

O'Shea Shield 2014

On May 17 and 18, a team of 11 students from Garin College represented the other 450 students back home at the annual O'Shea Shield competition.

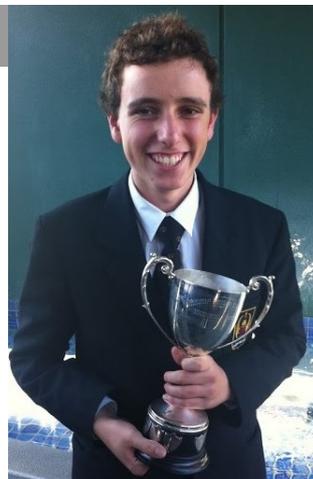
This year the competition was held in Hastings, at St John's College.

O'Shea Shield is a competition which sees seventeen high schools from the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Archdiocese of Palmerston North compete in a multitude of events. These events include Scripture Reading, Oratory, Impromptu Speech, Drama, Debating, Junior Prepared Speech and Religious Questions. All seven events were marked out of a score six.

This year Garin College scored top marks receiving sixes in both Junior Prepared Speech and Impromptu Speech, and gaining fives for the other five events.

Not only did we win the debate on whether Pope Francis should have a Facebook profile, but Callum McIntosh took out the Impromptu Speech Section A and Caleb Binns came a very close second place in the Junior Prepared Speech.

Overall, the Garin team came second equal with only one point difference be-



tween us and the winning school, St Catherine's. Well done to Lauren Wilkes, Sam Harrison, Amy Newman, Nick Erasmuson, Emily O'Connell, Holly Brunning, Katie Shanaher, Sam Traynor, Callum McIntosh, Ellie McDonald and Caleb Binns for their awesome efforts.

On behalf of the team, I'd also like to give a huge thank you to all the teachers who organised, supported, and instructed us

towards this year's victory—especially Team Leader Justine Butler, Paul Traynor, John Boyce, Peter Mellor who trained us and travelled up with us (and to teachers Kim Pope and April Williams who flew up to support us). We are also very grateful for the financial and spiritual support we received from the Parishes and locals, we couldn't have done it otherwise.

Emily O'Connell



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

Year 9 Journey

The college is pleased to be able to report that due to careful financial management of the Year 9 Journey Camp, we are in a position to be able to refund \$11 to all those who attended. The original cost was budgeted at \$170 per student but actual costs were lower than anticipated. As such we would like to pass these savings back to you and a credit of \$11 will be applied to all student accounts in KAMAR.

If there are any compulsory fees owing the credit will in the first instance be applied to those outstanding items. The credit will not be applied to any donations unless instructed by you and will be available for a cash refund if requested once all compulsory fees have been paid.

Wanted: Walking/Biking Buddy

I'm Stephen Hounsell, Year 11 and I really enjoy walking up the Richmond Hills and biking on the bike tracks, but my Mum and Dad are too old to keep up with me.

Would you be able to join me for a couple of hours some weekends that suit and I will bring yummy snacks, but no conversation.

Please ring my Mum (Jill) or Dad (Alan) on 544 1587 or see Ms McDonald at Garin College.

Reading Challenge

Bookmarks are pouring in, and the first results are up on Mrs Ditzel's office window. While MacKillop had a strong initial lead, there is still over a week to go, and things are bound to change! Reading Challenge runs until

the end of Queen's Birthday, so there is still time to make a contribution to your whanau and House. Last year we introduced Lucky Dip books, which earn the reader double points, and we issued 70.

This year, we have already issued over 200 Lucky Dip books, and can't keep up with demand - some very tactical reading going on!

CALENDAR

Tuesday 27 May 4-7pm

♦ *Careers Evening at Waimea College: find out about careers from experts*

Friday 30 May

♦ *Dress as a book character day—or wear normal uniform (not mufti day)*



Last week I updated parents on my travels: I was in Wellington for a very special youth Mass with the bishops of Oceania.

From there Head of RE Peter Mellor, Captain of Christian Service Emily O'Connell and I were picked up by the rest of the O'Shea Shield team and we flew to Hastings for the annual competition, this year at St John's College.

O'Shea Shield is a speech and drama competition—and I know that sounds a little dry, but it is actually an exciting event that the Catholic schools of the Wellington and Palmerstone North dioceses use to train their future leaders, and to make sure that some of their most talented young people are exposed to the best that Catholic schools have to offer.

O'Shea takes place over a weekend and each school is involved in seven events of about ten minutes each: 70 minutes. The rest of the time students practice, eat, sleep and socialise. A lot of friendships are started. Every year older students greet long lost friends from previous years with hugs. This year St John's Film Club made a short video to capture the essence of O'Shea. Here is a link to it: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbIproZx5dw and you will see a few glimpses of the drama—but mostly the video features happy students having fun.

The Mass at the end of the weekend is always a highlight, and always crowded with adults because they know that that it will be youth-centred, the singing will be amazing, and the participation will be whole-hearted.

The actual event is pretty good too. It certainly was for our team this year. We ended day 1 first equal. Each event is marked like an NCEA assessment – and then team points are awarded out of 6.

This year the Garin team was awarded 5/6 for every event – except Callum McIntosh's Impromptu speech (four minutes to prepare a four minute speech) and Caleb Binns' Junior Prepared Speech which both won them the maximum 6/6.

Most years a final score of 37 would have won the event – but this year St Catherine's College scored 38!

You will see a photo and the names of the team elsewhere in the newsletter. I was very proud to stand with these students at events and in the Mass. There were very fine ambassadors for our school. (I am always proud to hear that sort of comment when teachers and parents come back from an event – the quality of our students is always outstanding!)

Finally: it cost us \$12000 to fund the weekend. We would not have gone without the very generous support of our parishes and supporters. The students still had to pay—but the Catholic contribution and the generosity of the friends and supporters of our students made it all possible. Thank you—but rest assured that it was worth your time and support: they were great.

Caritas 2014 Slum City & Project Compassion

The challenge to us from Pope Francis and the gospel is to go out and be for others.

It is easy for us to live within our comfort zone and not venture far from those ones. This Lent we were well served by our Justice and Ministry Team in taking up the Caritas challenge in spending a night in a cardboard box with other members of our College. After the floods

and devastation in the Solomon's it was reassuring to know that the funds we have raised was going to an area of need so close to home.

So, as a community I am proud of the fantastic effort we put in and was pleased to be able to send off a cheque to Caritas for \$4,723.57 presented by Chris and Emily this week.

We joke often about my over-use of Oscar Romero's quote

but his spirit and person inspires me and us to go beyond the boundaries and be there for others.

This is one way as a Catholic community we put our mark in the sand and can say, "Ask not to HAVE more but to BE more". Thanks to all our community for your support and generosity.

Paul Traynor Pastoral Chaplain



SCOREBOARD

Weekend Sport

Friday

Hockey 6.15pm v Federal

Saturday

Netball

Senior A 1pm v Prices Silver. Senior B 10am v Prices Blue. Senior Black 2pm v Suburban Gold. Senior Gold 10am v Ncg Silver. Senior Maroon 11am v NCG Hot Shots. Junior A 12pm v Suburban White. Junior B 10am v Nayland 9A. Year10 1pm v NCG 10 Pink. Year 9 10am v NCG 10 Orange. Junior Gold 11am v NCG 9 Orange.

Rugby

Marist Under 14 10am v Waimea Gold at Waimea. Marist Under 15 11.15am v Waimea at Waimea.

Football

Under 19 9am v Richmond Trojans at Garin. Under 17 9am v Nelson College Glory at Broads. 14 Grade 10.45am v FC Nelson Blades at Neale Park 4.

Sunday

Girls Football 10.30am v Motueka at Garin. Basketball Garin Gladiators 4.45pm v WIS Dragons at Saxton.

Last Weekend's Results

Rugby

Marist U14 17, Nelson Club 52. Marist U15 22, Nelson College Blue 36

Football

Garin U19 1, Suburbs Phoenix 2. Garin U17 2, Richmond Vipers 8. Garin 14th 2, FC Nelson Shadows 2.

Hockey

Garin 0, Waimai United 4

Netball

Senior A 40, Jacks Red 27. Senior B 21, Suburban Black 31. Senior Black 11, NCG Pink 19. Senior Gold 18, Murchison Seniors 16. Senior Maroon 11, NCG Lime 38. Junior A 24, NCG Senior C 16. Junior B 20, Waimea 10 Black 12. Year 10 4, Nayland 10B 25. Junior Gold 29, Waimea 10 Blue 3. Year 9 3, NCG 9 Orange 29.

Basketball

Garin Gladiators 24, Salisbury Shooters 30.

Queen Charlotte Results

Netball Senior A won 42-7. Netball Senior B won 23-16. Netball Junior A won 39-11. Rugby Under 16 lost 10-15. Football Under 17 won 3-1. Basketball Miracles won 24-18. Basketball Cardinals lost 22-49. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out for a great day.

Geek Week

Next week we will be celebrating all things 'geeky' with competitions each lunchtime, for example seeing who is the fastest at completing a Rubik's cube, and a Spelling Bee. On the Friday, we have our Dress Up Day, where staff & students can dress up as a book or movie character, or a geek/nerd for a GOLD COIN DONATION, which as discussed in last week's newsletter will be sent to help Tereora College, in the Cook Islands, build its library (Please note: this is NOT a general mufti day—students are expected to come in uniform if they are not in theme). There will also be a used book sale on Friday, with all books 50c, and this money will also be sent to Tereora College's library.

Mr A will be away

From next Monday May 26 Sports Coordinator Mr Aronsten will be away from the College for the rest of term 2.

In order to keep sport ticking over Mr B (Wayne Bowen) will be in the Sports Office each morning for a few hours.

Wayne is an experienced sports co-ordinator and sports administrator. You can reach Wayne on the same email address and school phone number that you use to reach Mr A.

Please understand that Wayne will not be in a position to make on the spot decisions, but will refer any matters to either the teacher in charge of a sport, or to our Head of Sport, Henry Kersten to assist.

NZQA App

NZQA is launching a new mobile App called NCEA Guide written for parents, whanau and employers. The App will provide quick and easy access to key information about NCEA and makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible. Parents and whanau will be able to access simple content about how NCEA works and how they can support family members studying in NCEA (no individual student result or progress information is available). The App also supports employers seeking to understand and evaluate NCEA graduates and their qualification. Content can be viewed in English and Te Reo Maori. The NCEA Guide App will be free to download from the Apple App store and Google Play Store from early in the week of 26 May.

Take a Moment...

"Fairy tales do not tell children that dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children that dragons can be killed." – G.K. Chesterton

