



# Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed

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## Important Dates

### Up to July 1<sup>st</sup>

CAO Change of mind

### July 15<sup>th</sup>

FETAC Results

### August 14<sup>th</sup>

Leaving Certificate Results

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

1st year students start school

### August 26<sup>th</sup>

No students in school

### August 27<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years

### August 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years

### August 29<sup>th</sup>

All students back to school

## Principal's Address

We have come to the end of a very busy, exciting and successful academic school year and it has heralded many changes and causes for celebration, so I hope you enjoy reading about some of the exciting activities we have had in 2012/2013. Firstly, I want to thank the students for their pride in their school and their participation in so many activities; be it in academic studies, sport, BT Young Scientist, green schools, music, drama, debating, art, business, charity work etc. our students do themselves, their families and their school proud. I would also like to thank our hardworking staff for their commitment and dedication in striving to get the best out of all our students. On behalf of the staff, I thank the Parents Council for their ongoing cooperation, support and their hard work and efforts with the school weekly Lotto. I would like to thank the Board of Management for their vision, leadership and continued commitment to the successful running of the school. I also wish our exam students continued success in their remaining exams and I know that their hard work will be rewarded by excellent results. We wish Mrs Máire Wixted a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Finally, I wish all students a very enjoyable and safe summer holidays.

*Denis Quinn, Principal*

## "Keep it clean Is Féidir linn"

The Green Schools Committee and their coordinator Ms Smith have done tremendous work this year in raising awareness amongst students and staff about how to become more environmentally conscious.

Photo shows committee members purchasing recycling bins which will help in their bid to achieve the litter and waste flag.



## Happy Retirement

After many enjoyable and fruitful years of service, Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed said farewell to Mrs Máire Wixted earlier this year. We wish Máire long life and happiness in her retirement.

## Parents Council

The Parents Council of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed are a group of parents who have children in the school. Our job is to try to raise as much money as we can to help buy resources that the school needs to help our children learn and get the best education possible. The weekly Lotto which you are buying gives €1.23 of every €2 to the school. This year the council purchased a set of school jerseys, a piano and contributed towards travel expenses for school trips.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer and look forward to having some new parents to join our team next year.

*Deirdre Dunne, Chairperson*

## Farewell to the Class of 2013

The 6<sup>th</sup> year class of 2013 began the celebrations by spending a fun packed afternoon paintballing in Stradbally, Co. Laois. The students were accompanied by class teacher Ms Walsh and Mr Fahy. On returning to school, the girls were treated to a pampering session where they got their hair styled and make-up done. Later that evening, the graduation concluded with a prayer service in the school assembly hall celebrated by Fr. Hennessy. We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> year students well in their future endeavours.





**Grow Art Project**

Art & Design students enjoyed designing and planting two wildflower gardens in the school grounds under the supervision of environmental consultant Diarmuid Neilan and project organiser Ms Dorney.



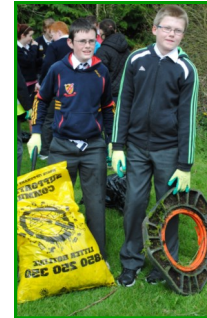
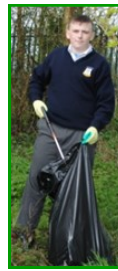
**The Great Irish Bake 2013**

2<sup>nd</sup> year Home Economics students baked some tasty treats and held a cake sale to help raise funds for Temple Street Children's University Hospital.



**Green Schools Action Day**

On a sunny April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Green Schools Committee decided to join forces with the National Spring Clean Initiative and use this action day as a hands on opportunity for students to get on board with physically getting out and cleaning up our school. The green school army comprising of committee members, staff, and all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, TY and 5<sup>th</sup> year students set off for combat armed with gloves, hi-vis jackets, litter pickers and started filling refuse sacks with amazing gusto. The committee chose Claire Moore's positive message "**Keep it clean, Is Féidir linn**" as the winning slogan which will underpin their efforts to attain the first green flag for litter and waste.



**Coorevin Farm Visit**

The 5<sup>th</sup> year agricultural science class enjoyed an educational visit to Coorevin Farm in Borrisokane and got first hand practical knowledge and experience on a working beef and sheep enterprise.



**Leaving Cert Applied 2012/2013**

Well done to the LCA students who worked extremely hard throughout the year in completing tasks and key assignments in their various modules art, social education, horticulture, music etc.



**TY Students receive the Gaisce Award**



A special thank you to Ms Molumby for inspiring the students to get involved in local community projects throughout the year.



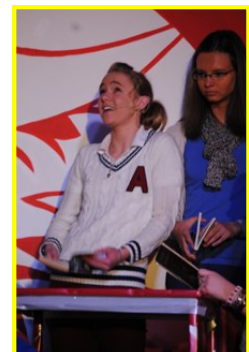
**Lisheen Mine Venture**

This year the schools' business partnership with Lisheen Mine offered the 5<sup>th</sup> year students the unique opportunity to experience the world of work first hand at Lisheen Mine and to get a taste of the wide variety of career opportunities presented by the mine and its ancillary industries. This was followed by sessions on CV preparation and interview skills before mock interviews and feedback. Our students were afforded the opportunity to undertake site visits at the mine thanks to Chief Engineer, Mr Jim Dunne and their business teacher Mr Brennan. The students thoroughly enjoyed this beneficial and informative experience and Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed looks forward to working with the mine in the coming months.



**High School Musical**

This year's school show High School Musical produced by Ms T Hickey was a massive success and the fabulous cast of students can be really proud of all hard work they put in during rehearsals. The show delighted audiences and had High School Musical songs ringing around the school for weeks. The whole show was made possible with cooperation and assistance from lots of staff members especially musical directors Ms H Wallace and M C Geaney and choreographer Ms S Byrne.



**Junior Certificate Schools Programme**

Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students who have completed JCSP and received their official certification from the Department of Education and Science.

A number of successful JCSP initiatives have taken place during the year in the areas of Science, Art, Irish, Literacy and Numeracy. Well done to all students who have taken part all these initiatives.





### Everyday Experimenting in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed

Science week began with the 6<sup>th</sup> year students attending a cinemobile talk entitled “Inspiring Careers & Roles in Science and Technology” which they found very informative. The TY students decorated the corridor walls with various snippets of interesting and unusual scientific facts thus highlighting the relevance of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in our everyday lives. All junior cycle science students participated in a science table quiz which was organised by the science teachers and TY students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon putting their scientific knowledge to test and had lots of treats to share and spot prizes to win.



**Science Week Quiz Winners**  
Maciej Walczak, Michael Beaton and Nicholas O'Halloran



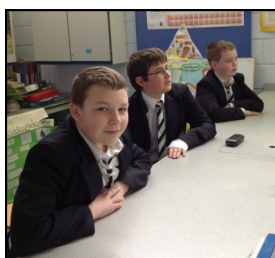
### Student Council

Student Council members Aaron Hassett and Seán Kearney made presentations for worthy charities and beneficial causes at the Awards Ceremony. The council presented monies for a defibrillator to school principal Mr Denis Quinn, monies to Patrick Buckley for Fr. Joe's Trócaire Fund and monies to Ms Clare Wallace for Suir Haven and Cancer Research.



### The Magic of Science

As part of the JCSP Science Initiative, a Science Magic Show visited the science lab and all junior cycle students enjoyed a very exciting and interactive show full of magic, mystery and fun.



### Budding Young Scientists

Transition year students and some 1<sup>st</sup> year students received well earned participation BT Young Scientist & Technology certificates for proposing various science & technology projects for the exhibition.



### ISTA Junior Science Quiz



3<sup>rd</sup> year students Anton Kelly, Gavin Dunne, Stephen Troy and Michael Beaton represented the school in the Tipperary ISTA Junior Science Quiz in Clonmel on April 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Trip to Dublin Zoo

After a hectic year of activity, the TY students and the cast of High School Musical enjoyed a trip to Dublin where they paid a visit to Dublin Zoo and afterwards enjoyed some retail therapy in Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.



### School Tours

The school year ended with a height of great activity and fun for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students as they enjoyed school tours to Limerick and Cork. The 5<sup>th</sup> year students indulged in Gokarting and some shopping at the Crescent Shopping Centre in Limerick and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students travelled to the Trabolgan Adventure Centre in Cork. Many thanks to the teachers who organised and travelled on the tours.



### TY Gaisce Trip to Kerry





Ciarán Ó'Duinn a bhuaigh Gradam na Milaoise sa Ghaeilge i mbliana.



Na daltaí ó Roinn na Gaeilge a bhuaigh duaiseanna ar an Lá Cultúrtha 2013.

“Ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht....”



Daithí Ó'Mainnín agus Pádraig Ó'Buachalla a bhuaigh scoláireachtaí don Ghaeltacht lena múinteoirí Gaeilge.

### School Market Day

Every market day the business students get the opportunity to put their ideas into action and present their products for sale. Among the goods on sale this year were calenders, Christmas decorations and logs, sweets and confectionery.

Three second year teams qualified for the North Tipperary County Student Enterprise Awards in Nenagh and “**The Handmade Dream Workers**” team consisting of **Belinda McCarthy** and **Milena Rataj** won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the **Intermediate Category**. Their products included frames, mirrors and snow globes. The team travelled to Dublin accompanied by their classmates and Business Studies teacher Ms Bergin to represent North Tipperary at the Young Entrepreneurs Competition National Final.



“The Handmade Dream Workers” Milena Rataj and Belinda McCarthy with Ms Conroy and their teacher Ms Bergin



### Lá Cultúrtha in Nenagh



Junior quiz team members that took part in a highly competitive tráth na gceist as part of Lá Cultúrtha.

### Times Gone By...

In May, all junior cycle history students keenly participated in a History Quiz incorporating aspects from across the syllabus. The quiz was organised by history teachers Mr Fahy and Mr Ó'Cradóig.

### To be or not to be!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students of English travelled with English teachers Ms Butler and Ms Hickey to the Nenagh Arts Centre to see two Shakespeare plays Macbeth and The Merchant of Venice which are on their respective courses.

### Junior Volleyball Boys Team

The boys coached by Ms S Byrne performed well in the Leinster Volleyball Tournament against Dublin and Laois teams.



### TY Wheelchair Basketball

The TY students competed in the Wheelchair Basketball tournament and successfully reached the county final which was played in Nenagh.



Not only a sporting event, this competition helped raise awareness about disability in sport in a fun and enjoyable way.



**Sports Awards 2013**

Mr Ó'Crado'g presents best Junior Hurler Award to Gavin Dunne and best Senior Hurler Award to Aaron Ryan Casey. Ms Hickey presents the Gaelic Football Award to Colm Ryan and the Soccer Award and Volleyball Awards to Damien Walczak and Patryca Brzeszcz.



**1<sup>st</sup> Year Soccer Team**



**Senior Boys Basketball Team**

**GAA**

Throughout the school year, many of our students were busy training for various competitions in hurling and Gaelic football at all levels. Our senior Gaelic football team participated well in the Munster Cup competition and had some great wins in the early stages. Our U15 footballers took part in the Cusack Cup competition and the U17 hurlers were narrowly defeated by Cistercian College, Roscrea in the Fitzgerald Shield. Our 1st year and U15 hurlers enjoyed participating in the end of year hurling blitz in Rockwell College and Roscrea respectively. Many thanks to coaches Mr Brennan, Mr O'Crado'g and Mr Fahy.

**TY Activities**

The Transition Year students had a very busy programme throughout the year which included many educational and recreational trips and activities such as arts & crafts, pottery, swimming, boxing, creative writing, tin whistle, set dancing, community service, music clubs, guitar, hair dressing, healthy baking, sign language and many more.



**School Sports Day 2013**

On the last day of term, the students and staff enjoyed a fun filled sports day organised by Ms S Byrne which had a variety of different activities including sumo wrestling, bungee run game, life size connect four and jenga games, table tennis, soccer and lots lots more.....plus lollipop treats!!





**Awards Ceremony 2013**

There was a great sense of expectancy and excitement in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Bean an Tí Iníon Ní Chathail took us through the awards which have become an outstanding milestone in the students academic lives. Several students received recognition for their achievements in a wide range of activities, Art, Music Enterprise, Woodwork, Languages and Sport. VEC Awards and School Attendance Awards were also acknowledged and presented. Transition Year and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year JCSP students also received their end of year certification at the ceremony. The Principal, Mr Denis Quinn thanked every student for their contribution during the year. He said that he was very proud of them and that they were all using their talents to full potential. The school music club and choir provided beautiful music and song throughout the ceremony and the evening concluded with entertainment provided by students from the PE and Music departments.

**Annual Awards**

**JCSP**

Entrepreneurial Spirit

LIT/Tipperary Language

Community Spirit

Student Enterprise Award

Lá Cultúrtha (Filíocht)

Scoláireachtaí

E.F Student of the Year

Sports Bursaries

Junior Hurling

Senior Hurling

Gaelic Football

Basketball

Soccer

Volleyball

Green Schools Person

Mary Delahunty Cup

Seamus Maher Award

Frank Dwan Award

Best Leaving Certificate

Best Junior Certificate

1<sup>st</sup> Year Student of the Year

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student of the Year

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Student of the Year

TY Student of the Year

5<sup>th</sup> Year Student of the Year

5<sup>th</sup> Year LCA Student of the Year

6<sup>th</sup> Year Student of the Year

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Principals Award

**All 3rd Year Students**

**Milena Rataj &**

**Belinda McCarthy**

**Milena Rataj**

**Lisheen Mine**

**Milena Rataj & Belinda McCarthy**

**Casey Ní Dhushláine, Lee Ó'ógáin**

**Brian Ó'Corráin & Brima Ní Shiúrtáin**

**Pádraig Ó'Buachalla & Daithí Ó'Mainnín**

**Fabian Reese**

**Leanne McGrath**

**David Manning**

**Gavin Dunne**

**Aaron Ryan Casey**

**Colm Ryan**

**Basketball Group**

**Damien Walczak**

**Patryca Brzeszcz**

**Patrich Hackett**

**James McCarthy**

**Stephen Troy**

**Keiran Dunne**

**James Maxfield**

**Mary Maxfield**

**Seán Kearney**

**Brid Gleeson**

**Stephen Troy**

**Fabian Reese**

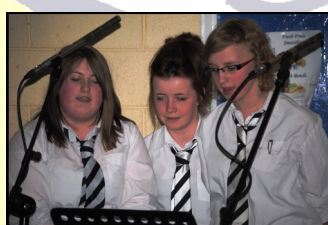
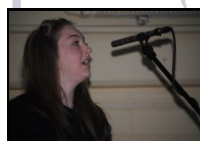
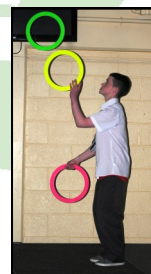
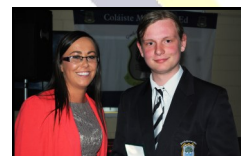
**Mary Maxfield**

**Mary Ellen McCarthy**

**Donal Ó'Maolchathaigh**

**Cameron McDonnell**

**Johnny McInerney**



**THANK YOU** I would like to thank all staff who contributed to our newsletter. Ms D Ryan