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SMALL SCHOOL ~ BIG HEART ...

GARIN COLLEGE

Very positive meeting for year 8 families to discuss bringing computers in 2013

Last night 85 parents and students came to the Board's consultative meeting to look at students bringing their own computer to Garin next year might look like. They heard about the educational advantages and watched teachers showing them some of the things we are doing already. Amy Newman, Antoni Leonard and Josh Wood demonstrated their already impressive knowledge and skill—and showed parents some of the things that excite them.

Parents saw the list of preferred devices, and the specifications needed to work on our system. They balanced the \$350-800 price tag—with the savings from not buying stationery, and the educational benefits demonstrated.

Warehouse Stationery and Dick Smith came along and learnt a lot about the intended use—and the best tools for the job—and were able to answer questions.

And there were lots of questions for the board to consider. Watch for next

week's newsletter for a BYOD feature which will outline the questions and answers, the preferred devices and specs, and the model Garin is proposing.

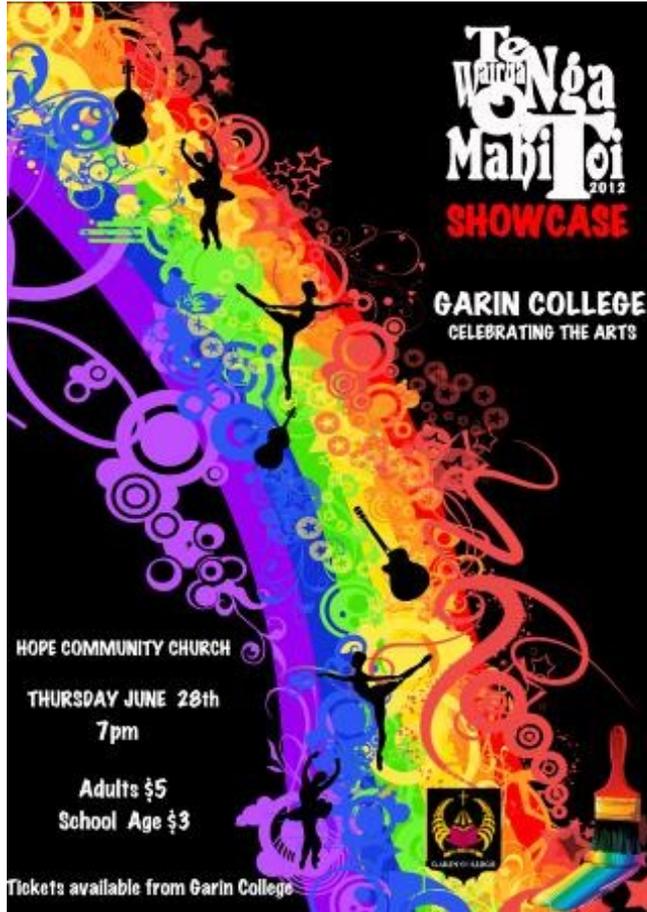
At the beginning of the meeting parents were told that their children will be the first generation to go through Garin using computers as their primary learning tool—or the last generation to go through secondary education without it.

At the end of the evening Board Chair Alan Hinton asked for an indication of

support.

Over half the hands went up—and when he asked parents who was opposed, there only a few. That leaves quite a few parents still thinking and learning.

More next week—and a big thank you to families, students and staff for coming out on a cold night, and for your openness and willingness to take seriously such a crucial decision for your young people and for the school.



Kia Ora

This year we are celebrating the success of our annual Mahi Toi Festival with a Showcase concert to be held at the Hope Community Church. It will be held on Thursday 28 June at 7pm and will be hosted by our Head Arts' students, Georgia Nott and Isaac Thomas. The Showcase will display performances and presentations from a variety of the Arts faculty, including Music, Dance, Drama, Kapa Haka and Design.

Tickets can be purchased from the Garin College office at the cost of \$5 for an adult and \$3 for a student. Spaces are limited, so it is highly recommended that you purchase your tickets ASAP. Last year the tickets sold out before the evening of the concert!

Refreshments will be available from the Heart Beat Cafe

Look forward to seeing you there!

Garin College Arts Faculty



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Teacher Only Day

A notice to alert parents of Garin that a Teacher Only Day has been scheduled for the last day of the term and after the Mahi Toi Concert - being **Friday 29 June**.

Garin Health Clinic Times

If your son/daughter would like to make an appointment to see a health nurse the dates are detailed below. Please make an appointment with the office:

Wednesday 27 June 1.45-3pm

Winter Scarfs

Winter scarfs have arrived at Garin's

Uniform shop and are in limited quantity, so be in quick to buy one.

Catholic.net

He turned down a knighthood, he had already received reward enough in the people he had helped, he died recently, what is his name? Join us on www.catholicv.net this week and see if you can work out who he is and confirm what he stood for.

Badminton

Badminton, which will start again on Mondays in the 3rd term from 16 July. If you have any queries, please phone or email Jow Hall at the Rich-

mond Badminton Club. Ph./Fax 546 4446 joe@peak.co.nz

CALENDAR

- Monday 25 June
- ♦ Reports Posted for all students
- Thursday 28 June
- ♦ Mahi Toi Concert
- Thursday 28 June
- ♦ Year 9 & 10 Online Interview bookings begin
- Friday 29 June
- ♦ Teacher Only Day & End of Term 2

... from Head Teacher John Boyce



Thank you for the positive comments and helpful suggestions in the recent survey (published in last week's newsletter). Over the next few weeks I would like to follow up on a few of the things you said—and the Board will be using your ideas when they begin work on the new Strategic Plan in a couple of weeks.

The leadership survey was part of our review of the current expectations we have of our leaders—and the structures we use. Two of the phrases we use a lot are “flat management” and “servant leadership”.

Servant leadership is a Gospel concept dating back to Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (Jn 13:13). So leaders at Garin are appointed to serve others—to make things happen for others—to enable others to grow. It is a strange term—but it means a lot to us here at Garin.

The flat management system is part of that. The concepts that make up the vision of leadership so strongly endorsed by our parents, teachers and student leaders, are the concepts underlying servant leadership. The flat management system is a tool we have used to make that happen. At Garin over our first ten years we developed a very wide leadership group—a third of our staff and up to half of our year 13 have formal leadership roles. That makes them responsible for serving others—for making things happen for others—for enabling others to grow.

Every system has its strong and weaker points. The weakness of such a wide group is that it is harder to monitor and support such a big group.

On the other hand it is great to have so many people involved in running aspects of the school life. I believe that is one of the reasons we are so adaptable, so open to change, so able to move forward—and why we have so many talented people: staff and students.

Year 9 Gifted & Talented

Garin's Year 9 Gifted and Talented group has continued to display their Inflatable Cell project and teach

students at other schools in the region. Students recently spent 3 days at the One Day School, a gifted school at Henley, teaching students in Years 1-8 from all over the region, the facts that all living things are made of cells, the parts of the cell, and how to properly use a microscope. Last week, students were at the Richmond Mall teaching the public about cells as part of Gifted Awareness Week.

This week their project will be on display at the WOW museum.



Senior Girls Football

The Garin Senior Girls were up against it from the start, playing competition leaders Nayland College First XI last Sunday. The girls worked very hard against a well drilled side full of quality players, including a number of Nelson Reps. At half time the girls were down 3 - 0, after Nayland scored from 2 corners, and a similar goal from a cross. The second half was more of the same, with numerous attacks from Nayland thwarted by the Garin defence. In the end, the weight of possession took its toll and the game finished 7 - 1. Mar-yann Cant went close to scoring on a number of occasions, and it was her shot which forced the own goal from Nayland. All the girls did a great job, but special mention for Jordan Norton who defended exceptionally well against a speedy and talented opponent, and Caitlin Corish who worked hard in mid-field. Goalkeeper Maeve Cahill deservedly earned the opposition coach's nomination for player of the day.

Under 18 Rugby V. Moutere

The boys are playing Moutere on Saturday at Awarua Park Blenheim. There is a bus leaving Garin at 10am for those who would like to lend their support. The match kicks off at 1pm and the bus should be back by 5pm.

Rugby Game

at Garin
next Thursday

Our Under 18 team will be playing Nelson College third XV at Garin next Thursday at 3.30pm.

This is the team the boys beat in Round 1, so it should be a good clash.

Your support would be welcome—and you will see a great game.

Firewood for Sale

As a fundraiser for the Garin College 'A' Netball Team we have trailer loads of firewood for sale. This is untreated, kiln dried, timber cut-offs. Each trailer load is \$150 pick-up. Please phone 544 9093 and leave a message to place your order.



STAR STUDENTS OF Garin



★ *Jared Lautenslager had the best boys finishing place in Garin College history at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday as he placed 18th in the Year 9 race. Jared covered the hilly, muddy three-kilometre course at St Kentigern College in Auckland in 10min38secs. His placing surpassed his brother Jeff's 20th place finish in the junior race from last year. Jeff moved up to the seniors six-kilometre race this year and finished 82nd in the field of more than 230 runners.*

SCOREBOARD

- ♦ *Rugby: Under 18 3, Nelson College 2nd XV 43. Under 14 Default loss.*
- ♦ *Boys Football: 15th Grade 2, Trojan Challengers 2. 14th Grade 2, Rangers United 3.*
- ♦ *Netball: Senior A 34, Tapawera 19. Senior B 29, Nayland Senior C 26. Senior Black 26, On Fire Brekthru 10. Senior Gold 20, Waimea Magenta 15. Junior A 37, On Fire Mustang 18. Junior B 10, Junior Black 19. Junior Maroon 15, NCG 10 Dream Team 14. Junior Gold 7, NCG 10 Angels 20.*
- ♦ *Girls Football: Senior 1, Nayland 7. Junior 2, Waimea 2nd XI 2.*
- ♦ *Hockey: Division 3 7, Federal 2 NBS Stoke 4. Division 4 (Fri) 6, Tasman 2, (Sat) 2, NBS Stoke 4.*

Weekend Sports Draws

Saturday

- ♦ *Rugby Under 18 1pm v Moutere at Blenheim. Under 14 Bye.*
- ♦ *Boys Football 15th Grade 9am v Richmond Unos at Avery F3. 14th Grade 10.45am v Suburbs Giants at Garin.*
- ♦ *Netball Senior A 4pm v Suburban Blue. Senior B 1pm v NCG Senior D. Senior Black 11am v Nayland Lil Rockers. Senior Gold 10am v Waimea Denim. Junior A 9am v NOG Ale House. Junior B 11am v Waimea 10 Green. Junior Black 1pm v NCG 10 D. Junior Maroon 12pm v NCG 9E. Junior Gold 11am v Waimea 10 Yellow.*

Sunday

- ♦ *Girls Football Senior 10am v Motueka at Garin. Junior 10am v NCG Devos at Avery F2.*
- ♦ *Hockey: Div 3 12.55pm v Waimai. Div 4 10am v Nelson College.*
- ♦ *Basketball: Garin Gladiators 4.05pm v Firebirds.*

Take a Moment...

Ka puta a Matariki, ka rere a Whanui; ko te tohu o te tau.

Matariki reappears, Whanui starts its flight; this is the sign of the season.

