



Scoil na mBráithre Chríostaí

September 2017

Principals Welcome

I would firstly like to wish all in our school community best wishes for the new academic year. Our school is a very busy place with the core business of teaching and learning as well as a substantial programme of extra and co-curricular activity. I thank teachers for their generosity of spirit in delivering this extensive programme of activities which is so important for the development of our students and for the formation of school spirit. I congratulate our Leaving Cert class of 2017 and wish them the very best for the future. Our Junior Cert students received their results recently and I applaud their commitment to their studies over the past three years and look forward to the next chapter of their endeavours in the CBS in the years to come. I welcome all our new students and parents to the school community and look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Each year bring new challenges and we continually '*raise the bar*' in all that we do, both inside and outside the classroom. I also encourage you to download our School App to keep up to date with all school activities. This Newsletter will provide you with a small glimpse into the first weeks of the new academic year.

Welcome to our First Year Students

Tiernan O'Donnell
Principal



A warm welcome to our First Year students who completed their induction days back in August. Students had two induction days which greatly helped them settle into life in the CBS. As we welcome our new students we wish the best of luck to the Leaving Certificate class of 2017, the majority of whom are now beginning their third level education.



Congratulations and best wishes to the Leaving Cert Class 2017



Upcoming Events

- > **Open Night** will take place on Thursday 5th October, 7.00pm–9.30pm
- > **Parent Teacher meetings**
 - Transition Year 10th October
 - 3rd Year 14th November
 - 6th Year 29th November
- > **Parents Council AGM** will take place on Tuesday 10th October from 7.30pm. All Welcome.
- > **Dean Ryan Vs St. Colman's of Fermoy**, will take place on 4th October.
- > **Harty Cup Vs Gaelcholaiste Mhuire Thuagh**, take place on Wed, 11th October.
- > **School Musical "Oh what a Night"** will take place in January.
- > **Mid Term Break**
30 Oct. - 3rd Nov. 2017

News in Brief

- > Congratulations to Mark Fortune who represented Ireland at the Maths Olympiad in Brazil over the summer holidays. Mark also secured the maximum of 625 pts including 7Hls. In his Leaving Cert. Mark is currently studying Theoretical Physics in Trinity College. Over 80% of the Class of 2017 are now in Third level Education and we wish them the very best for the future.



- > Our Study Skill Seminars took place for all 1st 3rd and 6th year students over the past 2 weeks. Thanks to the Super Generation for another great study skills workshop with pupils.



First Year Hurling League

The first year hurling leagues came to an end last week after 3 weeks of intense competition between the 5 first year classes. All the matches took place in the Railway field and were played during lunch times. This year the competition was again very close with class 1B coming out eventually winners over 1E. Over 80 students took part in a very enjoyable competition and it a great way for the students to get to know each other.



U 15A Munster Champions

Thurles C.B.S. retained their Munster under-15 A hurling title by defeating St. Flannan's in the final of the O'Dowd Cup by the narrowest of margins towards the end of last year. St. Flannan's started strongly, building up a four point lead early on. However, two late points from the Clare outfit left them leading by 10 points to 9 at half-time. Thurles took control of the game in the second half, denying St. Flannan's a score for the opening 20 minutes while tacking on several of their own. The decisive score of the game came when David Fogarty found the net, skilfully flicking on a long ball from Darragh Stakelum. The C.B.S. now led by 5 points and the team was forced to defend, which they did manfully. The final score was Thurles: 1-12, St. Flannan's: 0-14.



CBS Thurles students represent Ireland at Schools International Athletic Board Championships

The Schools International Athletic Board (SIAB) consists of representatives from the Schools' Associations of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. They hold a number of events each year on both track and field and cross country running for elite junior athletes from the four nations. Liam McDonagh Walk, Sean Mockler Discus & Hammer, Jack Ryan Shot Putt and Adam O'Dwyer Pole Vault were the representatives from CBS Thurles.

This was an incredible achievement for these young boys who along with a number of other young elite athletes from around the country made up the Irish Team on the day. Sean Mockler won Bronze in the Discus, he also competed in the Hammer competition. Liam McDonagh took silver in the Walk which was 3K in distance. Jack Ryan was 4th in the Shot Putt and Adam O'Dwyer was 6th in the Pole Vault with a super vault of 3.41mts.

Our athletes also retained the title of 'Best School in Munster' title at the Munster T & F Championships in May. Roll on 2018.



Annual Awards 2017



The school's annual awards night ceremony took place during the last week of term in May. A wide spectrum of achievements was recognised on the night with awards for full attendance, academic excellence, sport, music, construction and art. The guest speaker was past pupil, Fr. Tom Fogarty, who spoke fondly of his time in the school while outlining for the pupils in attendance the importance of a good education and a positive outlook on life

German Exchange

Nine of our fifth year students have recently returned home, having spent nine days with their host families in Rosenheim in southern Germany. While there, Kyle English, Jamie Donovan, Bill O'Keefe, Ethan Shanahan, David Mawe, Evan Lyons, Michael Maher, Darren O'Regan and Adam O'Donoghue attended the Ignaz Gunther Gymnasium Secondary School as well as visiting Munich and the Salzbergwerk Berchtesgaden, the oldest active salt mine in Germany. Their German exchange pupils will pay a return visit in March of next year



After School Study

Evening study takes place every Monday to Friday for 2 hours commencing at 4:15pm. It is geared towards providing a formal study environment and is supervised by a teacher. Saturday study for 3rd and 6th year students is also available. This is a 4 hour study period commencing at 9am. For further information contact Mr. T. Lloyd.

Homework Club

The homework club is a First year club that takes place after school 5 days a week, (Monday–Friday). The club lasts for one hour each day from 4.05pm–5.00pm. A teacher will ensure that all homework is completed and students can ask for assistance if they need help. The club is free of charge.

iPad Induction Day 2017



On 16th June the Wriggle team arrived to CBS Thurles to give students their new iPads and install the eBooks. The induction lasted about 2 hours for each group and was very worthwhile for both the students and parents who attended. This is the 4th year of our iPad 1:1 learning programme and it has proven to be a huge success. There will be ongoing induction for students using iPads for the next few years. Also, from this year and following discussions with the publishers students also received a hardcopy of the textbook for home use which does not cost any extra for parents. Students will also have access to our Office 365 platform which will provide all students with Office 2016 software on up to 5 devices.

All Ireland Success for Michael Quinn

On 16th September the All Ireland National Senior First Aid Responder Competition took place in Athlone in association with the Order of Malta. Michael entered the Senior competition and secured first place. Michael joined the Order of Malta in 2012 in Thurles and has taken part in many competitions to date. His success comes as no surprise as Michael also won the UI6 All Ireland title last year. Michael joins the increasing number of current and past pupils who have joined the Order of Malta and continue to provide an invaluable service to our community.



Cairdeas buddies with First Year Classes



Cairdeas is a group of TY students who volunteer to act as 'a buddie' to new first year students. The name CAIRDEAS which is the Irish for friendship, demonstrates exactly what this group of students promotes in our school. The Cairdeas group organises many events during the school year.

The Cairdeas group work very diligently to ensure that the first years are assisted in their adjustment to life in secondary school. They organise a soccer tournaments and quizzes to give the first years opportunities to get to know each other. The Cairdeas buddies do a fantastic job and are a huge benefit in helping our new students settle in.



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- > **Lunchtime activities:**
Our Games Room is open every lunchtime and students can take part in table tennis, Chess, Board games etc.
- > Computer & Chess Clubs take place during lunch times, Club Gaeilge and the German Club takes place in the PE hall at lunch times.
- > Basketball training continues in the P.E Hall every Monday after school.
- > The Science Club meets every Monday and Friday.



- > Cross Country training continues every Tuesday at 4pm. All are welcome!
- > Our Senior Art students recently paid a visit to the Hunt Museum as part of their practical project.

