



CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy, to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College

Friday 7 June 2013

Fundraising

Your generosity is boundless! We have already collected **over €105,000** in our fundraising campaign for the new floodlit, all-weather rugby practice pitch. We need only €45,000 more. If the inflow of donations continues as it has this week, we will certainly have a fantastic facility ready for the students in September. The new Director of Rugby Adrian Flavin met our architect and our lighting specialist today to look at the plans for the new facility. Adrian is delighted with the fundraising campaign. Both he and Mike Ruddock are 100% behind the project which will get our facilities for rugby where they need to be. **Please return the form that was sent out to you, even if you are unable to make a contribution at this time.** Thanks to all of you who have already sent in forms.

Academic News

- The students in 3rd and 6th years have started their exams with an admirable calmness. They have prepared well, with the help of their teachers. So far, things seem to have gone very well. We wish them all the best for the remainder of the exams.
- We were very pleased to be one of the few fee-paying schools to climb even further up the Sunday Times 'Best Schools in Ireland' tables. Over the last five years we have moved from 143rd to 91st to 79th to 33rd and now to 31st. Their tables are based on the percentage of leavers who get into the universities of Ireland or the UK – so, for example, Alexander Amini who got a much-coveted place in MIT in Boston would not count. Despite the short-comings and limitations of any league table, we are extremely proud that our students have improved steadily over the past five years. The energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated and hard-working staff should be very proud of what we have achieved.

Sports News

- Congratulations to our finalists at Tullamore for the All-Ireland Athletics Schools Finals. Harry Purcell had a remarkable day, taking gold in the 400m and bronze in the 800m. Conor Bermingham clinched silver in the pole-vault with a personal best of 3.80m. Sammy Magdelin was only a few centimetres of a medal in the Minor hammer-throw and Rob O'Meara threw well in the shot-putt but was not amongst the medals this year. Castleknock College came fifth in the overall Senior Athletics are planning how we can win it next year. Every student should think how they can contribute to athletics next year, be it in triple-jump, walk, hurdles, throwing – whatever. Watch this space.

Vincentian News

- The Annual Uniform Sale in aid of Ambo, Ethiopia will take place on Thursday 20th June. Donations of uniform items, especially blazers would be very much appreciated.
- If you get a chance to get your hands on the Castleknock Gazette this week, you will see three articles about achievements at the College. Harry Purcell at Tullamore, Andrew Fulcher and Adam Blagburn in Art and four graduates who took a replica of a photo of themselves in St Brigid's seven years ago (as seen in last week's Bulletin). Try to pick up a copy in the local shops if you can.

Parent News

- This year we are delighted to be able to offer a variety of summer camps suitable for boys and girls aged 9-14 years.

July

Sports Camp 1-12 July. Cost: €170 for two weeks or €320 for two persons from the same family. Director: Mr Joe Hagan Tel: 0872912060

August

Science Camp 6- 9 August 9.30am -1pm Cost €80. Director: Mr Kieran Gallagher Tel: 0876225450

Rugby Camp 12-16 August 10.30am - 2.30pm Cost €100. Director: Mr Dominic Little Tel: 0863023675 Mr Des Healy 0868161160

Full details and booking Forms are available from Rita or Grainne.

- **Lost and Found** - If you have mislaid an item of school uniform please check the notice board for the **Lost and found sheet** in the Foyer. If your name does not appear on the **Lost and Found sheet** walk around the school and look for your lost item. If an item is not claimed from Lost and Found sheet, or a mislaid item is found on the floor of the school after the June Bank Holiday your parents will be notified by a letter and you will be asked to donate €5 to St. Vincent de Paul to retrieve same.
- **2012 – 2013 Castleknock College photos** are now available to order online at schoolpix.ie (Password is **knock175**) or through the college reception using this form. Colour prints 10x8 are mounted in Navy Strut Mounts and the larger 16x86th and 1st year photos are mounted in custom made folders with the College Crest embossed in gold. All photos are captioned with names. All photos are delivered to reception for collection.