, 10 & 11. In view of Year 13 being on their Journey programme in week 1, they will sign up on the day they come in for course confirmation, Wednesday January 23 along with Year 12..

Second Hand Uniform Sale

If anyone wishes to sell 2nd hand uniforms, can you please contact Deb Page by email - peterdeborah@xtra.co.nz before course confirmation day on the 13th January, to organise a drop-off point. Items need to be named clearly and priced.



Tom Nicholson showing the Sir Patrick and Lady Hilary Goodman Cup for Outstanding Achievement as Dux of Garin, 2012

Calendar

Wednesday 23 January, 2013

♦ Y11, 12 and 13 course confirmation day 9-12 noon

Monday 28 January, 2013

♦ All students return—powhiri starts at 8.35am

Monday 28 January, 2013

♦ Year 13 Journeys start

Thursday 31 January & Friday 1 February 2013

♦ Summer Sport Sign up

Monday 4 February

♦ Anniversary Day

Tuesday 5 February

♦ Holiday

Wednesday 6 February

♦ Waitangi Day

Thursday 7 February

♦ Normal school day—week 2

How we will start the new school year in 2013

Garin College will open on Wednesday 23 January for Year 12 and 13 students and any Year 11 students wishing to change options.. During this time, students will confirm their courses. The day will begin at 9.00am for all Year 13 students for a Journey meeting, it ends at 12.00pm, when teachers will be able to have their organisational meetings. There will be no buses, so students will need to make their own transport arrangements. Students are able to wear mufti to course confirmation day. The school will officially open for all students on Monday 28 January at 8.35am with our traditional powhiri. All senior students must be in formal uniform for the powhiri on Monday 28 January.

The first morning for all students

On Monday 28 January we all start at the normal time (8.35am) with a *Powhiri* and then assembly in the gym for all students.

Parents (especially the parents of new students) are welcome. We won't begin classes until 12.20pm.

8.30am—students and staff new to the school assemble on the cobble drive outside the office. Mr Moriarty will meet you there and explain what will happen next. Then we will all walk over to the gym for a welcome that will make all newcomers part of our school.

10.30am—around this time all students will have whanau time—a chance to meet your whanau and your whanau teacher. This will last for about 70 minutes. Parents of new students are welcome to join the whanau.

11.35am—morning break

12.20pm—classes start for the day.

2.03pm—lunchtime. New students need to bring lunch—or money to buy lunch from the canteen. Other than Year 13, our students do not leave the grounds at lunchtime.

Bus students

Our bell rings at 3.13pm, and the buses leave at 3.15pm. It is important that you move quickly over to the bus bay. Feeder buses will take you to Waimea College bus bay where you catch your bus home—if you don't know which bus to catch, try to find someone from your area to tell you.

If you miss your bus, come to the office so you can call home. The students on the Garin Express go into Nelson and then on to Clifton Terrace, via Stoke.

Bring a cheque

Also on Day 1 all students should have the money for their stationery—you will find details in this mailout.

Students will be called over to the library class by class to get issued with the equipment they need. This is really important to us, because it means teachers can start work knowing that all students will have the stationery and equipment they need from the start.

EOTC permissions

EOTC stands for "Education Outside The Classroom" and covers all school activities outside the classroom.

We know that these events can be the most memorable things in a student's education, so we want them to be an integral part of education at Garin. We also know parents must get tired of filling in the same health information for each activity.

New students for 2013 have already filled out their forms—and our other students filled them in last year. But things change—so please let us know if there is new medical information we need to know about.

Farewell to leaving staff

Last week we farewelled four staff who are leaving Garin this year. Dan Moon (Arts), Tracy Duncan (Arts & Social Sciences) Margot Ruhen (Student Services) and Suellen Boyce (Religious Education). We thank them for the way they have embraced the Garin way and fitted in so well.

We farewelled Suellen Boyce (Religious Education) who has been one of the founding staff members at Garin and has put enormous time into setting the special character at Garin. Suellen will be missed by all, but I am sure she will be back to relieve next year.

Tracy Duncan has takeup a fulltime teaching position at Tapawera.

Dan Moon will be leaving Nelson to take up a teaching position on the West Coast.

Margot Ruhen has taken a new position at Victory School
Garin wishes everyone well in the new endeavours.

Take a Moment ...

God sent a star to light the night for The Way, The Truth, The Life--His Son. He sent the Light of Life to prove His heart so we would invite His Son into our own. God has given us all the light we'll ever need to find peace on earth, goodwill to men.

-Pamela F.Dowd



Uniform Shop

2013 hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1pm-4pm, or by appointment. You can text Heather Tonk on 0274 171063. or email her at heathertonk@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz.

NCEA Results 2012

Students will receive their NCEA results online via their Learner Login. Results notices will not be sent in the post. Students can order a printed NCEA results notice from their Learner Login by 31st December 2012. Scholarship Result Notices will be posted.

Parents of new Year 9 students

If your child is interested in participating in the Garin Gifted and Talented Program, please stop by the office to pick up a "Parent Recommendation" form and return to Mrs. Cornelisen as soon as possible. If you need any additional information about the program please email Mrs. Cornelisen directly at amycornelisen@cloud.garin.ac.nz

Timetable - 2013

The table below shows the times of Garin classes; with 6 periods throughout the day. Please note that whanau classes and assembly are held after period 3 and just before first break.. In 2013 there are two assemblies (Tuesday and Thursday) and three whanau classes (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) In Students need to remember that they need to bring enough food for two breaks (1st break—45 minutes and 2nd break 20 minutes to help them maintain their focus for the whole school day.

Period	Start	Finish	Length
1	8.35	9.25am	50 mins
2	9.28am	10.18am	50 mins
3	10.21am	11.11am	50 mins
Whanau/ Assembly	11.15am	11.35am	20 mins
1st break	11.35am	12.20pm	45 mins
4	12.20pm	1.10pm	50 mins
5	1.13pm	2.03pm	50 mins
2nd break	2.03pm	2.23pm	20 mins
6	2.23pm	3.13pm	50 mins

Garin Calendar - Important Note

Please note that there will not be a printed version of the Garin Calendar in 2013. A URL link will be set up on the Garin Intranet Log on Page where students log on to Moodle, Google Docs, Gmail, and various other modules and activities such as DreamCatcher which has recently been introduced to students at Garin. Garin's Public Calendar will be viewed via this link.

Collectors Wanted - Census Day, March 5 2012

The 2013 Census is now just three months away and Statistic New Zealand is looking to recruit local people to deliver and collect Census forms in the Nelson, Stoke and Richmond districts. The job involves part-time paid work during a six week period, 11 February to 24 March 2013. Census collectors work from home and weekend and evening work will be required. Full training will be provided. Jobs open online from 7 December. Apply at <http://jobs.census.govt.nz>.