

**Board of Management Meeting**  
**10th Oct 2023**

**Principal's Report**

**Events**

- 23/08/23** Our school year began with a whole school staff day in Derg Isle Adventure centre Scarriff. All staff engaged in team building activities followed by a BBQ to finish the day.
- 24/08/23** All staff onsite for start of year planning and meetings.
- 25/08/23** We welcomed 55 new first year students to their new school. Our new first years completed day 1 of their three day induction program. Transition Year Mentors were also present on the day to assist staff and help students on the day.
- 29/08/23** We welcomed back our 6<sup>th</sup> year students.  
Our 1<sup>st</sup> year students travelled to Derg Isle to complete their last day of induction for their new school. Ms Haugh and Ms Ayers travelled with the group in their role of Year Head and Tutor. SNA Francois also accompanied the group.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Aug** 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Students and Transition Year students started back over the course of the week. All students in full attendance by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of
- 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** September.
- 05/09/23** Transition Year students attended a comedy workshop hosted by Comedian Bernard Casey. This workshop formed part of the TY Drama Module.
- 08/09/23** Eleven of our senior students participating in the Gaisce Awards completed their Venture Activity in Carran. Students were accompanied by Ms Convey and Ms Moroney. This trip consisted of a 32km walk over 2 days and an over night stay in Carran Hostel.
- 11/09/23** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students participated in the first round of Choreography Workshops which is part of the preparations for our school musical "Oliver".  
Director of Schools LCETB Donncha O Treasaigh joined us for our staff meeting after school. Donncha presented to our staff covering areas such as LCETB Schools Ethos, Staff Supports and highlighted the importance of self care.

- 13/09/23** Our U15 boys football team took on Mungret Community College as their first match of the season. Our boys were successful with their win over Mungret on the day and were accompanied by their coach Mr Keniry.
- 14/09/23** A number of our Transition Year students travelled to the West County Hotel to attend an Induction Workshop for Local Enterprise. The group were accompanied by our Transition Year Coordinator Ms Culligan.  
On this date we had a member of the Controller and Auditor General carrying out a routine audit in the school. This audit formed part of an annual audit of LCETB.
- 15/09/23** On this date, all students gathered in St Michaels Church Kildysart to celebrate our start of year school Mass.  
Fr Albert celebrated Mass with a large number of our students participating in the ceremony.  
The liturgy and music was prepared by both Ms O'Brien and Trilby.
- 18/09/23** Our senior boys football team travelled to Kilrush to take on Kilrush Community School in their first match of the season. Our boys team were successful on the day with a win over Kilrush. They were accompanied by their coach Mr O'Dwyer.  
Our Transition Year students took part in Choreography Workshop as part of their preparation for "Oliver".  
NEPS Psychologist Dr Edel Higgins joined us on this date to plan AEN student support for the upcoming academic year.
- 20/09/23** On this date we welcomed both Edel and Siobhan, members of our Gaelbhreach Advisory Team, to our school. Our visitors met with members of our schools Gaelbhreach team, setting goals for the school year.
- 21/09/23** Our Transition Year students welcomed Ennis business man Pat Foudy, who delivered a short course on Road Safety and Tyres with our students.  
Our U16 Junior girls played Lisdoonvarna Secondary School in Kildysart GAA grounds. This match resulting in a win for the girls, is the first match of their season. Their new coach's Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Liston accompanied the girls on the day.
- 22/09/23** Ms Convey organised a Hospice Coffee morning in our staffroom in addition to four of our students hoping to travel to Missionvale hosting a non-uniform day which raised €484 towards their travels.
- 27/09/23** On this date HSE Staff administered a new one day vaccine program to our 1<sup>st</sup> Year students. This program replaces the two day program previously rolled out in secondary schools.

- Our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students travelled to Galway along with their Year Head and Guidance Councillor Ms Ryan. The group attended the Pathways Career Event hosted in the Galmont Hotel. The group were also accompanied by Ms Quilter.
- Both 2<sup>nd</sup> and Transition Year students attended the third choreography workshop for our school musical.
- 28/09/23** A member of our Greenschools Team along with one of our PME Student Teachers Ms Donnellan attended training for Greenschools 23/24.
- 29/09/23** Our Transition Year students organised and ran an Active Schools Initiative “Table Tennis Takeover” for participating classes in the PE hall during the school day. The event was very well run and was received very well by participating students. Due to popular demand the group decided to run a second date to meet demand. The group were assisted by our Active Schools Lead Teacher Mr O Dwyer.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> year boys football team travelled to a football blitz held in Kilrush. The group were accompanied by Mr Keniry and were successful in all three matches played.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** All four students fundraising for their travels to Missionvale South Africa
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** attended weekend Masses in Kildysart, Cranny and Coolmeen. The group spoke at Mass describing their planned journey and the voluntary work they intend on doing in Missionvale.
- 02/10/23** Our Transition Year Students travelled to Petersburg Outdoor Activity Centre along with Ms Culligan and Mr Moloney. This trip being an important bonding event for the newly established year group.
- 03/10/23** Our U15 boys football travelled to Newcastle west with their coach Mr Keniry. The boys were victorious on the day.
- 05/10/23** Our U17 boys hurling team travelled to Newport to take on Newport College. Their coach Mr Gregan travelled with the boys. The boys won the game against Newport.
- 06/10/23** Our Junior Ladies travelled to Kilkee to play against St Josephs Community College. Our junior girls unfortunately lost to Kilkee.
- Our four students fundraising towards their travels to Missionvale hosted a table quiz in Murty Browns Pub Tullycrine. The fundraiser was very well supported by parents in all year groups and the girls managed to raise just over €1800.
- 09/10/23** Both Transition Year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students involved in dance for the school musical completed their last Choreography Workshop on this day. Students

will now practice the routines during PE and non exam classes with their PE teacher Ms O Sullivan.

Wellbeing Week commenced on this date. A full schedule of events was planned for all year groups by our Amber Flag Committee under the stewardship of Ms O Brien, Ms Moroney, Ms Walsh and Mr O Dwyer. Our Active Schools Committee also helped out with plans for Friday.

**1. Student Matters**

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**2. Staff Matters**

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**3. Anti-Bullying Procedures Report**

**3.1** There are no recorded incidents to report since our last board meeting.

An annual review of our Anti Bullying Policy is due to take place at the start of each academic year.

**4 Departmental Reports (including programmes)**

**4.1 Additional Educational Needs (AEN) & Autism Classroom (AS)**

Ms Fiona Mann will now Coordinate our AS classroom along with assisting our school SENCO Mr Keniry while coordinating our AEN Department.

Fiona comes with over 20 years' experience in the area of AEN and is a great asset to our AEN/AS Department.

Following confirmation of student placements in our AS Classroom, SENO Marian Cody made the decision to allow our school to retain an SNA allocation of 4.75.

Our current enrolment of students in our AS Classroom is at maximum capacity of 6 students.

Our AEN Department have produced a teacher handbook to assist teachers

with identifying targets for students with AEN in their classes.

The team have also produced a synopsis of provision mapping for AEN students in our school and have requested for the Board of Management to review this map before the final draft is created.

The team have started an improvement plan for this academic year.

#### **4.2 Student Support Team (SST)**

Our Student Support Team have reviewed how it operates the list of vulnerable students identified at SST meetings.

This list will now be available electronically to all teaching staff, categories have been created and reasons for students being placed on the list will be covered.

This list is confidential and only available through teacher's password protected Google accounts.

#### **Leading Learning and Teaching**

Our LLT team continues to support and maintain our current focus within the SSE strands.

Under the guidance of our Curriculum Leader Ms Quilter, all staff have identified actions under each of our SIP plans, as an area of focus for the first school term. These actions are now displayed on the School Self Evaluation notice board in the staffroom.

This year the LLT team have begun working on curriculum design for our 1<sup>st</sup> year tutor module in the school. Their aim is to incorporate 4 separate programmes which are linked directly to student wellbeing in Junior Cycle.

It has been identified during the early stages of this task that wellbeing is covered in many other areas in the school.

This process has highlighted the need for a Wellbeing Coordinator role in our school.

**5. School Extension - Further Information Request Clare Co Co**

Following the submission of our planning application for our school extension to Clare County Council, there were no objections submitted by the general public.

Clare CoCo have however responded with a substantial request for further information required.

The design team have initiated their response without delay but have identified that the request for additional environmental reports may impact on project timeline.

(See Synopsis of FIR provided under correspondence)

**6. Missionvale**

Following the outcome of interviews held for applicants in Transition Year for Missionvale, the decision was made to offer four students the opportunity to travel to Missionvale South Africa.

The four students have begun their fundraising efforts already and have raised a total over €6500 so far towards their travels.

Our staff member Ms Claire Ayers has volunteered to travel with our four girls in February 2024.

Many thanks to our Deputy Principal Ms Convey for assisting our students with their fundraising campaign to date.

**7. Transition Year School Musical Update**

Over the last number of weeks, Mr Moloney and Trilby Edwards have been working with our 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Transition Year students, in preparation for our first school musical titled “ Oliver”

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year chorus group will support our main stage TY students in the musical due to take place in December.

All students involved have taken part in dance classes while working with Trilby, singing and Mr Moloney acting.

Backstage, Mr Crowe has been working with the TY group during the construction of the stage.

Ms Haugh has commenced work with costumes while Ms Moroney is due to start work on stage painting and backdrop.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local Kildysart Players drama group for their flexibility and help with our school musical.

**8. Gaeilge Inspection Report**

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our schools Gaeilge Department following the issuing of their most recent subject inspection report.

The findings of this report reflects the quality, teaching and learning, of Gaeilge in our school.

The recommendations within this report have been considered by our Gaeilge Department, to further enhance the high standard of Irish language and culture in the school.

(Copy of report provided)