



## CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

### Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy, to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College Friday 20 September 2013

#### Academic News

- A message from Mr Kinder: "Next Tuesday will see an invasion from aspiring All Blacks from New Zealand for two matches on the crease. My old school, Palmerston North Boys' High School, has accepted an invitation to play our lads and has included Castleknock in their 5 country tour itinerary. Mr Sheils and Mr Townsend have been preparing the senior squad for this encounter and the teams are ready to go. Parents are most welcome to come along. B-teams match kicks off at 2pm, and A-team at 3.30pm."
- The *Castleknock Gazette* has articles and photos of the Rugby Blitz and our wonderful Junior Cert results. Try to pick up your free copy around the village.
- Following the vote by the members of the ASTI to reject the Haddington Road Agreement, the College has been advised by both the ASTI and the JMB to continue working as before until further notice. That is what we are going to do. Of course, we will keep parents informed at all stages.

#### Club News

- The first year training for the Discus and the Shot Put begins on Tuesday at 4pm
- The Chess Club meets in Room 1-21 after school every Tuesday. New members are really welcome. Our Chess Coach, Patrick Fitzgerald, wants to see all players soon, in order to arrange teams and matches.
- Soccer is up and running: the Under 16s and Under 18s train on Tuesdays and Fridays. We want to see all TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students who wish to play turning up for practices every week.
- The Junior Debating Society meets at lunchtime every Thursday in Ms Coombes' room G-12. Ms Coombes would like to see all prospective speakers from year 1-3 turning up and participating in our debates. There will be external competitions later for the best speakers.
- The Senior Debating Society continues on Tuesdays in Room 121 at 1.15 pm. There will be weekly meetings in the same place at the same time.
- Tennis, cricket, cross-country and table tennis continue after school for all ages every Tuesday after school. There have been great numbers attending. Keep it up right through the winter.

#### Vincentian News

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Family Mass takes place on Sunday at 11.00 am. We look forward to seeing all of the third year students and their families there – followed by a cup of tea for all.
- The Familiarisation Night for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students and their parents was extremely well attended. Thanks to all who attended – and to Adam Corcoran the teachers who spoke so well.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> years Dad's and lad's breakfast takes place on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8am. Please ensure you return your booking form to Rita early to avoid disappointment.
- 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.
- Make sure to read about last Saturdays Dragon Boat racing! <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/news/>

#### Sports News

- Congratulations to Mike Leahy, Cian Clancy, David Troy and Jamie Kennedy on winning a bronze medal in 6K relay on Monday! Well done!
- The SCT played the first match of the season away to Castletroy in Limerick. The final score 17 – 18 in favour of the home side.
- The JCT lost 42 – 10 to Belvedere.
- The Junior B team lost 21 – 19 also to Belvedere.
- Junior C team also lost their match.
- The Development A team won their first match of Super 10's! They beat Blackrock College! Well done!
- Marc Boucher is competing as part of the Leinster team at the All Ireland Senior Cup semi-final today at Royal Tara, Bellinter, Co Meath. They take on Ulster. We wish him the best of luck!
- The annual golf outing to Carton House takes place on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. The cost is €25 for 18 holes! There are only 6 places left and those interested should see Mr Gallagher on Monday.

#### Parent News

- We are looking for parents to help with table tennis at lunchtimes on Mondays and Fridays. Also, if other parents wish to volunteer with any of our sports, to help with the Senior Debating, or to drive students to matches, we'd be delighted to hear from them.
- We are currently carrying out a survey of the hot food provided in our school canteen. We would ask parents to click on the following link and complete a short survey. Thank you very much for your help with this. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JKSVRM2>
- Make sure to take a look at the details of our **adult evening classes and classes for primary school students** on our website: <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/news/>
- 1<sup>st</sup> year parents please make sure that all vaccine forms are returned to reception on Monday. You must return the form regardless of whether your son is having the vaccine or not.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the science club will take place on Saturday morning (21.09.13). There are still a small number of places left so if you would like your son or daughter to participate come along tomorrow morning. For more information see our website: <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/classes-for-primary-school-students.html>

#### TY News

- Students who are involved in Group 3 kayaking please refer to the email sent via myty.ie.
- Students who are still interested in Kayaking and Photography please submit a booking form which can be

downloaded from the College Website.

- A reminder to Parents to check their sons myty account to ensure all subject folders are set up and they are entering completed works.