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"Small School, Big Heart..."

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Christian Service Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Christian Service Day is an annual event run by Garin College. This year it is to be held on Tuesday 1st December. The purpose is for our Junior students to be able to provide service in our local community and to recognise the benefits of these acts. We will be organising and supporting a service event for all four house groups during the day. Students will be offsite but supervised at different times throughout the day. The focus of the day is not so much the creating of gifts and their giving, but rather the idea of connecting with people and creating a wider awareness of needs in our local community.

Service Events

- Aubert - Visiting local housebound Senior Citizens
- Barbier - Visiting St Vincent de Paul
- MacKillop - Still Water Gardens Retirement Village
- McAuley - Ernest Rutherford Retirement Village

Many thanks in advance for your support of this important part of Garin College life. Regards,

Scott Healey,
Assistant Director of Religious Studies



Food Collection for St Vincent de Paul

Many thanks for your help with the collection. We have 6 baskets full of lovely items and counting with about \$60 cash as well. This will go a long way to helping make Christmas a little more special for a number of people in the local community.



Kia ora Garin Families,

It's that time of year, when orders for the annual School Magazine 'Footprints 2015' come rolling in. And this is the last call, with orders for this year's edition ending this Wednesday 2nd December.

The School Magazine have always been to a high standard and unlike many other schools 'Footprints' is created entirely by the students, for the students.

Purchasing one is a fantastic way to support the school and reflect on the brilliant 2015 the wider Garin community has enjoyed. Magazines cost \$15.00 and can be ordered through the school office.

Thank you for your support.
Callum, Antoni and Sam
2015 Co-editors.

Summer Reading – "Relax & Read"

How to prevent the Summer Slide?

1) Choice. Children who are given choices for summer reading read more and report higher **reading engagement** and **motivation** after summer ends.

2) Engagement. Research has **proven** time and again that in order for students to **improve**, they must read for **l o n g** stretches of time, with **just right** material, **enjoying** their **text**.

3) Series books. There is a strong correlation between series books and **lifetime readers**. No one becomes a lifetime reader without discovering a **joy of reading**, an intrinsic joy. Almost always, **one step** in that joy is the reading of series books.

Garin Notices

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.00 am to 8.30 am and 6.00 pm to

Warning

Families beware. I have had reports that a silver car is stalking lone females as they walk or run in the Saxton Field area. The police have been informed. They recommend dialing 111 if alarmed as they may have a car in the area. Please take care and have a safety plan in place if your children are out alone.



CALENDAR

1 December

♦ Christian Service Day Years 9-10

8 December

♦ All students at school until 12.30pm. Prize-giving 7pm in the Gym. Please be seated by 6.45pm.

9-11 December

♦ Graduation Challenge

11 December

♦ Final day of school for all students

Term Dates for 2016

♦ Term One: 3 Feb - 15 Apr

♦ Term Two: 2 May - 8 July

♦ Term Three: 25 July - 23 Sept

♦ Term Four: 10 Oct - 4 Dec

2 February: Half day Course Confirmation for Years 12-13 and Year 13 Journey Meeting

3 February: First day of school for all students

14 December: Prize-giving, last day of school for all students

Take a Moment

"If we wait for the moment when everything, absolutely everything is ready, we shall never begin."

Ivan Turgenev





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