Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

I am constantly reminded of the power of Garin learner leadership, learner voice and action each day at Garin. It almost seems that our learner leaders can simply wave a wand and get their peers to respond and engage so enthusiastically. Te Wairua O Ngā Mahi Toi is a classic example of what I am talking about. If you had the privilege of attending our showcase concert last Friday evening in our College Gym, you would have evidenced learner leadership and agency in action! The whole event from the planning, to performances, sound, lighting and clean up the following day, was all led by our learners. Literally days and hours throughout the term have been spent on preparing performances, learning parts, practicing, designing, completing art and creations and so much more. I am in absolute awe of our Arts leaders Millie Pumphrey, Josh Hall and Alice Knoef for their leadership of Mahi Toi. I am absolutely impressed with our House Leaders for their leadership of House dances and House singing, and all Garin learners for their commitment and energy given to making Mahi Toi the success it has been this year. The wairua of the Arts is alive and well at Garin. Thank you to all.

We give thanks to God for the talents and gifts our learners are blessed with and for the spirit of inclusion in which our learners share these with each other and our community. We thank God for our audience who created a warm and safe environment for our learners to be vulnerable and take risks when celebrating their talents and gifts. Through these experiences as performer and audience our learners’ hauora is enhanced.

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua.

Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead

As the Matariki cluster of stars appear in the sky, we are uplifted by the celebration of the start of the Māori New Year in Aotearoa. A time to celebrate new life, to remember those that have passed and to plan for the future. I wish you all a most joyful Matariki celebration.

Matariki hunga,
Matariki ahunga nui.

Matariki has many admirers,
Matariki brings us together.

I remind you all that enrolments for 2022 are open. We have our Parent Information Evening in our school library on Wednesday 28 July and our Open Day on Wednesday 4 August. If you have family or friends considering secondary schooling for their children, please encourage them to contact our school office for inquiry and an application pack.

Mā te Atua koe e tiaki,
Ngā mihi manaakitanga

John Maguire
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR:
Friday 9th July                       Last day of Term 2
Monday 26th July                      Term 3 Begins
Wednesday 28th July                   Open Evening 7pm-9pm
Wednesday 4 August                    Open Day 12pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 11 August                   Accord Teacher Only Day

What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.”

Mother Teresa
In the time of Jesus, Nazareth was a little town in the hill country of Galilee. Jesus spent his childhood there living with his parents Mary and Joseph. During a return visit to Nazareth he found that he was not welcome anymore. Many of the people who heard him teach asked, “How can he do all this? Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles? Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren’t James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don’t his sisters still live here in our town?” The people were very unhappy because of what he was doing. But Jesus said, “Prophets are honoured by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their relatives and their own family.” Jesus could not work any miracles there, except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them. He was surprised that the people did not have any faith.

Mark’s Gospel portrays Jesus as suffering a similar fate to that of Ezekiel and the other Jewish prophets of old - rejection of him and his message. Jesus is profoundly affected by the way people react to him, mistrust here somehow disables him. His ministry amongst his own people is limited by their lack of trust and so he moves on and never returns to Nazareth again.

It seems hard to believe that Jesus would never return to Nazareth again. Rejection felt like weakness for Jesus, as it does for us. Being content with our weaknesses does not come easy. We can get beaten down by our own failures or mistakes and feel inadequate before others and before God. But God waits on our weaknesses to bloom so that through them His purpose may be revealed. We must believe in the person of Jesus. We can rejoice in forgiving and being forgiven. We can affirm others and share with them the love of Christ.

“Weakness and suffering enable the Christian to clear a space within himself or herself where the power of Christ can dwell.” Adrian Noctent OSB.

Markelle Ward - ADRS - Garin College

[Adapted from www.liturgycentre.org.nz]
**READY TO LEARN AT GARIN COLLEGE**

Ready to Learn is about shared expectations that we have for each Garin learner that they will complete every single day while they are here. The purpose of Ready to Learn is to ensure that our Garin Learners are ready to leave College with a clear set of skills, capabilities and knowledge to ensure they are successful in whatever life path they choose. Please take time to look at the key features of Ready to Learn.

**NCEA External Exams 2021**

**What is External Assessment?**
Assessment in NCEA, is carried out either externally or internally. External assessment is carried out through national examinations at the end of each year, which are assessed by independent subject experts.

**Why does NCEA have Internal & External Assessments?**
The mix of external and internal assessment enables students to demonstrate what they actually know and what they can do, and they get assessed on their level of ability in doing these tasks – for example, presenting a speech or carrying out an experiment, as well as working under the constraints of an external examination.

**Do you need External (Exam) papers for Certificate Endorsement?**
Certificate Endorsement - when a student gains 14 or more credits at Excellence in a course in a single year, they will be awarded an Excellence endorsement in that course. If a student gains 14 or more credits at a mix of Merit and Excellence levels, they will be awarded a Merit endorsement. At least three of the credits that contribute to Course Endorsement must be from externally assessed standards, and three from internally assessed standards. (Note: Physical Education, Religious Studies and Level 3 Visual Arts courses are exempt from this condition).

**How do External Examinations work?**
Towards the end of each school year (normally between November and December), national NCEA examinations take place. Examination timetables can be found on the NZQA website. In these examinations, students are assessed against standards in three hour examinations for each subject – there are usually around 120 different examinations. In examinations, students are required to complete a range of tasks under pressure. Every student across the country does the same examination papers at the same time under the same conditions.

Click here on this link for the dates and times of:

**NCEA Levels 1 - 3 Exams for 2021**
To access Te Aho Reports please follow these steps

1. Log into KAMAR Parent Portal

2. Click the “Results” tab

3. This will open up the Te Aho Report Data - From here you can look at individual subjects or Te Aho across all subjects

Live Reports via KAMAR Portal (Years 9 - 13)

For Year 9 & 10, NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 Learners you are able to view their 2021 results and comments. You can view the subject, grade and credit weighting they have received. These updates are automatic and occur in real time as soon as our staff have uploaded their results into KAMAR.

To view how to look at Live Reports and their NCEA Results please follow the steps below:

1. Log into KAMAR Parent Portal

2. To view Live Reports for 2021

3. To view previous Live Reports from 2020

4. To View Live NCEA Results for 2021

I cannot access the Parent Portal!

If you cannot access the parent portal please email jeremycumming@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

A username and password will be sent through to you.
Garin College is coming to the conclusion of our Shave for a Cure Campaign 2021 on the 9th July at 10am in the College Library. We currently have raised $5,845.00 and welcome any support from our community. Please click on the link below to donate to our cause:
https://shaveforacure.co.nz/t/garincollege2021

James 2:18 "I will show you my faith by my actions"

Tuwhitia te hoko, in English loosely translated as "feel the fear and do it anyway". A few weeks ago I stood in front of assembly and spoke this whakataukī and talked about the Mahi Toi workshops and signing up for events. This whakataukī sums up the Mahi Toi experience for many students. This year in particular many students leapt into the unknown, they didn't know what to expect or what they would experience but they participated anyway. Mahi Toi provides an opportunity for students to learn, to grow and to challenge themselves in areas they usually wouldn't. The joy for many of us is seeing students push outside of their comfort zones to have new experiences.

Mahi Toi would not be complete without the House Competitions and I am sure for those of you who saw the house dances you would have to agree they were outstanding. The House Leaders did a magnificent job with the house events this year with McAuley winning the House Song, House Dance and overall House Cup for Mahi Toi.

It was an absolute pleasure working with Josh Hall, Millie Pumphrey and Alice Knoef to organise Mahi Toi for 2021. I am extremely proud of what they and their team achieved.

To finish two days of events, performances and workshops with an outstanding Showcase shared with the Garin Community was a highlight.

Sarah Pumphrey
Arts Co-ordinator
Important Enrolment Dates to Remember

- **Open Evening 7 - 9pm, 28 July 2021**
- **Open Day 12 - 2.30pm, 4 August 2021**
- **Enrolments close 27 August 2021**
- **Orientation Day 12 November 2021**

Scholarship Applications

Following the wonderfully generous donation to Garin College from Nancy May Black (known as Twinkle to most) the College is privileged to announce the availability of a number of scholarships for the 2022 academic year.

Applications are encouraged from those students who are able to demonstrate outstanding potential in academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and faith-based activities and also those in need of financial support to attend the College.

Scholarships available include:
- Catholic Character
- Academic
- Sporting
- Arts and Performing Arts
- Financial Aid

Scholarship Applications close 27 August 2021

For further information and for a scholarship application form, please contact Shona Erasmuson, Ph 543 9488 or email shonaerasmuson@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz or visit our website www.garincollege.ac.nz for an application pack.

Dear Parents,

We are asking for volunteers from our parent/grandparent community who would like to support students in a voluntary role of being a reader/writer for NCEA assessments for students with Special Assessment Conditions.

This would be a role that you would be called on to do sporadically through the term during the school day as assessments take place. We aim to give you a fortnight's warning of an assessment and you can accept or decline due to your own availability. Usually it would be a two hour commitment at one time.

People who like the role may wish to put their names forward for being a Reader/Writer also for external exams. External exams are paid for by NZQA.

Competency in fluent reading and legible writing are requirements and the patience to work collaboratively and calmly with the students through the assessment. Training is provided.

Please email loumaguire@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz, or phone the school office and leave your name and number if you are happy to volunteer. Having names as soon as possible would be appreciated as there are many assessments before the end of term.

Many thanks,
Lou Maguire, Student Services
Sports HQ

Garin College students have competed in several Tasman Secondary School events over recent weeks.

Badminton

Our girls badminton team and our boys badminton team both enjoyed great success at the TSS Badminton Championships, winning the Girls Cup and the Boys Cup respectively. Our girls badminton team was represented by Brooke Milligan, Briar Stephens, Peony Yang and Amy Hayley, while Chris Kias, Pun Pun Artipanu, Henry Northage and Kvido Tayerle represented the school in our boys team.

Congratulations to Peony Yang, who placed 3rd/4th in the Mixed Doubles category of the GOSEN Under 19 Badminton Championships, which were held in Wellington in May. Peony also competed in the Under 17 Girls division of the West Coast Junior Badminton Championships in Hokitika, where she placed 1st in both girls singles and doubles. Nice work Peony!

Table Tennis

Garin also performed very well at the TSS Table Tennis Championships by winning the Mixed Team division at the event. Congratulations to team members Kvido Tayerle, Hannah McDonnell and Neil Hodgson-Wang on this great result.

Request from the Technology Department

If you have any fabric, ribbons, threads and more, no longer needed in your household, the textile room in our technology department would be delighted to receive any unwanted items. This would give our students greater options in their creative process.

Donations can be dropped to the school office

St Vincent de Paul
Richmond

are in need of donations of quality winter clothing

They also require volunteers
If you can help please contact Julie Benjes
Ph: 5446009 or 0276950115

Table Tennis School Holiday Programme July 2021

Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd

09:30 – 12:00 at Saxton Table Tennis Stadium

Cost is only $5 per session or $15 for all four sessions

Bats and balls provided

Bring something to eat and drink for a short break at half time

For further information phone Paul 022 394 0829.