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Feature

Trustee Support Day for Chairpersons of CEIST School Boards of Management

In appreciation of the work of our Chairpersons and our commitment to you, we are hosting a seminar for our School Boards of Management Chairpersons.

It is an opportunity for Chairpersons to share ideas, discuss pertinent issues and ask questions.

We are delighted to have as our guest speaker, Mr. John Lonergan, who was a past governor of Mounjoy Prison and Portlaoise Prison.

John will draw upon his experiences of leadership and motivation of people, to give of their best and move beyond their limitations.

His insights into working with a vast array of people, should prove invaluable to those in school leadership and governance.

The Seminar is being held on the 11th June in the [Tullamore Court Hotel](#), Tullamore, Co. Offaly from 9.30am - 2pm.

Click [here](#) for directions to hotel.



CEIST News



MA in Christian Leadership in Education

We are very pleased to announce that two students on the [MA in Christian Leadership in Education](#) have been offered places by the University of Notre Dame at the ACE-Ireland Conference next July. The 2011 ACE-Ireland Conference is being held from Tuesday, July 5th to Monday, July 11th at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Twelve leaders in Irish Catholic Education will have the opportunity to interact with the Alliance for Catholic Education Programme (ACE) at Notre Dame, which is the largest initiative in the United States supporting Catholic schools.

We strongly encourage participation in professional development and CEIST has a specific interest in promoting the MA as we have devised this Masters programme in conjunction with the various faculties in Mary Immaculate College, and with a view to building capacity in leadership and management in the Catholic Voluntary sector. The Masters is offered during a time convenient to the working year i.e. two weeks summer school and various weekends over the year. This is a particularly attractive option as participants do not have to sacrifice a year's work out of school. We recognise the financial burdens which a commitment to an academic study can make, and to assist you in this regard the Trust and the College can offer €2,000 to offset the fees for your MA in Limerick. The deadline for applications has been extended and you are welcome to contact the CEIST CEO at 01-6510350 or Dr. Eugene Duffy at 061-204966 should you wish to discuss any aspect of this Masters.

Click [here](#) to download course brochure.

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Finance Matters

CEIST Schools – 2011-2012 Annual Budgets

We extend our gratitude to all our schools who have submitted their annual budget for 2011-2012. The Finance Team is busy reviewing and responding to the budget submissions.

Please keep your budgets coming. Our aim is to have all submissions reviewed and responded to by mid-June.

If you are encountering any difficulties with your budgets please contact either Bernadette McKeown on (01)6510423 or Mike Higgins on (01)6510424 who may be able to assist.

The Finance Department in CEIST has published some useful information regarding a "Safety Statement for Your School". Click [here](#) to view.



CEIST AGM

The Annual CEIST AGM was held on the 5th May, which was attended by the CEIST Board of Directors and CEIST Members.

A very productive and enjoyable AGM was experienced by all who attended. The CEIST Board of Directors invited two new people on to the board with no changes being made to the Members of CEIST.

Mr. Diarmaid Ó Murchú replaced Mr. Jack O'Brien as Chairman of the Board. CEIST welcomed Mr. Gene O'Sullivan and Rev Canon Brendan Kilcoyne on to the Board and special thanks was given to the retired members for their outstanding service to CEIST.

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Education Matters



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News from CEIST Schools



Coláiste Muire Ennis Celebrate 150 years of Mercy Education

This is a very special year for Coláiste Muire Ennis as it celebrates 150 years of Education.

A special School Mass was held back on the 16th March in The Cathedral, Ennis to celebrate the anniversary.

Further celebrations included a concert held on the 7th May in Dánlann an Chláir, where the school choir, orchestra, past pupils and guest musicians performed Vivaldi's Gloria to a large audience.

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Presentation Secondary School Askea reach F1 in Schools Askean Technology World Final

Team Quark F1 from Presentation College, Carlow were very successful at the National Finals – recording the second-fastest car in Ireland, receiving the Best Digital Marketing award and securing Second Place overall in the competition.

Due to their very high standards and extremely good results, the team were formally invited to compete in the World Finals in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this September.

The school and F1 team are working extremely hard on fundraising their appearance in the world final and would very much welcome your support.

Click [here](#) to download the team's F1 letter to sponsors.



St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion Innovative use of Information Technology for the Classroom

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion have made great strides in the use of technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience in the school. St. Joseph's Secondary School, are leading the way in tomorrow's technology and has become the first school in the county to offer students Fizzbook (tablet PCs).

The school has made great use of distance learning technologies and have created links with Tra On High School in the Meekong Delta in Vietnam for the past year. The schools regularly connect with each other through the use of the latest technology. The schools link up and the students converse, share stories and learn from each other.

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Four Students from Our Lady of Mercy Drimnagh selected on Irish Basketball Team!

Four students from Our Lady of Mercy Drimnagh have been selected on to the U16 Irish Basketball Team which is a great achievement.

They will travel to Luxembourg and Scotland in preparation for the European Championships that take place in Romania in August.

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Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, Buncrana Students Win Business Awards

Students from Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, Buncrana, Co. Donegal won some notable business awards recently with the Transition Years receiving 3rd prize in the National 'Get Up and Go' mini company competition.

The 2nd years won the Intermediate section of the County Enterprise Board student business competition and represented Donegal in the National final in Croke Park on the 14th of May.

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Double All-Ireland Success for Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel

There were great celebrations in the Art Department in Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel in March and April. Niamh Byrne won the All Ireland Senior Category (4th/5th/6th Years) of Google's third annual Irish Doodle 4 Google competition.

Grainne Wilson and Emma Clancy, who are Transition Year students of the Presentation Secondary School, under the supervision of their Art teacher, Mrs. Mairead Fennell, won the All Ireland final of the Junk Kouture Fashion Design Competition in Dublin in April.

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News from Presentation Secondary School, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway

Students in Presentation Secondary School Tuam have made the headlines recently for some outstanding work.

The TY students rejuvenated the Bishop Street car park with potted trees and plants, a pictorial wall depicting the history of Tuam as well as a specially commissioned seed pod sculpture.

Also student, Ciara Finan, won the 2011 Essay Competition in conjunction with the Irish-Austrian Society and the school were winners in two categories of the Young Social Innovators 2011 competition.

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Presentation Secondary School, Thurles Achievements

Presentation Secondary School, Thurles complete an excellent weekly diary of news and events in the school.

They have kindly shared with CEIST the following interesting news items from their most recent diary.

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Reflecting CEIST Values



Young Social Innovators 2011

This year 45 CEIST schools participated in Young Social Innovators. Twenty one of the final sixty projects selected at the Regional Speakouts for this year's YSI Showcase, which took place in Citywest on Wednesday 11th May, were projects undertaken by CEIST schools.

The Young Social Innovators of the year for 2011 are the students from Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork with their Project "Divert Your Stride from Suicide".

Six of the nine category awards were won by CEIST schools; and all four of the 'Additional Awards' were also won by CEIST schools.

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St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town, School Profile

St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town, have very kindly taken part in our "School Profile of the Month".

Our profile of the school highlights the schools mission statement, objectives, news and events along with recent student achievements.

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Crucial Advice for Leaving Cert Students

Thursday 26th May 2011

With the Leaving Cert now just a couple of weeks away, Rachel Farrell, an economics and business teacher in the [Sacred Heart Secondary School, Tullamore](#), Co. Offaly, gives students some last-minute tips to help them prepare for the event.

Examinations provoke anxiety for most students, with many worrying before, during and even after. Students should bear in mind that the Leaving Certificate is not a punishment; instead, they should see it as an opportunity to demonstrate how much they know and understand.

There are no short cuts, and students must ensure they cover all aspects of the syllabus. Students learn in different ways, and each student needs to reflect on what works best. It is still not too late to improve and prepare for examinations. To help students prepare, here are some tips that may help.

Practice

Practice past examination papers. Marking schemes and solutions are available on the state examinations website at [www.examinations.ie](#), which is an excellent resource. When practising and revising, students need to check the answers to the practice questions to identify strengths and weaknesses. Then work on their weaknesses to address any gaps. Writing questions and solutions ensures that a student is active rather than passive in the learning process.

Studying

For the last few days, students must study in a suitable location, a place where they can concentrate and won't be disturbed. A quiet room with no TV, radio, laptop or iPod. At this stage, the more similar to examination conditions, the better.

It is important to have adequate lighting and ventilation. A student may decide to work with fellow students in groups but, as time is precious, remember that students are assessed individually and it is important to make the most efficient use of time.

Study should now be the main focus, and a student needs to discard other commitments until completion of the examinations. When revising, it is important to divide material into achievable chunks. Students should allow time for each subject and should take regular breaks to relax, perhaps five minutes every 40 minutes or so.

Also make sure to commence revision with the most difficult subject which requires detailed attention. Students must constantly review their study. When a student is revising, saying the information and recognising it is not sufficient. Students should have blank sheets of paper and test their recall at regular intervals by writing answers.

Taking notes forces students to understand and helps them to relate material.

At the exam

Students should try to keep optimistic about the Leaving Cert and should go to the exams focused and calm. They should read over their paper carefully. It is a good idea to begin with the easiest question.

Sketch or list an outline answer, with an emphasis on important points. Attempt all required questions and ensure not to leave blanks. Write eligibly and neatly and structure answers carefully. A good idea is to put each point in a separate paragraph.

Students must make sure to check how many marks are allocated to each question. Mismanaging their time in an examination could cost them a grade. As timing is so important, a student should not spend more on a section than the allocated marks merit. Students should leave five or six lines after each section so that if they think of an extra point later, they have space to insert their answer.

If students get delayed on a particular section, it is imperative to move on. A student can always come back to it. Remember that the biggest mistake in an examination is to leave questions unattempted. By making an effort to put something down in each part of the question, they will acquire a substantial amount of marks.

Interestingly, the easiest marks to get are the first marks in each part of a question, while the most difficult ones are those for the final 10 per cent which are acquired from the perfect answer. Students must have the times worked out and rigidly keep to them. A student won't be penalised for wrong answers, so it is important to attempt all parts.

Read the questions carefully and don't waffle or continue to repeat points. There are no additional marks for restating points, even if you phrase the point differently. It could happen that part of a question is on the next page, so a student needs to spend some time reading the paper carefully.

It is also important to mark each section of each question clearly, e.g. Q. 3. (A) (i). Students should also include their rough work, as this may be eligible for marks. It is very important to read the question carefully, particularly looking for 'outcome' verbs such as 'state', 'explain', 'outline', 'describe', 'analyse', 'discuss', 'evaluate' and 'illustrate'. 'State' simply means to say briefly or define what a term means.

If explaining, ask yourself would another person understand this concept/idea/term now that you have explained it.

In other words, have you made it clear? 'Outline' means to give a complete overview, so you need to cover the entire concept. This is why a 'brief outline' is often asked for.

'Analysing' means you break something down into its constituent parts. 'To describe' something is like drawing a picture with words. A discussion looks at something from a number of sides or from a number of points of view. 'To evaluate' something means to make a judgment on it.

Make sure that your judgment is informed - i.e. you must be able to back it up with evidence. Ensure that you give advantages, benefits, disadvantages and risks. 'To illustrate' means to show and give examples. All students must take care of themselves, particularly prior to and during the examinations. It is imperative to be in excellent mental and physical condition, though a little amount of stress can help students to prepare.

After an evening's study, a student must relax. It is not a good idea to stay up too late, as a good night's sleep is essential. Punctuality is really important, arriving at the examination centre in adequate time, thus ensuring the student is relaxed.

Remember a student should use whatever technique works best, ensuring to write while revising, which can help to retain information. The following strategies may help.

Summary notes

At this stage, you should be using summaries, which are condensed versions of all your notes.

Mind maps

Mind maps or concept maps are visual ways of presenting notes. They show relationships in a two-dimensional way, rather than linear.

Graphic organiser

These provide a visual method of developing, organising, summarising and testing students' learning. They provide a scaffold to develop ideas, which can help to build confidence. The 'fishbone' is excellent for summaries. This is available on the PDST website ([www.pdst.ie](#)).

When revising or practising exam questions, students can also use Venn diagrams to practice 'compare and contrast' type questions or explain the similarities and differences or distinguish between two concepts. 'Compare' means that you must look at similarities, or what is common to both. 'Contrast' requires students to show differences and distinguish what is unique to each.

Flashcards

These reduce summary notes further into key points, with formulas and diagrams, if appropriate.

(Article courtesy of Sunday Business Post and special thanks to Rachel Farrell).



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Saturday 14th May 2011

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iScoil is aimed at students aged from 13 to 16 who have not attended school for at least six months and have had other interventions which did not work. It currently has 50 learners located in Dublin, the East Coast, Limerick, Galway and Longford.

Michael Hallissy, director of learning at the Digital Hub in Dublin and a founding partner with H2 Learning, said that the model was inspired by other global initiatives.

"The Presentation Sisters, when they were relooking at their mission, they decided that they wanted to focus on inclusion and they were looking at including young people who were currently not in schools," said Hallissy.

"They had identified a particular model that they found in the UK called Notschool and they approached them to bring it to Ireland."

Technology and flexible learning

The technological focus of the project not only appeals to the computer-savvy minds of young students but also gives greater flexibility in the learning experience.

"Online education can personalise the learning experience for these young people so it can allow them to engage in a form of learning, as most of these students are disengaged from school," said Hallissy.

"The job of iScoil is to reengage them with learning and we focus on using the web so they can follow their interests. It's very much focused on passion-based learning so they can personalise and they can work at their own pace and their own time."

As many of the students have become alienated with the current structured education system due to bullying, mental health issues or their own personal reasons, I asked Hallissy whether iScoil was focused on getting them back into the system or if the students could avail of alternative programs.

"A lot of the young people who are referred to iScoil by the National Education Welfare Board are people who are outside the education system so the first thing in the process is to reengage them with learning," said Hallissy.

"Ultimately our goal is to try and get them back into the formal school system. But in some cases this isn't possible, they may have mental health issues or phobias, so we try and give them alternative programs, such as FETAC accreditation at levels 3 (which is Junior Cert level) and 4"

Feedback

Hallissy has said that the feedback for the project has been phenomenal and it has really helped students move on with their lives and progress with their education.

"One parent said that they were at their wits end as their child had been bullied badly at school, forcing the child out of the school system," he said.

"I think it was fair to say that the child was in danger of taking her own life at this stage and the parents found that by going to iScoil and getting her reconnected with school, the child has found meaning and purpose in her life."

While iScoil has been a big help for students disengaged with school, Hallissy believes it could be used for other purposes within the education system.

"I do think in Ireland, online schooling is something we need to be looking at particularly within the Department of Education and Science and exploring all possibilities around online school as it does provide customisation of young people's learning and that is to be welcomed," he said.

The programme is moving into the next stage of development and is seeking accreditation, after a three year pilot programme. Sr Anne Marie Quinn of the Presentation Sisters is currently lobbying to have iScoil accredited as a valid model of education provision.

(article courtesy of Silicon Republic)



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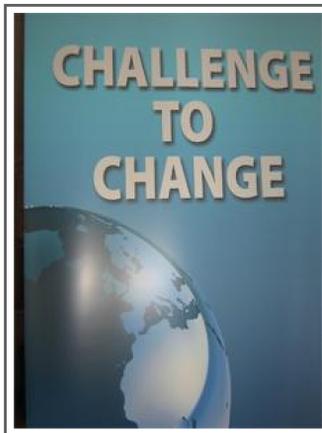
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Challenge to Change 2011

Tuesday 17th May 2011



On Wednesday 11th May this year's gathering of Presentation Primary and Secondary schools engaged in the 'Challenge to Change' programme took place in the Springhill Hotel in Kilkenny.

All were welcomed by Sr. Margaret Mary Healy and Liam Kilbride, the co-ordinators of Challenge to Change, who work so hard to encourage students in Presentation Schools to continue to promote the spirit of justice and social consciousness central to the life of Nano Nagle.

Sr. Imelda Carew of the Presentation South East Leadership team, the Trustees of the Project, who opened the proceedings and spoke of how Challenge to Change allows the minds of students to be opened, not only to the to the endless possibilities to be found in the world around them, but also to the hardship and deprivation in that world, and to the ways in which each of us in some small way can make a difference.

Eight CEIST schools were represented this year:

Coláiste Bríde Clondalkin and Presentation Secondary school Waterford both undertook projects on Child Labour, the former entitled "All Children should be free" and the latter "Child Labour" highlighting the issue of the human cost of producing consumer goods.

Presentation Secondary School Thurles addressed the issue of Environmental Awareness entitled "Busy Green fingers"; St. Joseph's College, Lucan, promoted Fair Trade with their project "One Fair World", while Presentation Secondary School Wexford looked at the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Wexford.

They learned about the ways in which St Vincent de Paul assist their local community and decided to fundraise for them by supporting their charity shop, buying a selection of clothes, altering them themselves, to be stunningly fashionable, and putting on a fashion show! Not only did the girls learn a great deal in undertaking this social justice project and fundraising initiative, but they also developed great life-skills in developing their talents for dressmaking!



The students from Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry presented their project, "Sowing the Seeds of Change", on their developing partnership with a School in Chennai in India which they have linked with through the Presentation Sisters' Global Education Experience programme.

Celebrating the intercultural nature of our schools was the focus of projects from the Presentation Secondary Schools from Rockford Manor, Dublin and Sexton St. Limerick who highlighted the fact that "Difference doesn't mean Different" and that our schools are now places where there are "Many voices" but "One Home". The students from Sexton St, had been involved in composing an Anthem for the tenth Anniversary of Doras Luimni, and their choir, composed of pupils of nine nationalities, had performed it with Micheál Ó Súilleabháin and the Irish Chamber Orchestra and at the Anniversary Concert in St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick.



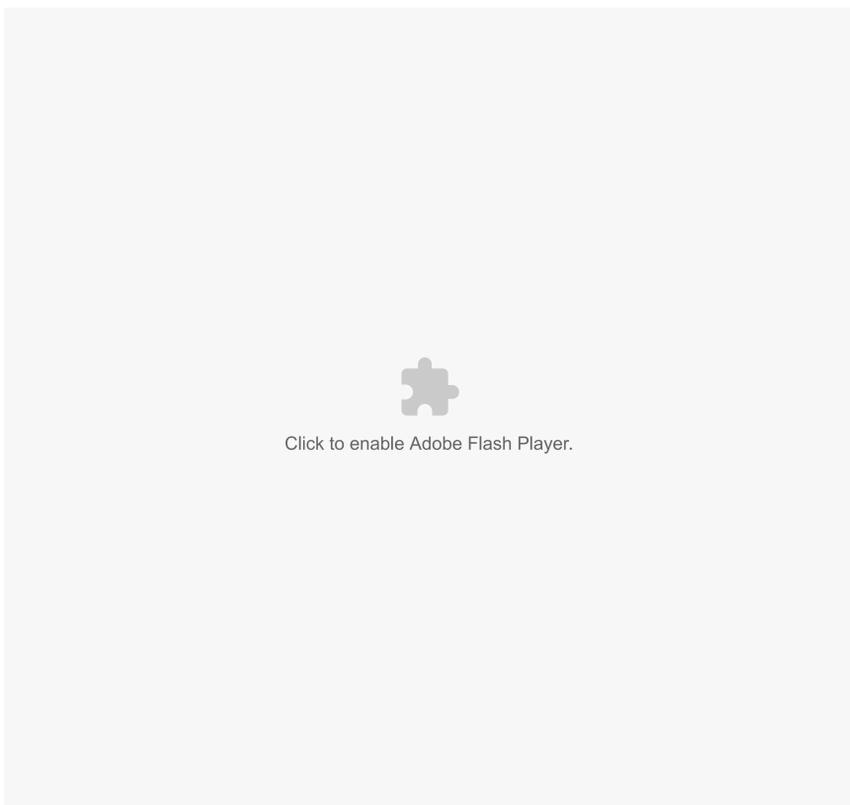
Pictured above students of Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin with Sr. Margaret Mary Healy who is the co-ordinator of the challenge to change programme and teacher Michelle Abbott.

It was wonderful to meet so many primary school pupils who had also undertaken powerful projects, and who were all so articulate in explaining why they had chosen to learn about the issues they were presenting, what they had done and what they had learnt. The pupils from Scoil Mhuire GNS in Lucan had even brought along their friend 'Tina Taps' to help them to demonstrate their concern about conservation of water.

In addition to displaying their projects, the students were also invited to participate in workshops throughout the day. These were on Indian Culture – led by Sr Alba Rodriguez PBVM, a drumming workshop given by Eamon Cagney, and workshops on Trocaire Development Education and Concern given by Shane O'Connor, Patsy Toland & Tara McGrath and Dee Clare.

Congratulations to all the students involved, and to their teachers, whose commitment, support and encouragement enabled their pupils to undertake these projects with such enthusiasm. Sincere thanks also to Sr Margaret Mary and Liam for their dedication and energy in continuing to promote awareness of justice, human rights and sustainability in such a positive way in our Presentation Schools.

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Coláiste Muire, Ennis, Co. Clare Celebrate 150 years of Education

Thursday 26th May 2011

This is a very special year for Coláiste Muire Ennis as it celebrates 150 years of Education.

When the Sisters of Mercy founded the school in Sept. 1860, it was a very different time, a different Ireland; a very different landscape politically and economically.

Talk of our current recession fades in to insignificance when we read stories of famine, hunger, disease and abject poverty.

Yet against this backdrop, the Sisters of Mercy courageously acknowledging the importance of Education, in particular the education of young girls, set up their new Secondary school for girls.

In reading of the foundation in the Annals, it is remarkable that among their first purchases were two pianos and a variety of scientific equipment, displaying their interest and insight into education in Music /The Arts and at the same time in the Sciences.

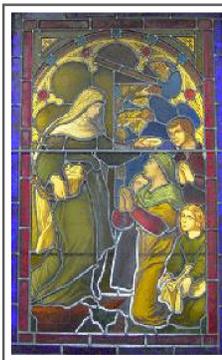
The school continues to promote the importance of all Kinds of Music; Classical and Traditional, while still excelling in the Sciences.



Pictured above the Coláiste Muire Traditional Music Group performing at the open day in the school.

In the early 1900's the school grew and expanded as the only school for girls in the area until the late 1990's. The boarding school flourished taking girls from the locality and throughout the country. Generations of families were educated at Colaiste Muire.

The Boarding school finally closed in 1984. The school has seen much development and expansion. The last phase was completed in 2004.



To mark that event The Sisters of Mercy donated a stained glass panel by stained glass specialists Mayer of Munich in Germany called 'Feed the Hungry' a corporal work of Mercy, a fitting token of gratitude and appreciation to all the sisters and their colleagues who faithfully handed on the tradition of Education.

Since 1860 staff members have met the hunger for learning, culture and spirituality in those they have welcomed to Colaiste Muire.

The school has been celebrating this wonderful legacy throughout the year.

A very special liturgy celebrated by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly took place on Wednesday 16th March in the Cathedral, the whole school, members of the local community, invited guests, many former members of staff, Sisters of Mercy from various communities attended.

On Saturday May 7th the School Choir together with Orchestra including a number of past pupils performed the celebratory 'Gloria' by Vivaldi. The performance was a most fitting means of expressing our gratitude for what has been, for what is and for what will come for future generations of students, parents and staff.

On Sunday 8th May we held an Open Day where past pupils and friends were welcomed back to the school for an afternoon. Exhibitions, displays, activities gave visitors an opportunity to stroll down memory lane. The Open Day was a great success with past pupils gaining access to school archives dating back to the 1920's and in some cases finding themselves and their mothers and grandmothers in old registers!



Pictured above at the open day (LtoR) Coláiste Muire student, School Principal, Ms. Jean Pound, Sr. Canice

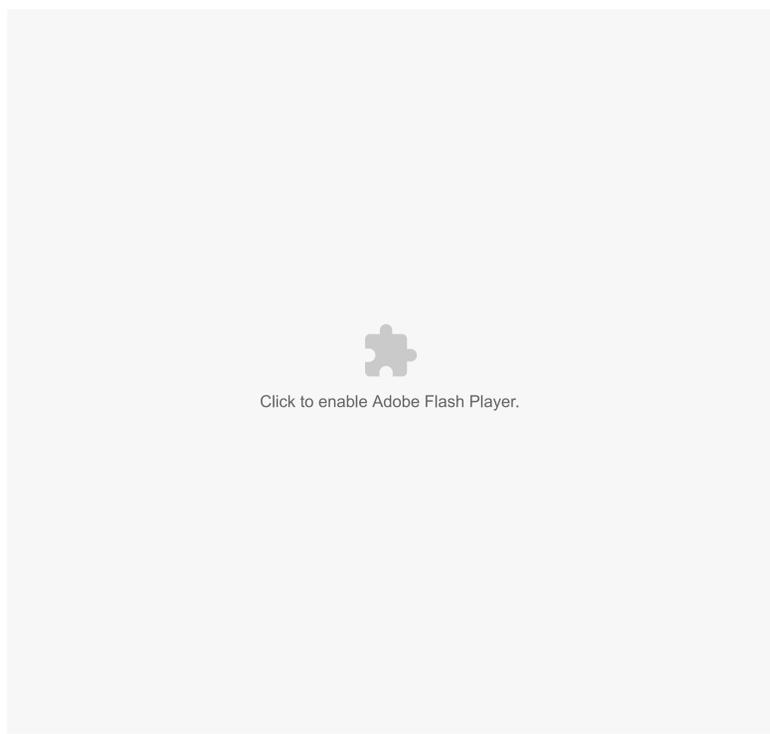
Hanrahan and Deputy Principal, Ms. Geraldine Lydon.

This year has given us all an opportunity to reflect on those early years of our school's foundation. These early sisters were pioneers in the true sense; their vision for education was thoroughly holistic, amazingly modern. We are proud to follow in their footsteps; we thank God for their generosity and commitment.

We are very proud of our school's tradition of excellence and of the achievements of all our students, past and present. We are mindful that life long friendships have been forged in Colaiste Muire; students and staff move on but the spirit of Colaiste Muire remains with them forever.

(Special thanks to Jean Pound, School Principal for sharing above information).

Photos from the Celebrations



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Audio of Concert

Coláiste Muire 150th Anniversary Celebration Gloria RV 589 By Antonio Vivaldi, Dánlann an Chláir, 7th May 2011.

Featuring Coláiste Muire School Choir, Helen Houlihan - Soprano, Ruth Kelly - Mezzo, Soprano Roisín McMullin, Orchestra Leader Conductor - Carmel Griffin.



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News from St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion

Monday 23rd May 2011

Fizzbook



In St. Joseph's Secondary School Ballybunion we pride ourselves on always looking for ways to make learning for students

easier. It has been a concern of many within the community about the weight of school bags. St. Joseph's Secondary School, are leading the way in tomorrow's technology and has become the first school in the county to offer students Fizzbook (tablet PC's).

All of the student's school books will be installed in the laptop and will also contain copybooks, pens and pencil. The student will be able to write and draw on this P.C as they would on a copybook. We are introducing to our incoming first years students an option to use a Fizzbook Spin tablet-style laptop with all of their school books installed, negating the need to carry around heavy school bags.

On Tuesday May 17th at 7.30pm parents attended a meeting and short demonstration in the school to discuss the Fizzbook and also speak about matters arising for the school year 2011-2012. All present were very impressed.

Gaisce Award



Pictured above are St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion, 5th Year Gaisce Group. Back Row from L-R: Shannen

Enright, Emma Nash, Avril Dineen, Lucy Jayne McCarthy, Clíodhna Lynch, Tara McDonald and Aoife Fitzmaurice. Front Row from L-R: Danny Warwick, Con Carmody, James Foley and Dylan O Leary

A group of fifth year pupils from St Joseph's in Ballybunion recently completed the Gaisce Award. Throughout the year the students participated in various activities including Community Involvement activities such as helping out in the Youth Club and offering tutoring to the Junior Students in the school. The final element of the award comprised of an Over Night Adventure Journey, which the students undertook in Caherciveen.

The Gaisce Award is the President's Award; it is Ireland's National Challenge Award, the country's most prestigious and respected individual award programme, and a challenge from the President of Ireland, to young people between 15 and 25 years of age. The students have completed the first level of the award and were presented with their commemorative pins by North Kerry T.D. Arthur Spring last Friday.

Vietnam School Links



Pictured above L-R: Con Carmody, Tara McDonald, Clíodhna Lynch, Aoife Fitzmaurice and School Principal, John

O'Donovan.

St. Joseph's Secondary School in Ballybunion has been linked with Tra On High School in the Meekong Delta in Vietnam for the past year. The schools regularly connect with each other through the use of the latest technology. The schools link up and the students converse, share stories and learn from each other. The teacher in Tra On High teaches our History students in Ballybunion all about the Vietnam war.

The students in Ballybunion have gained many insights from this link up with first hand descriptions of daily life in Vietnam. The link was established as part of the WorldWise project in conjunction with Irish Aid in the Department of Foreign Affairs. The aim of the project is to increase the understanding of developmental issues around the world and to encourage students to see how they can help.

In the Meekong Delta many children in remote areas cannot read and write because they are not sent to school as their parents are too poor to send them to school. The children have to work to help their parents. When there are schools in remote areas, very often they are not equipped sufficiently and there may be a lack of rooms, facilities and qualified teachers.

The students in Tra On High School are very involved in their community and often volunteer during their school holidays. Con, Tara, Clíodhna and Aoife hope to travel to the Meekong Delta next year to meet up with their Vietnamese friends and to participate in some voluntary programmes in the village.

The students hope to be able do some fundraising before they travel to Vietnam and to buy some bicycles for the students in Tra On as some of the poorer students cannot afford bicycles and so cannot attend school.

Click [here](#) to visit St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion website.



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Four Students from Our Lady of Mercy Drimnagh selected on Irish Basketball Team!

Friday 27th May 2011

Our Lady of Mercy, Secondary School, Drimnagh, Dublin are very proud of their four students who have recently been selected on the U16 Irish Basketball Team.

This is a fantastic achievement for the girls, school and whole area of Drimnagh.

The students will travel to Luxembourg and Scotland in preparation for the European Championships that take place in Romania in August.

The four students are Katie Moloney and Jennifer Sheehan (5th Year), Ingrid Gaffney and Shannon Farrell (3rd Year).

Each student needs to raise €2,500 to cover the cost of their trip and the school and community are working hard at fundraising events.

The banner below was made for display in the school.





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Scoil Mhuire Secondary School Buncrana TY Students Win Business Awards

Thursday 12th May 2011

National Get Up and Go Awards

Transition Year students from Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, Buncrana, Co. Donegal won 3rd prize recently in the National 'Get Up and Go' mini company competition.

The award ceremony was held in the Ospreys Hotel, Kildare, where 27 other businesses from around the country completed.



Pictured above are Steve Sheridan, Henry Bowles and Robert McGilloway who won 3rd prize for innovation at the 'National

Get Up And Go' Awards.

The boys also received a special mention from the Minister for Trade at the Competition, stating how impressed he was with their Business!

Big Mouth Productions

Scoil Mhuire had another notable achievement with the 2nd year students being winners of the Intermediate section of the County Enterprise Board student business competition and will represent Donegal in the National final in Croke Park on the 14th of May.



Pictured above are the 2nd year student winners (seated front LtoR), Aidan McDaid, Liam Fullerton and Keelan Doherty.

(Standing LtoR) Jodie Farrell, Paul Smith, Martin Doherty, Patrick O Connor, Anthony Barber, Gavin Smith and Alana Devlin.

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Double All-Ireland Success for Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel

Monday 9th May 2011

Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel recently celebrated two great All-Ireland wins in Art and Fashion Design.

Doodle for Google Competition

There were great celebrations in the Art Department in Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel in March and April. Niamh Byrne won the All Ireland Senior Category (4th/5th/6th Years) of Google's third annual Irish Doodle 4 Google competition. Niamh competed against the competition's 60 regional winners and won the most public votes of any entry in her age category.



Pictured above is Niamh Byrne receiving her award for winning the Doodle for Google competition.

Entrants in this year's Doodle 4 Google competition were asked to design a doodle of the Google logo on the theme 'To me, happiness is...'. Describing her doodle Niamh said, "Enjoying life is my way to achieving happiness, whether it's laughing with my friends until I cry, or whether it's watching the sun rise to consume all of nature's beauty in its glow. One snap shot can capture it all, and the camera is in my hands."

Niamh was accompanied by two other students, Leah O'Donnell & Isodele Donohue who qualified for the Junior Category (1st/2nd/3rd years). Also, well done to our Art teachers, Mrs. Mairead Fennell and Ms. Claire Murphy, who represented our school at the Awards ceremony in Dublin.

Junk Kouture Competition

Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel win National Final

Grainne Wilson and Emma Clancy, who are Transition Year students of the Presentation Secondary School, under the supervision of their Art teacher, Mrs. Mairead Fennell, won the All Ireland final of the Junk Kouture Fashion Design Competition in Dublin in April.

Their outfit, "An Urban Armour" was designed and crafted using empty coke cans and ring tops. They explained that their inspiration came from the idea of a warrior princess, a strong yet elegant woman. The girls admitted they were shocked and amazed to have won a national school fashion contest. Their design was as the best from more than 1,000 entries originally submitted from all over the country.

"We were shocked, we didn't expect to win at all" said Grainne, who hopes to carve out a career for herself as a costume designer.



The competition encourages second level students throughout the 32 counties to create couture fashion from everyday junk. The idea is

to educate students about recycling while at the same time inspiring them to create something fashionable and wearable.

Molly Moclair and Emily White, also Transition Year students, reached the final 60 by creating a dress in the shape of a swan, based on the Children of Lir theme.

Michael O'Loughlin (Acting Principal) congratulated both entries on achieving such success "On behalf of the Presentation Secondary School community, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous success of Grainne Wilson and Emma Clancy in the National final.

The girls under the supervision of their Art teacher, Mrs. Fennell spent endless hours in creating their dress. I would like to congratulate them on their creativity and dedication to their work and bringing such great success to the school. Also, we must not forget Molly Moclair and Emily White who also qualified for the final. Also, I would like to thank our supporters who travelled in big numbers to Dublin to support our girls."

After much deliberation on the part of the three Judges, Deborah Veale, Deirdre Harte, and Monica Kelnan – Urban Armour from Clonmel was declared the Junk Kouture 2011 Winner amid tremendous excitement. The winning entry was made from old aluminium cans moulded and bent into an incredible bodice, the skirt and detail was created using the pull tops from old cans.

The Winning designers "Grainne Wilson and Emma Clancy" explained their inspiration came from the idea of a Warrior Princess - a strong yet elegant woman. The Winning School receives a cheque for €5,000 and the winning designers got to take home the JK trophy together with a cheque for €500.

Elizabeth O'Donnell, the event Co-ordinator said of the winning entry "the essence of the competition was to turn JUNK into Haute Couture Fashion, and the designers of Urban Armour really came up with what we were looking for...the unique piece uses materials that would usually end up in the bin, and the final result and attention to detail has to be seen up close to be appreciated.

I would like to wish Grainne and Emma all the best in the future with their chosen careers, but if Urban Armour is anything to go by, these girls could be the next up and coming fashion designers in Ireland. I would also like to pay thanks to all the students and teachers, for all the effort they put in-at the end of the day; they are the stars of the show-and all the entries were incredible in their own way. I am already looking forward to what next year's competition brings in....Urban Armour has set the standard-and it is not going to be easy to follow it."

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News from Presentation Secondary School, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway

Thursday 12th May 2011

TY students transform town car park

A Tuam town centre car park was handed over to the people of Tuam in its new glory at a reception held last Monday evening.



The Bishop Street car park has undergone a major transformation in recent weeks through a

project spearheaded by TY students at Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The area has been rejuvenated with potted trees and plants, a pictorial wall depicting the history of Tuam as well as a specially commissioned seed pod sculpture.



The aim of the initiative, which is part of the girls' Young Social Innovators (YSI) project, was to turn around an area that had become an eyesore into something interesting.

Three teams from the school attended the YSI showcase in Dublin on May 11th (see below article).

Irish-Austrian Society 2011 Essay Competition

Ciara Finan, a TY student, has recently won the 2011 Essay Competition in conjunction with the Irish-Austrian Society.

As a prize winner, Ciara will spend a fortnight at the Collegium Austriacum in Salzburg this summer.

His Excellency, the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Walter Hagg will present the prize at a ceremony at his residence on Tuesday next May 17th.

Young Social Innovators 2011 Achievements

At the Young Social Innovators 2011 final which took place in City West hotel, Dublin, on the 11th May, Presentation College, Tuam were winners in 2 categories.

Transition Year students from the college won awards for their projects "Hope Square" which involved rejuvenating a car park in the town centre, and "I need U" which involved students setting up a volunteer centre in the town.

Another project entitled "Your Car, our future" was also selected for the final.

CEIST congratulates all involved in the school with their respective projects.

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News from Presentation Secondary School, Thurles

Thursday 19th May 2011



[Presentation Secondary School, Thurles](#) complete an excellent weekly diary of news and events in the school.

They have kindly shared with CEIST the following interesting news items from their most recent diary.

An Comórtas GLEO

Presentation Secondary School is delighted to announce our success in the recent Foras na Gaeilge GLEO competition, which recognises the promotion of spoken Irish in English speaking Secondary Schools. Next Thursday 26th May, a group of representatives will travel to the 'Hogan Suite' in Croke Park to meet the renowned presenter Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh who will present a cheque for €3000 to the school.

We are very proud of the high standard of written and spoken Irish in our school and the positive attitude that is shown towards the language. A special word of thanks is extended to Roinn na Gaeilge, who have worked tirelessly throughout the years to encourage and sustain our 'teanga dhúchais'. Their efforts in organising extra-curricular activities, clubs and trips to help nourish and foster an appreciation of the language are highly commended.

"Ní neart go cur le chéile" mar a deireann an seanfhocal.

Turas go dtí an Ghaeltacht 2011 Transition Year trip to the Gaeltacht

Ar an Déardaoin an 12ú Bealtaine 2011 chuaigh lucht na hIdirbhliana ó Mheánscoil Clochar na Toirbhirte ar thuras go dtí Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne. D'fhágamar an scoil go luath agus nuair a shroicheadar Ciarraí bhí an t-ádh dearg linn leis an dea-aimsir agus bhí sceitimíní áthais orainn go léir. Chuamar amach sa Bhá chun Fungi a fheiceáil agus ní raibh díomá orainn ach an oiread.

Ar a seacht a chlog chuamar go dtí halla Ceann Trá, áit a raibh an céilí ar siúl. Bhuailomar leis an scríbhneoir agus ceoltóir cáiliúil Maidhc Dainín Ó Sé agus thug sé léacht spéisiúil dúinn ar an leabhar a scríobh sé 'A thig na tit orm'. Bhain na cailíní ar fad an-taitneamh as an gcaint agus as an gceol freisin. Ansin bhí céilí againn sa halla leis na buachaillí ó Mheánscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Cluain Meala.

D'éiríomar go moch ar maidin ar an Aoine agus amach linn go dtí An Blascaod Mór, áit a raibh cónaí ar Pheig Sayers agus Tomás Ó Criomhain. Thréigeadh an t-oileán sa bhliain 1953.

Nuair a tháinig ar ais ar an míntír go slán sábhailte, ar aghaidh linn go dtí Ionad an Bhlascaoid Mhóir i nDún Chaoin, áit a raibh an treoraí T.P Ó Crochúir ag fanacht linn. Chuamar timpeall Ceann Slé leis agus stopamar ag Séipéilín Ghallaraí agus Cill Mhaoilcheadair.

Tar éis an lá fada amuigh faoin aer folláin bhí gach duine stiúgtha leis an ocras. D'itheamar dinnéar blásta sna tithe agus ansin thugamar aghaidh ar Ionad Babhlála an Daingin. Bhí céilí againn arís agus ag deireadh na hoíche is cinnte go raibh gach duine traochta.

Ar an Satharn bhí orainn filleadh abhaile ach bhuailomar le Pádraig Fírtear san Ionad ar dtús agus thug sé cuntas dúinn faoi stair agus saol na n-oileán. Ansin chuamar go dtí an 'Mara Beo' (Dingle Ocean World Aquarium) áit a chonaiceamar iasc de gach saghas, piongainí, agus turtair mhara!

Míle buíochas do Roinn na Gaeilge a d'eagraigh an turas agus do na múinteoirí Gaeilge ar fad as ucht a chuid oibre ar son na Gaeilge!

Choir Visit

The Volunteer State Community College Choir from Tennessee, U.S.A, wowed our students with two performances this week. Their powerful and uplifting songs had the girls tapping their feet to the rhythms and clapping along with enthusiasm.

We were so delighted to have them back for a second year running and a very special thank you to The Source for providing a wonderful venue. The Tennessee choir left a lasting impression on the girls and we can't wait for their return again next year!

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Young Social Innovators 2011

Monday 16th May 2011

Young Social Innovators of the Year 2011

“Divert Your Stride from Suicide” Mount Mercy College, Co Cork



This year 45 CEIST schools participated in Young Social Innovators. Twenty one of the final sixty projects selected at the Regional Speakouts for this year's

YSI Showcase, which took place in Citywest on Wednesday 11th May, were projects undertaken by CEIST schools.

The Young Social Innovators of the year for 2011 are the students from Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork with their Project “Divert Your Stride from Suicide”.

Six of the nine category awards were won by CEIST schools; and all four of the 'Additional Awards' were also won by CEIST schools

Other CEIST winners in their categories:

Making our Country More Inclusive & Poverty Free

Winner: “Actions Speak Louder than Words”, Our Lady’s College, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Making our World One World

Winner: “Youth Alive, Alert, Enthusiastic” Presentation College, Co. Carlow.

Making our World Greener

Winner: “Let’s Get Greener”, Mercy College, Coolock, Co. Dublin.

Making our World Safer

Winner: “Smooth Cycling” Mercy Heights, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

Making our World Healthier – Physical Health Award

Winner: “C the Bright Side”, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Making our Community Better

Winner: “I Need You”, Presentation College, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Additional Awards

YSI Step Up Challenge (for projects continuing over more than one year)

Winner: “Hope Square”, Presentation College, Tuam, Co. Galway.

YSI Fun-Raising Challenge

Winner: “C the Bright Side”, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, Co. Clare.

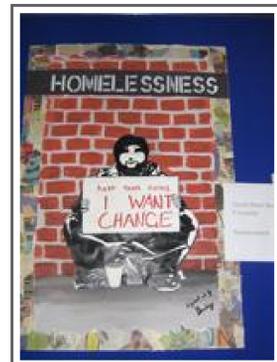
YSI Post-It (Poster) Challenge

Winner: “Homelessness”, Sacred Heart, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

YSI Using Technology to Change the World for Good Challenge

Winner: “W.O.O.F. – Welfare of Our Furry Friends”, St Anne’s Secondary School, Rosanne Rd, Co. Tipperary.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in YSI this year, and sincere thanks to all the teachers who have encouraged and supported them. Your involvement in projects which identify and work towards addressing issues of justice are a positive example of how the CEIST Charter is being lived out in our schools every day.



Finally we would like to send our congratulations to Sr Stanislaus Kennedy and to Rachel Collier and her team on the tenth birthday of YSI, and express our thanks for their dedication in encouraging so many young people to not only become aware of issues of justice, but to become passionate about addressing them and doing all that they can to make our world a better place.

Click [here](#) to view YSI website.

CEIST Schools Young Social Innovators 2011 Slideshow



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School Support

St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town

St. Anne's Secondary School is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School for girls. Since it opened on the 10th of January 1898 the school has been committed to providing the best quality whole life education to every girl whose parents/ guardians request it.

We strive to create a school environment in which students will be happy. We work on the principle that such an environment is created and sustained by accepting that St. Anne's is a community in which students and staff in the first place, with the support of parents and management, are committed to shared objectives, mutually agreed. Our students are not just passive partners in the educational process.

The Student Council offers a forum where students can discuss matters of student welfare while at the same time developing their leadership skills. The collaboration of Management, Staff, Parents and pupils is paramount as we, in St. Anne's embrace the Information and Communication Technology era, but together we will continue to "reach for the stars" as expressed in our school motto "per ardua ad astra".



Mission Statement

The management and teaching staff of St. Anne's Secondary School Tipperary Town, in co-operation with the parents, remain committed to the provision of a broadly based education to the girls of this region and to achieving a balance between the academic social cultural, spiritual and physical components of that education, within the tradition established by the Mercy Sisters and subsequently CEIST.

Philosophy

As St. Anne's does not exercise any student-intake criteria, it caters for a range of academic abilities. Teaching strategies reflect this mix of abilities as does the broad range of choice within the curriculum offered by the school.

Great importance is placed on personal development and life skills. Above all, as a Christian community, the school stresses the vital importance of moral education.

Objectives

St. Anne's strives to create a school environment in which students will be happy. We work on the principle that such an environment is created and sustained by promoting St. Anne's as a community in which students and staff in the first place, with the support of parents and management are committed to shared objectives, mutually agreed.

These objectives are:

- To promote and sustain respect and co-operation between staff and students.
- To treat all students equally.
- To foster a spirit of tolerance and respect for each other among students.
- To continue to promote the Catholic ideals on which the school was founded.
- To provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum allowing all students develop their abilities.
- To equip students with knowledge, understanding and skills to cope effectively with complexity and change.
- To enable students to contribute to and take increasing responsibility for their own learning in order to develop independence and continue their learning into adulthood.
- To encourage students to contribute to their communities and the wider society and be aware of their responsibilities as well as their rights.

Special Features

- Students are represented through their Student Council, elected by their peers. Training is provided for Council members.
- St. Anne's has its own Credit Union, run by students under the direction of Tipperary Credit Union.
- Together with the Abbey, St. Anne's through the Comenius Programme, has links with schools in France, Spain, Holland, Germany and Poland.
- The commitment of students to charity is extraordinary. On average €10,000 is raised annually for a variety of causes.
- Dynamic communication with parents is part of the management of St. Anne's. Apart from a very active Parents' Council, parents of senior students receive monthly reports. A programme of support and explanation for parents through September, eases transition from primary to secondary.
- A Pastoral Care team of year tutors meets weekly.
- Students are encouraged to pursue Gaisce Awards.
- A book rental scheme is in place for junior students.
- English teachers have lending libraries in their classrooms to encourage reading.
- The school is now connected to the world wide web via Broadband Network.
- St. Anne's has a modern learning support department.
- Canteen and tuck-shop facilities are available.
- John Ryan Scholarships (Chairman, Macrovision California) have allowed several past-pupils of St. Anne's excel in their third level courses.

School History

The Mercy Sisters came to Tipperary Town in 1864 and the following year moved to Rosanna. Almost immediately, a primary school was opened and by the end of the century, there were several hundred pupils. This was located near the Convent Chapel.

The three-storey building which today forms the main part of the secondary school date from the early 1870's and was built as an industrial school for girls. This continued to function until 1922. The laundry which continued after that date had been started as part of the industrial school.

Prior to 1897, some degree of post-primary education had been provided but from that year, St. Anne's operated as a secondary school under the Board of Intermediate (Secondary) Education.

In the 1960's, the primary school, St. Joseph's, moved to its present location and the older buildings underwent considerable renovation and extension. In the 1970's, a new staff-room and classrooms were built, partly on the site of the old laundry.

In the 1980's, a new science block and stairway were added and in 1996, the whole complex was extensively renovated as the first phase of an on-going development plan. St. Anne's bid farewell to their Principal Mr. Donie Byrne in May 2011 after 14 years of outstanding service to the school

Principal's Farewell Address



It has been a privilege for me to have touched the lives of c 1,200 people between students and staff since my arrival in St. Anne's School on August 1st. 1997. The number can be trebled when parents are included.

I have met many wonderful people and when education is considered in the broader context – I have gained a lot of new friends.

Principalship can be a lonely place. You are responsible for the quality of learning and teaching and answerable to a higher authority for ones leadership and management. It is however very fulfilling and I can say without hesitation that the past fourteen years have been the most satisfying in my career as an educator.

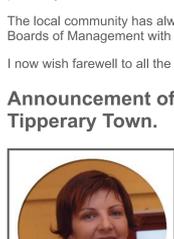
I want to acknowledge the Mercy Order and especially the local Mercy Community who were always so supportive of me.

A school principal does not work alone. I want to thank all the staff of St. Anne's – Deputy Principal, teachers, secretaries, caretaker, special needs assistants, cleaners and canteen people for all their support during the past 14 years.

The local community has always been supportive, especially the Archdeacon, as indeed have the various Boards of Management with which I worked.

I now wish farewell to all the students – "the messages I send to a future I will not see myself.

Announcement of New Principal of St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town.



Ms. Colette Treacy has been appointed as principal of St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town, effective from 1st June 2011 in succession to Mr. Donnie O' Byrne.

Colette studied at the University of Limerick and received her BA (Hons) in Physical Education, Education and Chemistry in 1983, her MA (Hons) in Educational Management in 2002 and a Graduate Certificate in Educational Mentoring (Hons) in 2008. She is joining St. Anne's from Scoil Ruain, Killenale where she was principal for the past nine years.

Colette Treacy commented on her appointment:

"I am honoured and delighted to have been chosen as the next Principal of St. Anne's Secondary School. The opportunity to lead a school such as St. Anne's, with its high expectations and the distinctive traditions of the Mercy Sisters greatly appeals to me. I look forward to working with the staff, students and parents to ensure that the high standard of education which has become synonymous with St. Anne's continues to grow and develop. I wish Donie O Byrne every good wish for his retirement"

Colette has an enormous passion for education and for sport, with over twenty years teaching experience and having been involved in Girls Basketball and Gaelic Football to very high level. We look forward to her bringing her enthusiasm and energy to St. Anne's.

Sports News

St. Anne's Secondary School Crowned Munster Junior Football Champions.

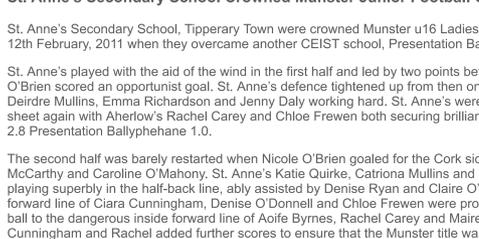
St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town were crowned Munster u16 Ladies football champions on the 12th February, 2011 when they overcame another CEIST school, Presentation Ballyphehane of Cork.

St. Anne's played with the aid of the wind in the first half and led by two points before Ballyphehane's Nicole O'Brien scored an opportunistic goal. St. Anne's defence tightened up from then on, with the full-back line of Deirdre Mullins, Emma Richardson and Jenny Daly working hard. St. Anne's were soon back on the scoring sheet again with Aherlow's Rachel Carey and Chloe Frewen both securing brilliant goals. Half-time St. Anne's 2.8 Presentation Ballyphehane 1.0.

The second half was barely restarted when Nicole O'Brien goaled for the Cork side after good work from Orla McCarthy and Caroline O'Mahony. St. Anne's Katie Quirke, Catriona Mullins and Louise Dalton were now playing superbly in the half-back line, ably assisted by Denise Ryan and Claire O'Dwyer in midfield. The half forward line of Ciara Cunningham, Denise O'Donnell and Chloe Frewen were providing a constant supply of ball to the dangerous inside forward line of Aoife Byrnes, Rachel Carey and Mairead O'Connor. Ciara Cunningham and Rachel added further scores to ensure that the Munster title was on route to the Tipperary town school. The introduction of Anna Hogan, Edel Kiely, Susan Hayes, Marie Kinane and Michelle McLaughlin added new energy and drive to the team.

This was the first time in the school's history that a Junior football title has been captured. The team was trained by PE teacher Siobhán Ryan. **Final Score:** St. Anne's 8-13 Presentation Ballyphehane 3-0.

Captain Denise O'Donnell was presented with the Munster Plate and Chloe Frewen was awarded Player of the Match.



The Munster Junior Football Champions (pictured above) included: Sophie O'Donnell, Deirdre Mullins, Emma Richardson, Jenny Daly, Katie Quirke, Catriona Mullins, Louise Dalton, Claire O'Dwyer, Denise Ryan, Ciara Cunningham, Denise O'Donnell, Chloe Frewen, Aoife Byrnes, Rachel Carey, Mairead O' Connor, Anna Hogan, Edel Kiely, Susan Hayes, Marie Kinane, Kelly Crosse, Michelle McLaughlin, Deirdre Cuss, Aimee Fogarty, Laura Corby, Shauna Gallahue, Noelle Duffy, Sinead English, Ann Marie Breen, Michelle Lowry, Tamara Ryan, Kayleigh Donnelly, Kirsty Donnelly, Marian McNamara, Kelly Touhy.

Young Social Innovators 2011

St. Anne's Secondary School had a great win in the W.O.O.F. YSI 2011 award ceremony held in the citywest on the 11th May 2011. The school project was titled "W.O.O.F. – Welfare of Our Furry Friends", which was in the category of "Using Technology to Change the World for Good Challenge".

St. Anne's Secondary School Win Recycling Award

Transition Year students in St. Anne's Secondary School, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary, had a great win in the Rehab WEEE recycling competition.

The Transition Year students won their prize for a School/Community based Electrical Products Re-cycling project.

This was organised by Rehab and WEEE Ireland. They collected the largest number of units for re-cycling in the Munster region. They also submitted a research project on re-cycling in general.

The team of students involved on the project (pictured below) were Tierney Bishop, Theresa Crowe, Amy Cummins, Katie Bennett, Lorna Chan, Jean Fitzgerald, Thelma O'Dwyer, Katie Cline, Maria Dillon, Aisling Bourke, Laura Nash, Megan Stanley and Kellie Bourke. The school received 10 upgraded computers from Rehab Ireland. The Rehab WEEE is an annual project for the school.



St. Anne's students scoop First Prize

St. Anne's Secondary School, won first prize in Agri Aware's Local Business Buzz Competition in 2009. This was quite a coup for the St. Anne's girls as over 300 schools nationwide had entered the competition.

The School's local flagship business Tipperary Co-op was the subject of the girls' entry and the project coincided with the Co-op's centenary year celebrations in 2008.

The students' task included producing a four-page brochure and composing a radio advert to highlight Tipperary Co-Operative Creamery and its contribution to the local economy.

The winners received €600 in prize money and an all-expenses paid trip to Brussels while getting 1,000 copies of their brochure printed and having their advert go out on air.

They put in great effort for their entry, doing research, conducting interviews, visiting the Co-op premises and also going so far as to visit farms which supply the Co-op.

The girls were over the moon about winning the competition and really enjoyed their trip to Belgium visiting EU Parliamentary buildings and learning more about the EU and its role in supporting Irish agriculture.



Pictured (LtoR) P.J. Ryan (Teacher), Sarah O'Dwyer, Maureen Kinahan, Marie Ryan, Kieran Maguire (Tipp Co-OP), Jennifer McCahill, Ted O'Connor (CEO, Tipp Co-Op), Fiona Casey, Michael O'Halloran (Tipp Co-Op), Josephine O'Dwyer, Donie O'Byrne (Former Principal of the school).

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