



CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy, to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College Friday 27 September 2013

Academic News

- **A message from Mr Kinder:** Many thanks to all the parents who opened their homes last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to host a NZ rugby player. Such a gesture was very generous of you during a busy school week. This was an extra fixture on the boys' match programme and we are grateful to the coaches Mr Townsend and Mr Sheils for allowing it to happen, and to Mr Gallagher for making room for it on the list. It was the first time we have had a visit from a NZ team, and had been two-years in the planning. Having links to my old school helped, but the success of the visit was down to you, the parents, stepping up with the bed and breakfast offers, (and no doubt the extra trip to the supermarket!). The rugby was terrific - some exciting moments in action-packed matches, as hard as you would get at any time of the season. And - it was very impressive to see every single player back at school the next morning, heads down and back to work. The school from NZ has invited us back, so we'll start planning that trip very soon!
- Mr Townsend is now accepting applications for the 2013 – 2015 Comenius Maths Project. Should your son wish to apply for a place please follow the link to download an application form and have him return it to Mt. Townsend directly. <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/comenius-maths-project.html> The closing date for applications is Tuesday the 15th of October 2013.
- Good luck to all the Young scientists as they put the final touches to their projects.

Club News

- Well done to the JCT who beat Gonzaga at home on Wednesday in the first round of the league. They won 7-0.
- Well done also to the Junior B and & teams who also beat Gonzaga 46 – 13 and 40 – 12 at home. A great start!
- The 1st years play away to Clongowes on Wednesday 2nd of October.
- The 2nd years also play away to Belvedere on Wednesday.
- JCT play away to CUS on Wednesday.
- SCT, Junior B, Senior 2nds and Development A teams all play CUS at home on Wednesday.
- Development A and B play Gerards at home on Saturday 5th October.

Vincencian News

- The 1st years Dad's and lad's breakfast took place on Wednesday! It was a great occasion and a pleasure to welcome all of the 1st year dads who attended!
- We have applied for planning permission for the lights for the Rugby Astro. We have now received over €140,000 and are on the home stretch in our fundraising campaign.

Sports News

- Congratulations to the senior basket ball team who beat Donabate 82 – 58 with Eoghan Kiernan scoring 44 of the 82 points and Conor Fortune scoring 19 points.
- Congratulations to our senior team of Marc Boucher, Stephen Farrell and Cillian Tully who qualified yesterday for the Leinster Matchplay Golf Championships. Castleknock is one of the 8 schools to qualify out of the 86 that entered.
- Good luck to the Junior Strokeplay team on the 8th of October in their Leinster qualifying.
- Good luck to all 30 golfers who will play Carton House on Monday 30th. First tee time 10.40am.
- Well done to the four boys: Jamie Kennedy, Jamie Murphy. Ethan Ryan and Harry Larkin who have signed up for special coaching in the pole vault.
- Well done to the 1st years for attending the specialise coaching in the javelin, discus, shot and hammer.

Parents News

- You may remember a visit last year by education specialist Joseph Driessen. Joseph is returning to the Dublin West Education Centre on the 17th of October at 7.15pm. He will discuss topics such as:
 - Parent – child relationships as the key to learning success
 - Mothers' and Fathers' different approaches to leadership
 - The importance of nurturing and of setting boundaries
 - Why many boys and girls need a structured household.Any person interested in attending should contact the Dublin West education Centre on 4528000 or info@dwec.ie to register for the seminar.

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