

GARIN COLLEGE

"Small School, Big Heart..."

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From our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,
Welcome back to all students and staff for the start of Term 2.
May the joy of Easter and Christ's message of hope uplift us all at this time,
***"let our light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:6)***

Like all schools throughout Aotearoa, we have taken a great leap into the world of online distance learning. I am so grateful for the outstanding commitment, collaboration and energy we have evidenced from students, whānau, and staff to ensure student learning and engagement continues throughout this challenging time. The openness to all doing our best within our own circumstance is so apparent in all my communications within our community.

I wish to emphasise that our 'bubble', our 'online learning,' our 'social distancing' are 'new' to us all - it is a path we are tracking. There is not one perfect model for us to follow so discovery, experimentation and trialing is going to allow us to keep improving. Constructive feedback is welcomed from all of you as equal partners in this journey.

Throughout this time our focus at Garin is to promote relationship, hauora and flexibility within our learning plans. A coordinated approach is challenging when we are all at home working apart. I know that emails have become a workload in themselves. This week has been about getting started and hopefully beyond here the quantity of email communications will reduce as students and teachers promote engagement via their Google Classrooms. Thank you for your perseverance and patience.

We welcome our new Materials Technology teacher Mr Scotty Anderson who started with us this term. We look forward to the knowledge, experience and expertise Mr Anderson will bring to the college. I thank Mr Warren Keith for his teaching of our Materials Technology classes throughout Term 1. Mr Keith will continue to teach our St Paul's Year 7-8 Technology learning programme.

A huge thank you to our student leaders' for their video assembly each Thursday. These clips are really enjoyable and are connecting us all and hopefully your families too, in the Spirit of Garin. The contributions you are making individually in sending in answers and film clips and joining the competitions is key to our current socialisation, so stay involved and support the work of our school leaders.

I would like to make mention of many of our students current and past who have been working as essential workers in the first weeks and ongoing weeks of lockdown. Your commitment to the service of others is something we are all very grateful for. May you all stay safe and well and know that the support you are giving others is having a massive impact on many lives. Kia kaha. To other students who have parents providing the essential worker role, step up at home and do what you can to in return to support your family or younger siblings in sharing the workload at home, remembering that in giving, we receive.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if as a school we can support you in any way, an email to me or any of the teachers in the school will be responded to as quickly as possible.

As our leaders video said, take this time, renew, replenish and get ready for our return, enjoy time with your families. My gratitude this week is to be a very proud Principal of Garin College, of the collective response of all staff, students and families - we remain connected.

Mā te Atua koe e tiaki,
Ngā mihi nui
John Maguire
Principal

Take a Moment:

The risen Lord is the joy of Easter –
"Lord let me be a LIGHT for you in the lives of others"

An Important Message from the Ministry of Education, N4L and Netsafe



Internet safety for online learning

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school.

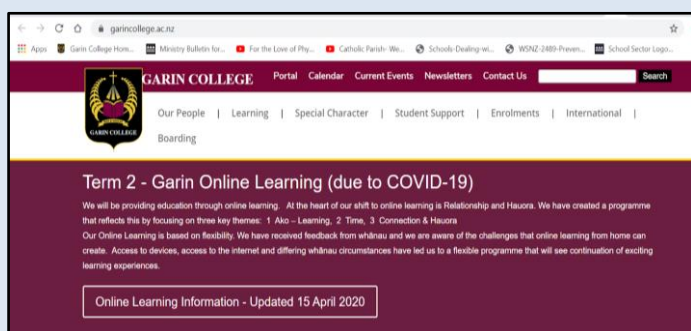
So together with N4L and Netsafe, the Ministry of Education has launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students. Using this link, you can follow the instructions to set up your child's device for safer connectivity while they learn from home. Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please complement this with digital citizenship conversations at home and a reminder to your children to use their values in the online world.

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to help everyone stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>

Garin College Updates

For the latest Garin College update and online learning information please visit the Garin College Website:

www.garincollege.ac.nz



From the Music Department

Instrumental Music lessons

Many of our instrumental teachers are giving lessons online. Please contact your teacher if you have not already heard from them and would like lessons.

Fun competition

'Best Bubble Musical Performance'

Playing instruments and singing are great ways to spend time during lock down.

So, get practicing a song or an instrumental and be ready to share it with us. Every bubble member should be involved, even if only on shaker (rice in a plastic bottle).

Spot prizes for the most unusual instrument

Prize: Whittaker's Chocolate hamper

More information on Instagram soon

Big Sing Online

For students who love to sing, check out the online choir on NZCF Big Sing online

Wellbeing Corner

Pastoral Care and Support -

Who do I see for help if I am worried about my well-being?

The Garin Counselling Service will remain open throughout this time away so if you have any concerns around your wellbeing, or want somebody to talk to you can email Kate or fill out the online

[Garin Counselor Referral Form](#)

Whats Up!

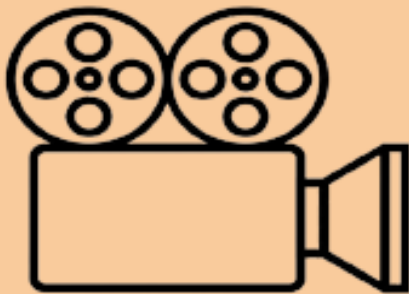
Here's some stuff to stay busy at home

Arts

Thursday Theatresports

Even in the midst of a global pandemic Theatresports still lives on! Theatresports will happen every Thursday 12:40pm -1:25pm via Zoom. If you're keen to join in email John for the code.

johnnoble@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

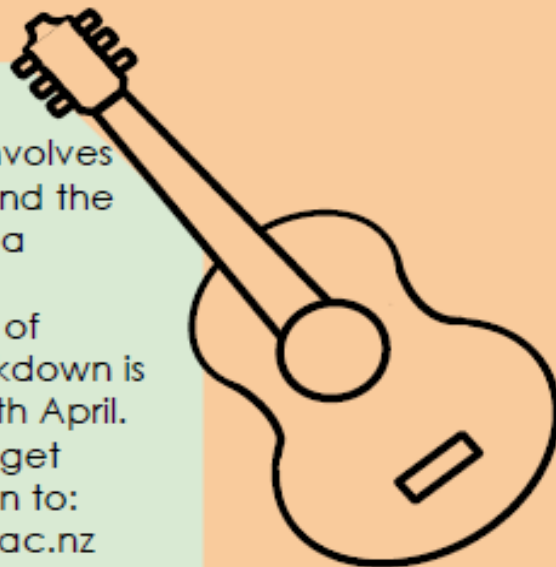


Lockdown Film Festival

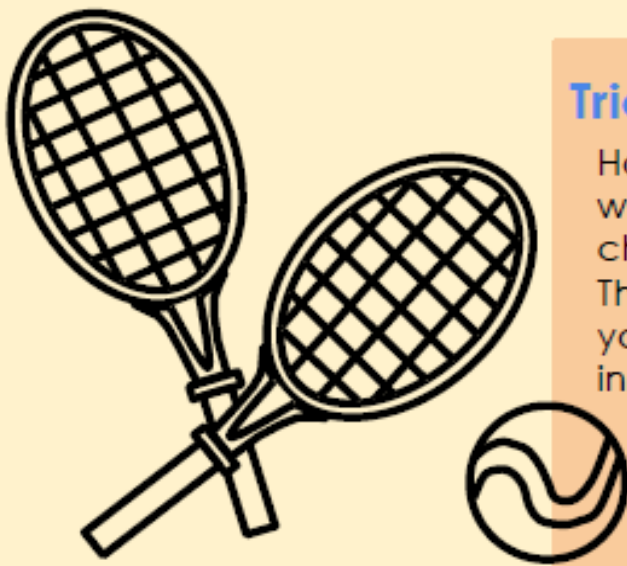
Getting bored at home? Need something to devote your extra time to? Well have we got the activity for you! We are having a Garin College lockdown film festival. You have 2 weeks to make a 2-6 minute short film from home and submit it in. If your interested have a flick through the guidelines doc: [HERE](#)

Bubble Beats Music

The bubble beat competition involves you sending in a video of you and the members of your bubble doing a musical performance. The best performance will win a hamper of Whittakers chocolate when lockdown is over. All entries in by Sunday 26th April. Get creative, get involved and get singing! Please send you video in to: johnnoble@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz



Sports



Trickshot Challenge

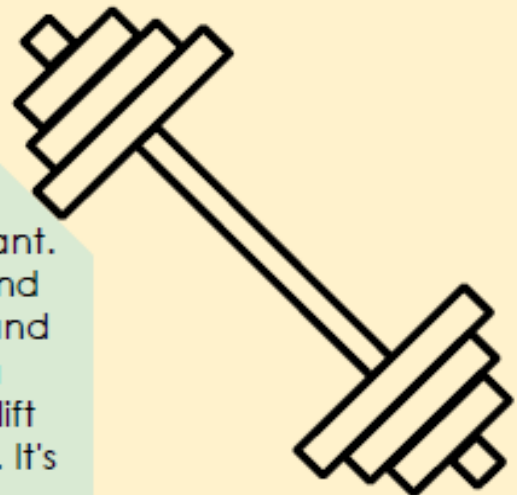
Have you been working on a trickshot whilst in isolation? Send it in to be in the chance be sportsperson of the week. The wackier the trick the better chance you have so get practicing and send us in your final video. We'll

put it in nexts weeks video assembly.

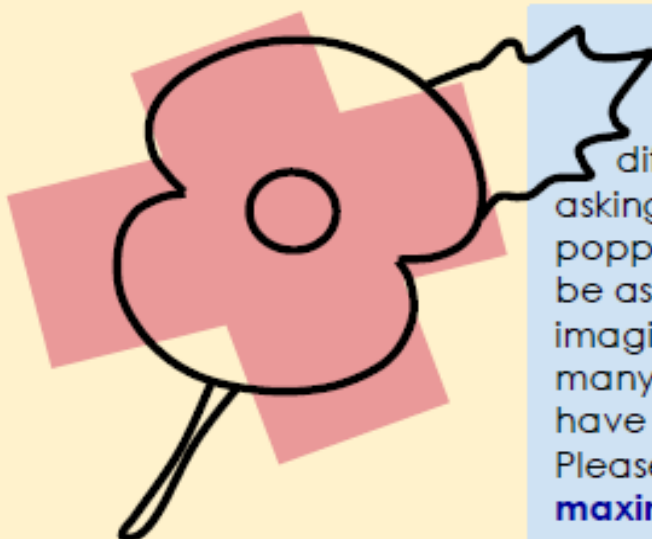
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Fitness Tips

Stay groovy and stay fit. Now that you have some free time you can make yourself a workout plan or find one online. It can be as intense or as relaxing as you want. Giving yourself a chance to take a break and focus on your health is crucial in this weird and new environment. You could go for a run, a walk, do some yoga, you could kick a ball, lift some weights. Pretty much anything active. It's up to you!



Service



Make a Poppy

ANZAC day this year is a little bit different to most before. So we are asking for you to send in a handcrafted poppy in memorial of our soldiers. It can be as creative and original as your imagination will take you. We want as many Garin poppies as we can possibly have so get crafting!

Please send a photo of your poppy to:
maximfrancis@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

17 April 2020

Dear Fathers, Lay Pastoral Leaders, Diocesan Staff, School Principals and Staff,
Friends,

Greetings to you all in this Easter Week and in this time of Level 4 Lockdown, a time designed to keep us all safe from Covid-19.

This letter comes to wish you the blessings of Easter, to assure you of prayerful support and to thank you for all you are doing to keep yourselves and other safe.

Two days ago, on Easter Wednesday we read the wonderful and well-known story from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 3: 1-10). It is the story of Peter and John on their way to pray at the Temple, and there was a crippled man begging as he did every day. When he begged for something from Peter and John, Peter responded with these words which I always love to hear – **“I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus the Nazarene, walk!”** (Acts 3:6)

In these days of anxiety and uncertainty, this challenging and disrupting time, a time when we may see this Lockdown as an inconvenience, please reflect on and remember those words of Peter.

Sometimes we may feel like the crippled man, begging from others, looking for support, someone to talk to, longing for a return to what we are familiar with and hoping for a return to normality. Someone will say to us, or has already said **“I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus the Nazarene, walk!”** Those people have been the presence of Jesus for us. We give thanks for such people.

We will also at times be for others the presence of Christ. Others look to us for comfort, support, practical or spiritual help, anything that helps them to live through these days. We may at first respond as Peter did, knowing that we do not have money or much else to give, but also knowing that we can be the presence of Jesus to them and for them. I am aware that so many of you are already sharing hope and the love and peace which Jesus gives us. Thank you for all you are doing and for the creative ways you are assisting others to get up and “walk” and to be for them the gift of Christ’s presence.

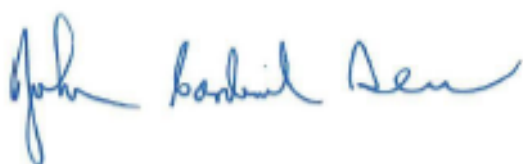
It looks as though we may move to Level 3 before too long. There are many questions about what this will mean and who is entitled to participate in certain things, what shops and businesses will be able to be open. The uncertainty may continue for a while yet. However, please remember that the goal of all this is to keep us safe.

Look after yourselves, look after one another and know that while we do not have silver or gold to give, we do have Jesus Christ.

With thanks, and with all good wishes and every blessing

Yours sincerely in the Risen Lord

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cardinal Dew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John A Cardinal Dew

Archbishop of Wellington