



## Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy, to the parents of Castleknock College, . 24.02.12

### Academic News:

- World Book Day takes place next Thursday 1 March. We will be marking the day with a Book Wall on which students and teachers can post a special card on which they name their favourite book and why they like it. At lunchtime there will be a special event in the library in which pupils and teachers read a short extract from their favourite book. All welcome (including parents). Anyone who attends (or posts a notice on the Book Wall) gets a free book token worth €1.50.
- Liam Hawks has been selected to take part in the European Youth Parliament Ireland National Conference from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a great achievement and we wish Liam all the best with it.

### Club News:

- Congratulations to Adam Boyle & Conor McMeel for qualifying for the semi-finals of the Aoife Begley Competition in NUI Maynooth on Monday evening. Best of luck for the next round.
- In chess news, congratulations to the Castleknock boys who played well against the Grand Master Baburin in a simultaneous exhibition. Among the juniors he particularly praised were Shane Rushe and Ciarán McCarthy. Alan Lau, Zaran Butt and Darragh Moynihan, playing as a team, had such a good position that Grandmaster Baburin offered a draw which they declined (unfortunately). They didn't win but they did last the longest before resigning.
- Junior Debating took place again this week with the motion before the house being "Should students be given only one hours homework per night?" Speaking for the motion was Donnacha Ryan, Theo Coyne-Morgan & Milo Smith and speaking against the motion were James Watson, Seán Townsend & Matthew Tallon. The motion was defeated even though the best speaker award went to Milo Smith.

### Vincetian News:

- Parents and students are invited to Lenten Mass at 8.20 every Wednesday and Friday until the end of term. There will be a Lenten Talks by a teacher and student at 1.15 in the Oratory every Tuesday.
- Next Tuesday at 11.45 am, David Baigel will be presented with his award for Service to the Community by the CEO of the sponsors Pramerica in the Concert hall. David will later attend the final in Derry at which the 20 award-winners from the island of Ireland will compete for the top prize. He was pleased with his interview and we wish him all the best.

### Sports News:

- The senior 2<sup>nd</sup> team travelled to Clongowes this week and beat them narrowly, avenging the defeat in the Cup the previous day. The defeat in the cup was disappointing. However, the fact that we were winning after 26 minutes, and that we challenged Clongowes in every department for 70 minutes, and that we scored a magnificent try at the end, and that our supporters kept singing and chanting till the last minute (and beyond) – these meant that Castleknock College can be proud of the panel who went out to do battle and of the spirit shown on the pitch and in the stands. We are also proud of the spectators who gave the injured Clongowes player a standing ovation as he was led to the ambulance. We must thank the coaches Dom Little, Alan Jones, Darragh Heneghan and Mike Ruddock, as well as Director of Rugby, Jim Duddy and the Conditioning Coaches Nigel Travers and Ronan Fallon. These men gave unstintingly of their energies and time to produce a team with confidence, who knew what they were doing and who never gave up – even when faced with one of the best sides which has ever taken to the field in a Senior Cup game. It was a great day for St Vincent's Castleknock College, even though we lost. Messages of praise have flooded in from pastmen and others. Well done to all.
- History was made this week when Mr Peter Pallfy brought a Castleknock Senior College Basketball team to King's Hospital. They lost but acquitted themselves well. A return match has been arranged – as well as a Junior Match (all against KH). Better luck next time.
- The Senior Table Tennis Team was defeated in a close match against Confey. Best of luck to them in their final league match.
- Javelin, discus and hammer coaching continues on Saturday mornings with more and more students taking part. Newcomers still welcome. Tennis, cricket and table tennis continue after school on Tuesdays. Basketball on Thursdays and Fridays.

### Parents News:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year's Mother's Lunch will take place on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Can any mothers wishing to attend please notify Rita Coyle on 01-8213051 ext: 262? Thanks.
- The Castleknock Union Business Lunch will take place on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March in the Berkley Hotel at 12.30pm. All those wishing to attend should contact Rita Coyle at [union@castleknockcollege.ie](mailto:union@castleknockcollege.ie) or alternatively on 01-8213051 ext: 262.
- A reminder to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents that the Social and Information evening for 3<sup>rd</sup> years will take place on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and refreshments will be provided.
- The **code at the top left** will link the user directly to the College website for more news and photos. Use your smart phone to make the link (if you have one).