



...from the Head Teacher John Boyce



Next week we have *Mahi Toi* - and it is also the time year 8 students and their families start to decide on schools for next year. So why might they choose a Catholic school? Why do Catholic schools value creativity and imagination and appreciation of beauty? I will try to explain in this week's [Insight](#).

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 9 & 10

Interviews for Year 9 and 10 students are going to be held on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June from 3-5.00pm. This is an important stage of the year in terms of your son/daughter's progress. Teachers will have a really good perspective on how students are performing and can supply you with some quite specific details of this. You are encouraged to bring your son or daughter along to the interview as it is an important part of reporting on academic progress.

To make things easier, parents are able to make their interview times online.

1. The website address is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

2. The school code for booking on line will be ZKUZG. Bookings will not be available until Friday 19 June at 9.00am.
3. Just follow the instructions and you will be emailed confirmation of your times.
4. Where there are no check boxes to tick, the teachers are unavailable for those times.
5. If the teacher's name does not show on the website, that means they are unavailable.

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If you miss out booking an interview online you can email your son or daughter's teacher to discuss their progress.

Enterprise in Action

For three days last week, a group of Garin students went to Waimea College to participate in a Business Enterprise Challenge. Students from Waimea College, Garin College and Nelson College were mixed into teams. We then completed a range of activities including brainstorming potential perfect products! We had to take into consideration: statistics, production, advertising and finance. We were taught how to undertake directors roles, how to set goals and, most importantly, how to sell. The second day began with a bang. We had limited time to create the presentation and gather all the background information for our product. We came up with the idea, 'iSpy'. It was a product to help busy households and tourists 'find what cannot be found!' iSpy is a small, compact tracker, that can stick to anything and be accessed with a secure online account. It is the only thing like it on the New Zealand market. Day three went fast and was honestly very stressful. Sites were auctioned off, with money that had been awarded in the previous two days. iSpy site cost \$300 and was one of the best. Judges arrived and we did our best to sell iSpy, promoting our strengths and overcoming our weaknesses. The product really appealed to the judges, as it hit them personally with stolen bikes, lost pedigree dogs and more. The verdict was announced, iSpy won due to successful teamwork and a professional business plan. Shannon Norton and Jessica Stock were in this winning group. The judges loved our product and wished one day to see it in the NZ market. The enterprise was very valuable and worthwhile experience. If you get the chance, don't forget to wow the judges!



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

From the Uniform Shop

All borrowed summer sports uniform is due back in NOW.

We have plenty of winter uniform in stock: long sleeve blouses and shirts, jerseys, tights and socks.

Also a good range of second-hand uniforms.

Year 9 Swimming Programme

Please click this link for details.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5Dyyt6YZnvNc1czYW9CQmJNfNf/view?usp=sharing>

Sport News and Updates

Fixtures, results, wrap ups and more

will all be available here every week. Click [here](#).

Slow down!

Imagine how you would feel if you hit someone's child as you sped through our carpark. Imagine how you would feel in court as the police proved you exceeded the 10kph speed limit based on the distance the body was thrown by the car.

Trophies

Please could you return all trophies to the school front office. It would be appreciated if you advised Mrs Erasmuson if the trophy is in any way damaged. Thank you.

Website Links

Queen Charlotte Exchange
<http://goo.gl/3yg7oU>



Stars At Garin

★ *Congratulations to Timothy Cheung who set a very impressive Rubik's cube time at 28 seconds. Reuben Panting spelled 8 words correct to win spelling bee and they were very difficult words.*

★ *Congratulations to 9T who have been working hard reading using a programme called Reading Plus. They are able to increase their vocab knowledge, their silent reading speed and their reading comprehension. 9T are the lucky class to have access to this Reading Plus Trial. If we see large enough clear benefits to the class we intend offering it to other junior students in the future.*

Take a Moment

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."
Albert Einstein



CALENDAR

18-19 June

♦ *Mahi Toi Festival*

19 June

♦ *Bookings open at 9.00am for Parent/Teacher interviews*

23 June

♦ *Mahi Toi Concert Tickets on sale*

24-25 June

♦ *Yr 9-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews*



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