

Board of Management Meeting
12th June 2025

Principal's Report

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| 04/03/25 | Our senior girls took on Regina Mundi - Douglas in the Munster semi final. Our girls unfortunately lost on the day. |
| 05/03/25 | Our 1st and 2nd year girls took part in a series of basketball matches hosted here in the school. Our girls played against Kilkee and Kilmihil. Well done to all involved. |
| 06/03/25 | Our junior girls took on Ardscoil na Mara Waterford in a Munster shield semi final. Our girls won on the day. Well done to all involved. Our U15 boys football team took on Comeragh College. The boys won on the day. Well done to all involved. Interviews for Transition Year 25/26 took place on this date. |
| 11/03/25 | A group of senior cycle students attended an open day in LCFE Limerick. This career trip was organised by our Guidance Counsellor Ms Ryan. |
| 12/03/25 | Our TY students traveled back to the west coast to take part in a field trip for geography. Thank you to their teacher Mr Moloney organised this event. |
| 13/03/25 | Our U15 boys football team took on Mungret Community College. Our boys were successful on the day, gaining victory over Mungret. Final score 12-14 to 5-2. Well done to all involved. Our 2nd year HL Maths class travelled to St Flannans College to compete in the PI Maths competition. They were accompanied by their teacher Ms Fitzsimons. |
| 19/03/25 | Our TY Students travelled to Dromoland Castle as part of a biodiversity tour. The group also visited Ballymorris Pottery later in the day. The group were accompanied by our TY Coordinator Ms Meaney. |
| 20/03/25 | Members of the DE Inspectorate, Eimear Folan and Colm Ó Murchú visited our school. Their visit marked the start of a WSE-MLL for our school. The outcome of the inspection is now available in the final draft of the report. |

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| | <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school staff, members of our school board, members of our parents association, students and parents, for their input and support during the course of this inspection.</p> |
| 24/03/25 | <p>All TY and 5th year students attended a talk which was hosted by guest speaker Tony O'Reilly on the topic of gambling addiction and recovery.</p> <p>Our 5th and 6th year Home Economics students travelled back to Bell Harbour where they visited Hazel Mountain Chocolate Factory. This trip along with visiting St Tolas Goats Cheese Farm on route home, forms part of their course work for Home Economics. Thanks to Ms Haugh for organising this trip for our students.</p> |
| 26/03/25 | <p>Our TY students travelled to Shannon Aviation along with Ms Meaney, TY Coordinator.</p> |
| 27/03/25 | <p>Our U15 boys football team took on Coláiste Chroí Naofa, Carrignavar in a Munster final. Well done to the team and their coach Mr Kinery on their win on the day. Final score 4-12 to 2-4.</p> |
| 31/03/25 | <p>On this date we welcomed a group of French students and their teacher as part of our Erasmus student exchange.</p> <p>To mark the start of Wellbeing Week in our school our 2nd year students took part in Yoga Classes in the afternoon.</p> |
| | <p>Our 1st year girls football team took part in a Munster A semi final against Coláiste Muire Ennis. Our girls won on the day with a final score of 6-7 to 4-6. Well done to the group and their coach Ms O Sullivan.</p> |
| 01/04/25 | <p>Our French exchange students visited Bunratty Castle and Farm on this date.</p> |
| 02/04/25 | <p>Our TY students accompanied our French exchange students to the Cliffs of Moher and Ailiwee Caves.</p> <p>All 3rd year students took part in a dance workshop while all 5th year students took part in drumming workshops as part of Wellbeing Week.</p> |
| 03/04/25 | <p>Our U14.5 girls competed in a North Munster final against Hazelwood College. Final score on the day was 9-30 to 4-9. Well done to all involved.</p> |
| 04/04/25 | <p>LC Music practicals took place on this date.</p> <p>All TY and 6th year students attended a mental health talk which was hosted by Nollaig O'Sullivan, former sports psychologist for the Clare Senior Hurling Team.</p> <p>All classes competed in a whole school rowing competition as part of our Active Schools Flag Initiative. This event was organised by our TY students, led by their teacher Mr O'Dwyer. Many thanks to Clare Sports Partnership</p> |

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| | <p>Team for supporting us by delivering the rowing machines to the school and also attending on the day.</p> <p>All students enjoyed ice-cream from the ice cream van to mark the end of Wellbeing Week. Thanks to all the teachers involved in organising the various events for the week.</p> |
| 05/04/25 | <p>All incoming 1st year students attended our school to complete the 1st year screening tests. Many thanks to our SENCO Ms Mann and staff who helped out on the day.</p> <p>Many thanks to the students who voluntarily collected money at our local Church gates over the weekend. A total of €1460 was raised to go towards extra curricular activities in the school.</p> |
| 07/04/25 | <p>All TY students travelled to Latvia along with their teachers Ms Fitzgerald and Ms Walsh as part of our Erasmus Programme. The group departed from Dublin airport on Sunday and stayed until Thursday as they visited the local school and the main tourist attractions in the area.</p> <p>All 5th year LCVP students attended work experience during this week.</p> |
| 08/04/25 | <p>Our 1st and 2nd year girls basketball teams took on students in Ennis Community College in a quarter final. Both groups won well on the day. Well done to all involved including their coaches Ms Moroney and Ms Quilter.</p> |
| 09/04/25 | <p>Junior Cycle Home Economics Practical examinations took place on this date.</p> <p>Leaving Certificate Art examinations took place on this date.</p> <p>We hosted our annual incoming 1st year parent information evening on this date.</p> |
| 11/04/25 | <p>Our U15 boys football team took on Ennistymon Community School. Well done to all involved.</p> |
| 12/04/25 | <p>Leaving Certificate Gaeilge Orals - French Orals - German Orals took place over the Easter break on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 17th of April.</p> |
| 29/04/25 | <p>Leaving Certificate Construction Studies practical examination was held on this date.</p> <p>LCVP examination took place on this date.</p> |
| 30/04/25 | <p>A number of students from our Green Schools Committee, along with Ms Convey, attended Mungret Community College to compete in the “Make a Switch” sustainability competition. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>Our U14.5 girls competed in the Munster semi final against St Declan’s Community College, Waterford. Final score 7-16 to 1-3, leading our girls into the final round.</p> |

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| 01/05/25 | <p>All 1st year students took part in a communications workshop focusing on presentation skills as part of our wellbeing curriculum in the school.</p> <p>Leaving Certificate Construction Studies practical exams continued on this date.</p> <p>A group of senior students studying French travelled to France along with their teachers Ms Fitzgerald and Ms Melican. This trip was the return leg of the Erasmus student exchange with our French partners in Lille.</p> |
| 04/05/25 | <p>Our junior girls football team competed in the Munster shield final against the Presentation Secondary School Milltown. Our girls won by 3 points on the day. Well done to all involved.</p> |
| 06/05/25 | <p>Our Junior girls competed in the County A final against Spanish Point. Our girls won well with a final score of 10-23 to 3-9.</p> <p>Leaving Certificate Engineering exam took place on this date.</p> |
| 08/05/25 | <p>We held our annual sports day on this date which was organised by Mr O'Dwyer and Ms O'Sullivan. Thanks to all staff involved in running the various events for our students.</p> |
| 09/05/25 | <p>Our 2nd year students travelled to Pure Skills Galway as part of their annual school tour. They were accompanied by their Yearhead Ms Haugh and Tutor Ms Ayers.</p> <p>Our 5th year students travelled to Emerald Park as part of their school tour. They were accompanied by their Yearhead Mr Gregan and Tutor Ms Fitzsimons.</p> <p>Our TY students completed a first aid course as part of the TY programme.</p> <p>Newly appointed Chief Executive, Bernadette Cullen paid a visit to our school. The needs and priorities of our school were the topics discussed during this meeting.</p> |
| 12/05/25 | <p>Five of our students involved in the Gaelbhratach initiative in our school, travelled to Mary Immaculate College to receive our next Irish Flag.</p> <p>Well done to the group and thank you to Ms Shannahan for travelling with the group.</p> |
| 13/05/25 | <p>Our TY students travelled to Mountshannon along with Ms O'Brien. The group met with Fr Donagh O'Meara and crossed over by boat to Holy Island where they spent their day on retreat. Many thanks to Ms O'Brien and Fr Donagh for taking the time to travel with our students on the day.</p> <p>A group of students studying German travelled to Germany with Ms Ryan, as part of our Erasmus student exchange.</p> |

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| 15/05/25 | <p>Our 1st year girls competed in a schools A final against St Flannans College Ennis. Our girls unfortunately lost to St Flannans on the day.</p> <p>Our U15 boys football team took on St Josephs Secondary School Spanish Point in a final. Our boys won on the day. Well done to Mr Kinery and his U15 team.</p> |
| | <p>We held our annual Awards Night on this date. There was a total of 380 in attendance including students, staff and parents. Well done to all the students who received recognition for their hard work and effort over the past academic year.</p> <p>Thank you to the Awards Night committee for their work involved in organising this important celebration. Thank you also to Mary Howard, Chairperson of our school board and to Niamh O'Connor Chairperson of our parents association who both attended on the night.</p> <p>Well done to our Active Schools Flag committee with their continued efforts towards our school achieving the Active Schools Flag. Our committee underwent an inspection on this date.</p> |
| 16/05/25 | <p>Our U14.5 girls football team competed in the Munster cup football final against Coláiste na Toirbhirthe Bandon. Our girls were successful on the day with a 6-10 to 2-5 win. Well done to all involved.</p> |
| 19/05/25 | <p>Our senior girls competed in the Clare B final against St Josephs Community College Kilkee. Well done to our ladies with their 6-10 to 4-2 win over Kilkee.</p> <p>Our 1st year boys took part in a football blitz on this date.</p> |
| 20/05/25 | <p>We hosted Graduation Mass for our LC Class of 2025.</p> <p>Congratulations to all our 6th year students and we wish them well in their upcoming examinations in June.</p> |
| 22/05/25 | <p>The Mass organised by our school Chaplain, Ms O'Brien and celebrated by Fr Michael Collins, Fr Tom McGrath and Fr Brendan Kyne, highlighted the</p> |
| 23/05/25 | <p>importance of believing in yourself and following your dreams.</p> <p>Many thanks to all involved in organising the event and to staff and parents who attended.</p> |

Student Matters

Student Enrolment

Total student enrolment for the 2025/2026 academic year will be confirmed at our next board meeting.

Student enrolment for our two autism classes will be confirmed following the outcome of two outstanding student assessments.

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Posts of Responsibility

A full review of our schedule of duties and responsibilities has been carried out and both Ms Convey and myself have met with all AP1 and AP11 post holders as part of this process.

All revised duties and responsibilities assigned to post holders will be displayed on the notice board in the staffroom and will be provided at the next board meeting.

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Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

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

The review of our Anti-Bullying Policy (Bí Cineálta Procedures) is now complete and is presented to the board for final approval at this meeting.

Departmental Reports (including programmes)**4.1 Additional Educational Needs (AEN) & Autism Classroom (AS)**

The AEN and AS department have completed screening of all incoming 1st year students, including students enrolling into our Autism Classroom.

Transition meetings have taken place with students with identified needs and programmes in place for the upcoming academic year.

Our SENCO Ms Mann will review all student passports from primary schools as we receive them and will provide all staff with a comprehensive student profile of our new students in August.

Well done to all staff involved in the area of AEN/EAL/AS for their great work during the school year.

4.2 Student Support Team (SST)

The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students. Our SST members will take a lead role in our Bí Cineálta Procedures in the next academic year.

Many thanks to the SST members for the support offered to our students during the past academic year.

As noted in the outcome of our inspection, our students feel that our school is a safe and secure environment. Our SST have a large role to play in creating this environment.

4.3**Leading Learning and Teaching**

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Curriculum Leader Ms Quilter along with the Leading Learning team, in the feedback they received during our WSE-MLL Inspection.

Members of the Inspectorate commended the team for their effective use of the school self-evaluation process and the evidence of its use in all lessons inspected over the course of the inspection week.

5. Summer Works

As we enter the summer months and school closure, both caretaking and cleaning staff will commence a deep clean of the school building.

An annual maintenance schedule will also take place where required and this will include:

Painting of classrooms

Painting of corridors

Maintenance of landscaping around the school

Maintenance of all door mechanisms

In addition to these works, we are hopeful in getting the following work carried out:

- Installation of Solar PV Panels on the existing school building.
- Installation of new mechanical ventilation units servicing school toilets, home economics room and science labs. (Emergency Works Application)

6.

Missionvale

Following interviews held with students of TY interested in travelling to Missionvale South Africa, we have selected three of our students to travel to Missionvale in February 2026.

Well done to the successful students selected and we wish them well with their fundraising and preparations for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Well done to all the students who interviewed on the day and it was encouraging to see so many showing interest in volunteering for a very good cause.

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Summer Programme 2025

There are a total of 15 students enrolled to participate in this year's summer programme. The summer programme will run from Monday the 16th of July and will run over a period of 2 weeks.

Thank you to our AS Coordinator Mr O'Connell for undertaking the organising of the programme and also to Ms O'Sullivan and SNA's Jenny and Regina for offering to help out with the planned activities taking place over the two weeks.