



Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy,
to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College, 26.04.13

Academic News:

- Good luck to Niall Hill, David Nugent and Jamie Kennedy in the final of the Irish Junior Maths Contest this evening.
- Last week we congratulated a student for coming 11th in the Texaco Art Competition however we printed the incorrect name. Well done to Adam Blagburn.
- The 3rd year students are busily putting the finishing touches to their coursework in CSPE, Science and Art. The coursework has now been submitted.
- We do need more takers for our book on the 60 past pupils who lost their lives in the military conflicts of the 20th Century. We are inviting students (especially TY students) to write a one-page history of one of those who died. It's something that would look good on any CV. We have three volunteers to make the film: it'll be great. Please let Ciara know if you are interested.

Club News:

- Kealan Daly, Cian McGoldrick, Adam Boyle, Dylan Stuart and Eoin O'Gorman took part in the semi-finals of the Aoife Begley Debating Competition in NUI Maynooth this week. Keelan, Cian and Adam will join Conn Power in the final next Monday.

Vincencian News:

- A large number of TY students are bivouacking in Roscommon as part of their Gaisce award. We hope the weather is being kind to them. Thanks to Mr James O'Loughlin, Mr Peter Palffy and Ms Sandra Tiernan for organising the event and taking care of the students on the trip.
- We are delighted to announce that the College will offer four Entrance Scholarships to students who would otherwise not be in a financial position to attend. The scheme is open to students wishing to enter First Year in September 2013 and the Application Form is available on the Admissions Section of the College website at http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/Admissions/documents/Scholarship_Final.pdf
- Congratulations to Brian Cullen of the College maintenance Department who is getting married to Anne Marie this Saturday.

Sports News:

- The West-Leinster athletics meet went really well, with 21 qualifiers: 1st place in high jump went to Darragh Costigan, 1st place in the pole vault went to Cathal Bermingham, 1st place in the 400 and 800 m went to Harry Purcell, 1st place in javelin went to Darragh Moran and 1st place in the shot put went to Robert O'Meara. 2nd place in the shot put and the hammer went to Sammy Magdeldin, 2nd place in the long jump went to Andrew Proudfoot, 2nd place in the hammer went to Carl Keogh, 2nd place in the shot put went to Alex Doyle. 3rd place in the 800m went to Cian Clancy, 3rd place in the javelin went to Conor Levesley, 3rd place in the long jump went to Raoul Masterson, 3rd place in the 400m hurdles went to Jack O'Hagan, 3rd place in the hammer went to Hesham El Morsy, 3rd place in the long jump went to Jack O'Neill, 3rd place in the walk went to Tommy Troy, 3rd place in the hurdles went to David Joo. Harry Purcell won the M. Hunt Trophy for his performance in the 800m.
- Well done to the Junior 2nd tennis team who had a convincing win over Colaiste Eoin this week. The team was as follows: Mark Boucher, Tom Fitzsimmons, Shane Grouse, James O'Mahony, Paul Datchu, Gareth McMahon and Pdraig Scully.
- The minor tennis team lost to Monkstown in their first match. Hard luck – especially to Andrew Rodgers who put up a great fight in a three-set tie.

Parents News:

- **Union Day 2013.** A date for your diary: 26th May. We are planning to build on the success of Union Day last year as a day for all the family and an action filled day is promised. There will be burgers, ice cream, bouncy castle, novelty activities, craft stalls etc. again this year. Any parent wishing to volunteer to operate stands, referee tip rugby or help out generally on the day please contact **Eileen Foley at 086-2525037**. Any parent wishing to have a craft or other suitable stall on the day please contact Rita in the Admissions Office at 01 8213051 extn. 262. We will begin collecting old crockery on 14th May for the break a plate stall!
- The 6th years mothers lunch will take place on Friday the 10th of May, please return you boogie forms to Rita as soon as possible.
- A bicycle was found on the grounds of the school over the Easter holidays. It is now in the possession of Mr McCarten. If you feel it might belong to your son please contact Mr McCarten during school hours.
- Parents are cordially invited to participate in the Past Pupil's Union Golf Outing in Milltown Golf Club on Thursday 23rd May. Please contact Rita on 01 8213051 extn 262 or email union@castleknockcollege.ie for full details. This event is filling up fast so book you place as soon as possible.