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Presentation Secondary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

I would like to welcome all students and staff back to school after a wonderful summer and wish all a successful year ahead.

Particular welcome to the new first year students and I am delighted to see how well they have settled into Secondary School life.

To all our Junior and Leaving Certificate students wish you every success in your studies this year and hope that you will all give your most in all your work ahead.

Mrs Marion Cummins.



Our top three students receiving their Nano Nagle Bursary Awards.

Left to right in the photo is Marion Cummins Principal Laura Iorgulescu (UCD) Katrina Puncule (DCU) Shaunie Kelly (LIT) and Maire Buckley Guidance Counsellor



Welcome
First Year's
to
Presentation
Secondary
School

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Transition Year Students completing their Annual School Clean Up in September



Transition Years busy at work during their start of year Retreat in the Nano Nagle Centre in Mallow. The students were accompanied by Ms. O'Brien and Sr. Colette

Promoting Positive Change – A Whole School Approach

Ms Moloney is delighted to have an opportunity this year to work with the whole school community to enhance our learning environment in her new role as a Positive Behaviour Liaison. The role will entail capturing the voice of students, parents, teachers and other key stakeholders to aid the development, co-ordination and implementation of whole school focused positive behaviour strategies. Watch this space - plenty of exciting and innovative changes to come in Presentation Secondary School!

Junior Certificate Results



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Kitchen Launch

We are proud to announce the opening of our remodelled and refurbished kitchen suite. The new kitchen offers our students the opportunity to cook up a storm in a kitchen which combines a sleek, contemporary design with modern functionality. With every mod con at the girls' disposal the new work space is sure to inspire many culinary delights!



6lca with Ms. Meta Fitzsimons at St. John's Castle for Culture Night on Friday 20th September

Equestrian Events

This term is the start of our 4th year in existence. I'm delighted to say that we have some really great new members this year, who every Monday when they go to Clonshire equestrian centre,



are fine ambassador's for our school. They are always well prepared, polite and enthusiastic. A pleasure to be around. This October will be our 3rd entry at the Interschools show jumping competition. The team consists of Olivia Shanahan, Alison Ledger and Shauna Madden.



The Pres Eco-Warriors

The 6th year Biology students embarked on the most enjoyable and informative ecology field trip on Wednesday 11th September.

The biologists participated in a step by step study of a hedgerow ecosystem hosted by the Irish Seed Savers Association in Scariff. Students have the opportunity to practice a variety of field techniques and key concepts of ecology and conservation were studied in dept.

They were accompanied on the trip by Ms. E. Madigan and Ms. A. O'Donovan.

Well done to all of you.



Fifth Year Students; Kara, Katelyn, Kate, Gabby, Roisín and Colette who were involved in the school Mass on the 19th of September.

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Music Department

Firstly we extend our congratulations to our recent Leaving Certificate Students who studied music and who did so well in their exams. We wish them every success in the future, Shaunie, Jade and Jessica.

To Leonie Bennett, who has completed her first year music exams in college in Cork and who has proceeded to 2nd year, studying singing and teaching of music.

To Danielle Murphy who did Leaving Certificate four years ago and who recently graduated from University of Limerick with an Honours Degree in Voice and Dance.

To Anna O'Donoghue, another musician who also graduated from U.L. with her Honours Degree in Politics and Administration. Anna Marie is now teaching in Dubai.

The music room has been busy in the last few weeks with everyone settling back into routine and we will have a good year of hard work, dedication and fun through music.



Thank you Ms. Casey and Ms. Kitching for the great work you do.



L-R: Emma O'Reilly, Shainia Moran, Aicha Oyesola, Mrs Hudson (Teacher), Lauren Hamilton, Gabriela Pavlovica.



**Danielle Murphy, Graduate of UL 2013,
Bachelor of Arts in Voice and Dance**



**Mrs. Mary Ryan,
the new Deputy Principal at
Presentation Secondary School**



**Ms. Triona Murray
the new Home School
Community Liaison Officer**

Chaplain's Corner

It's great to see everybody back in school and welcome to all new students. Do remember to call to the Prayer Room at lunchtime maybe just to be still, at peace and away from the noise. It is also an opportunity to whisper a prayer for someone you love or just to tell God that you love him too. As we begin this school year keep the spark of love, support, understanding and hope alive in your person. Have a very happy year and if you're not happy talk to a friend in Presentation. Bless you all.

Sr. Colette Hourigan, Chaplain.