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GARIN COLLEGE

SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

A Note from the Dean

It has been a busy term for me and I have been pleased to get to know a few of the students and their whanau in a different context. Now seems like a good time to communicate a few thoughts with senior stu-

dents and their parents. With term 3 drawing to a close in two weeks time the crucial exam season and the final push for internal credits is upon us. Now is a perfect time to take stock of progress this year and reaffirm attainment goals. Year 11 and 12 students have also been through the process of subject selection recently and now know which subject areas they need to make sure they do well in, to keep those doors open for next year.

Students have a range of experiences when it comes to subject selection. Some find it difficult to fit in all the subjects they want to do, whilst a few others find it hard to come to a final decision on their selections for a number of other reasons. In most cases it all works out fine and students come away happy that they have the opportunities they wanted for next year. Now comes the hardest part, passing this year's course to make certain of their place for next year. I hope you don't need more incentive to get motivated for the exam season than that.

One excellent way to make sure you know where you stand as you work towards your goals is to keep an up to date Credit Watch. Every student has two credit watch sheets, one in their whanau room and one at home. The ideal scenario is for this to be in a prominent place so students and their parents can check it on a regular basis. If there isn't one at your place they can be picked up from the front office any time. This exercise enables students to see how close they are to the magic number of credits, whether that be passing the certificate or aiming for an endorsed certificate. These sheets are generally more timely and informative than a check on the NZQA system as students can keep their own tally as they complete assessments and receive grades. Of course, students should still be logging on to the NZQA site to check their official records.

Of course the other big issue is practice examinations. Students need to be using these opportunities as a chance to measure their progress and see where they need to concentrate work and effort before the end of the year. Practice exams were postponed this week and consequently there are a concentration in weeks 9 and 10.

Year 12 Digital Technology

This year, my year 12 Digital Technology class have been learning skills with computers and developing authentic products. But where our projects differ from other schools is that we work with the community. We have been working with Victory Primary School and Refugee Services, to design products to help the refugees integrate into our community. Our products include Safety booklets, (for kitchen safety and food storage safety), Welcome signs in different languages, recipe books, introductions to ingredients and things to do in Nelson. This project is in its 3rd year and this week Nelson Mail interviewed my class; so keep an eye out for the article. *By John Gibson*
(Photo supplied by Nelson Mail)



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Public Health Nurse

Pam McArley will be visiting Garin College in September on the following days to see students who may have health related issues:
Monday 17 September 1.30-2.30pm
To make an appointment please contact the school office.

Defensive Driving Course

If your son/daughter would like to improve their driving skills, learn to manage the risk present when driving and reduce the time on their restricted licence by 6 months Grant Billcliff will be running a course over the following four nights: Tuesday 11 September, Thursday 13 September, Tuesday 18 September and Thursday 20 September. The course time is 6-8pm, the course location is Nelson College and course costs are \$180. If you wish to register please phone Grant on 547 1151 or text 027 499 4478.

StudyLink

Attention Year 13 students and whanau - find out what help you could be eligible for and helpful information for your ongoing study

choices. go to this link for helpful questionnaires and info about funding tertiary study. www.studylink.govt.nz.

Also info sessions by Studylink being held at school - please watch daily notices for room venues

Year 13 students - Wednesday 26 September (week 11 term3) in study period6

Year 12 students - Wednesday 17 October (week 1 term 4) in study period6.

Have your Vote

Jake Robinson has entered a video in New Zealand's Got Talent. He is about to play Marius in a production of Les Miserables with the Nelson Symphony Orchestra and Nelson Youth Theatre. He has previously played a variety of other roles including Teen Angel, Uncle Max, Herr Schultz and Peter Pan. He also won the overall under 18 prize at the Nelson Vocal competition last year.

Please take a look and vote for Jake in Head & Shoulders Above the Rest <http://abovetherest.tvnz.co.nz/myentry/andrew-robinson>

Special Parent Meeting

A number of parents have asked for a briefing on the events of the last week, so we will run that next Wednesday (19 September) 7-8.30pm. The evening will begin with a liturgy, and continue with advice and discussion about how we keep our children safe in very difficult times. We will also have Pat McEntyre and Janet Tavener from the Ministry there to share their expertise.

Calendar

- Tuesday 18 September**
♦ Exam day for year 11
- Thursday 20 September**
♦ Matt Gardner's anniversary 2002
- Wednesday 26 September**
♦ Year 13 Studylink Talk
- 26/27 September**
♦ Year 12 & 13 Drama Production
- Friday 28 September**
♦ Term 3 Ends
♦ Teacher Only Day
♦ Senior Reports are posted

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



We have had a very hard week: thank you for your prayers and support for us, as well as for Emmet and his family.

It has been difficult for everyone but, as always, hard times have brought out the best in staff and students.

I have been inspired by the courage and openness of so many people. I have watched staff and students support each other. I guess we expect staff to report students they are concerned about – but it has happened the other way too: students asking staff if they are OK – or reporting a staff member they thought we could help. I don't think that would have occurred to me at that age!

Grief hits people in all sorts of different ways. Some are hit hard right away – others take time to realise what has happened. Some are personally affected – but others are hit just as hard because they are reminded of family tragedies of their own.

And we all have our own ways of showing our support, and care and love – and there have been wonderful examples of love this week.

I found myself reflecting on a favourite book *The 5 Languages of Love*. After many years of counselling, writer Gary Chapman noticed a pattern: everyone he had ever counselled had a "love language," a primary way of expressing and interpreting love.

Over the last week I saw them all – I saw people I regard as friends and people I rarely speak to showing their love for each other through words of affirmation and support, through the gift of quality time – sometimes just sitting in silence, I saw people so graciously giving and receiving gifts and support given with love, I saw acts of service, and time after time I saw physical touch given and received.

These were not languages of politeness or duty – they were very clearly caring and compassionate people speaking their languages of love.

And I have seen anxiety.

As you saw in the ad on page one, a number of parents have asked us to share some of the things we have learnt about looking after kids in times of trouble. On Wednesday we are inviting parents to join a discussion with us, along with Janet Tavener and Patrick McEntyre from the Ministry of Education.

We will begin with a liturgy – and then discuss ways to support student well-being. We will also look at possible dangers like problems with drugs and alcohol, issues around social networks, signs to watch for, good practice in times of trouble, and promoting the well-being of your young people.

Special Olympics Basketball Ribbon



A group of year 9 and 10s joined in with 7 other teams, from the top of the South Island, to compete in the annual Special Olympics Basketball Ribbon event for 2012.

They had a win over Waimea College Giants and a narrow loss to Nayland and were placed 2nd overall in the Mid Grade section. They were also awarded 2nd place in the "Skills" event.

A enjoyable day was had by all who competed.

Senior Girls Football

The Garin Senior Girls played their last game of the season against the Garin Junior Team. The Senior Girls dominated possession and territory against a gallant junior side. It took quite a while for the Senior Girls to score, but Caitlin Corish took two well taken goals in close succession mid way through the first half. Dani Reilly's powerful shot took a big enough deflection off a defender to be considered an own goal and the Senior Girls went into half time 3 – 0 ahead.

The second half saw further

attacks by the Senior Team, and goals from Emily McMullan (2), Maryann Cant and another from Caitlin saw the game finish 7 – 0. As in past weeks, the attacks were built on great confidence in our defensive line.

Maryann Cant played her final game for Garin, and is the only player to play all 5 seasons since the team was fully established. Maryann's presence will be missed

The season finished with a record of 8 wins and 7 losses, with 53 goals scored, and 38 conceded.

Garin Cardinals Shoot to the top

Our Senior Boys basketball team came home strongly in the Southern Zone Championships played at Westport during Tournament Week to reach the final and to claim a spot in the Nationals to be held in Nelson in the first week of October. On the way through the Cardinals beat Waimate and Rangiora in pool games and Mairehau in the semi-final. Dunstan were just too good for them in the final, winning 83-63.



- ★ Congratulations to Garin College for winning the following trophies for Netball this year:
 - ✓ Senior 8A- Daph McKay Trophy to Garin College Senior B
 - ✓ Senior 12 – Newman Cup to Garin College Senior Gold
 - ✓ Collegiate 7- Sue Martin Trophy to Garin College Junior Gold



Photo of Senior Gold Netball Team (above)

- ★ *Kia Ora from Mairehau High School in Christchurch who wanted to pass on congratulations to Garin's Basketball team for their second placing at the Westport tournament. "Your boys played as a cohesive, functional unit, and they deserved their place in the final." (Photo of the team is on the back page.*

Zoe Jackson - Vocalist

Zoe is one of our highly accomplished and recognised specialist vocal tutors and she has advised us that some spaces have become available for new students. For further information, please contact Zoe on: Tel. 03 548 8762 Mob. 027 279 6596 Email. zjcksn@yahoo.com

SCOREBOARD

- ◆ **Netball:** Senior A 20, Wanderers Titans 24, Senior B 24, Suburban Silver 21. Senior Gold 20, Waimea Denim 19, Junior Gold 24, Nayland 9 21.
- ◆ **Hockey:** Division 3 9, Federal 3. Division 4 Default win.
- ◆ **Football Girls:** Senior 7, Garin Junior 0.



Weekend Sports Draws

- Saturday**
 - ◆ Boys Football 15th Grade 9am v FC Nelson Spurs at Garin, 14th Grade 10.45am v Richmond Fiesty Flames at Garin.
 - ◆ Basketball Garin Gladiators 3.35pm v Salibury Hot Peppers (FINAL).

- Sunday**
 - ◆ Senior Girls Football Plate Final 11am v Nelson College 2nd XI at Garin.

Take a Moment...

Destiny isn't the path chosen for us, but the path we chose for ourselves. Megamind



AFTER SCHOOL

ART CLASSES

WITH...

ROSE SHEPARD



Rose is one of the region's leading visual artists and has a longstanding relationship with Garin College having organised Mahi Toi for a number of years in her role as Arts Co-ordinator. Rose holds art classes after school in her studio and many Garin students who have attended say that they have been extremely helpful with their own work as well as being great fun.

For more information about the classes running during Term 4

contact rose via email:

rose.richard.shepard@xtra.co.nz



Photo of the Senior Boys Basketball with their medals at the Southern Zone Championships

Year 11 Food Technology Visit Global Soaps

On Tuesday the 4th September, Luke Macann and Denis Moriarty accompanied a year 11-food technology class as they went on a field trip to Global Soaps, a well-established boutique soap making business located in Nile St. Bronwyn Gately did a fantastic job of welcoming our students and gave an excellent talk about the origins of her natural soap shop. A great learning opportunity arose and some students are now taking the opportunity to experiment with making soap as part of their gift basket projects (photo to the right)



Year 9 Food Technology Visit a Market Garden

On Tuesday 4th September Jo Calt and Luke Macann took their year nine Food Technology class to O'Connors market garden in Appleby to observe a large scale vegetable growing and distributing operation. They were very well-behaved and Mark O'Conner's knowledge and engaging dialogue was greatly appreciated. The O'Connors have been growing vegetables on this piece of land for nearly 150 years! (Photo below)



(left photo) Garin College Junior Gold Team
(right photo) Garin College Senior B Team