

Board of Management Meeting
6th October 2025

Principal's Report

21/08/25	Staff returned to school and planning commenced for the 25/26 academic year. Students return.
22/08/25	Staff planning continued and our new 1st year students commenced day one of their three day induction programme. 1st year induction continued.
25/08/25	1st year students completed day three of their induction and travelled to Derg
26/08/25	Isle Adventure Centre. Return of all students commenced on this date.
04/09/25	Our Transition Year students travelled to Kilrush and crossed over to visit Scatterry Island Museum. Students were accompanied by Ms Meaney and SNA Regina.
05/09/25	Our U17 boys football team took on St Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point. The boys were accompanied by our PE teacher Mr O'Dwyer on the day. Our boys were successful on the day.
08/09/25	Our 3rd Year students travelled to the Burren to complete part of their coursework for Religion. The group were accompanied by Ms O'Brien and Ms Fitzsimons.
10/09/25	Our TY student started their "Boxercise" workshop which will take place over four weeks during Leisure and Recreation time. Thanks to Ms O Sullivan for organising Jonathon Hickey from JH Fitness to facilitate this event.
11/09/25	Our TY students travelled to Petersburg Activity Centre for their first overnight activity event of the year. The group were accompanied by our TY Coordinator Ms Meaney and Mr O'Connell. Students who signed up for Gaisce last year, completed their Venture Task. This task involved a group walk along with an overnight stay. Thanks to Ms Convey and Ms Moroney for accompanying our students.

18/09/25	Our TY students welcomed Author Róisín Meaney. Róisín, originally from West Clare, now living in Listowel, spoke with our students and read chapters from one of her books.
19/09/25	Our entire student cohort along with school staff celebrated our start of year Mass in the local Church in Kildysart. Fr Martin Blake was the main celebrant and many of our students took part in the Mass along with our newly elected Student Presidents getting proceedings underway introducing the theme of our school year. The theme for this academic year is “Pause, Notice, Grow” All students taking part were prepared by Ms O’Brien, along with Trilby Edwards preparing our new school choir. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr Martin to his new parish of Kildysart and to our school community.
22/09/25	Our Leaving Certificate Geography travelled to the Burren to carry out a field trip which forms part of their coursework. Thanks to Mr Moloney for organising this event for our students. Our Dail na Scoile welcomed Elizabeth Flannagan (Retired Principal) to our school. Elizabeth facilitated Student Council training on this date. Many thanks to our Dáil na Scoile Coordinator Ms Haugh for organising the training for our students. Our U17 boys football team took on St Flannans College Ennis. Our boys lost to St Flannans on the day.
23/09/25	Our 1st year boys took part in a football blitz which was organised by Clare GAA. Many thanks to Mr O’Connell for arranging this opportunity for our new students in 1st year.
25/09/25	A number of our TY students involved in our Active Schools Flag initiative travelled to Educate Together School Limerick, to take part in Active Schools Training. Thanks to our Active Schools Coordinator Mr O’Dwyer for organising the training for our students. We hosted a Hospice Coffee Morning for Milford in the staffroom. Thanks to Ms Convey for organising this fundraiser. Our Students will host a cake sale also in the future in aid of Milford also.
26/09/25	Our TY students took part in a Fundamentals workshop which included leadership, team building, goal setting and wellbeing.

27/09/25	Our three students intending to travel to Missionvale South Africa during February Midterm, held a “Colours Day” on this date. Our students raised €500 on the day which will go towards the cost of their travels and accommodation.
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28/09/25	Our three students travelling to Missionvale spoke at Cranny and Coolmeen Mass and raised a total of €1132 to go towards their travels.
30/09/25	
01/10/25	Our Junior Girls football team took on St Flannans College Ennis. Our girls won on the day. Final score 9-14 to 1-3. Well done to all involved including their coach Ms O’Sullivan.
	Our U17 boys hurling team took on St Patricks Comprehensive School Shannon. Our boys were successful on the day. Final score 6-22 to 1-2. Well done to the team and their coach Mr Gegan.
	Sarah Griffin, Schools Musical Director & Choreographer met with our TY students and 2nd year students interested in getting involved in a school musical production for this academic year.
	Sarah felt a very positive vibe from our students and hopes to get workshops and auditions underway before Christmas.
02/10/25	We welcomed a group of students from Germany along with their teacher to our school. Their visit is the return leg of our Erasmus German Student Exchange. Thanks to Ms Ryan for organising the itinerary for this visit. (Appendix1)
	Our TY students took part in a Forensic Workshop.
04/10/25	Well done to four of our students who competed in an Interschools Show Jumping competition over the weekend in Pallasgreen. Our four students entered as a team were placed 4th out of 15. The girls also entered as individuals where Aoife Garry was placed 5th in her competition. Thanks to Ms Twomey for supporting our students in this competition.

3. Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

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

4 Departmental Reports (including programmes)

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

The following changes have been made to staff involved in our AEN team.

- AEN CO -Ordinator- Fiona Mann.
- Autism Class Co-Ordinator - Damien O'Connell.
- AEN teacher and L2LP co-ordination- Chris Keniry.
- EAL teacher, numeracy & digital literacy support - Anne Ryan.
- Accessing curriculum for junior and senior cycle maths/ numeracy learning support/ co-teach maths - Annie Twomey.
- Accessing curriculum for 1st yr maths - Michelle Willers
- Accessing the curriculum support for students- Claire Ayers , Siobhan Fitzgerald.

- Co-teach maths - Patrick Canny and Annie Twomey
- Roles and duties of AEN team on shared SET google drive .

Since the team returned in late August they have been busy planning for the needs of our students who have been identified as having additional educational needs.

The team have completed the following:

- AEN teacher timetables compiled
- Teaching assistant timetables compiled
- Autism class students AEN support timetable compiled and sent to parents.
- Student care plans for students accessing supports (on google drive)
- Ongoing compilation of student support files.(on vs ware)
- Individual student subject plans for students with autism (on google drive)

A priority focus of our AEN Department is the last recommendation stated later in this report.

4.2 Student Support Team (SST)

Our Student Support Team has carried out its annual review for the academic year 2025/2026.

Student Support Team Coordinator Ms Ryan attended Critical Incident training.

On her return she outlined a number of changes we need to make in the event of a critical incident occurring in our school community.

The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students.

4.3 **Leading Learning and Teaching**

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

In the first number of weeks, The LLT team has been gathering data from Transition Year and 5th Year students which will assist the school when completing the “Other Areas of Learning” section on student profiles of achievement.

The main focus of our LLT team this year will be the recommendations from our recent whole school inspection. Priority being given to the recommendation stated later in this report.

5. **School Extension**

Since our last meeting, LCETB has submitted the final documents required prior to tendering of our school extension to the Department of Education and Youth.

We await final approval of the same, where we are then in a position to go to tender for the project.

6. **Missionvale**

Our three students intending to travel to Missionvale have already started to fundraise towards their travel and accommodation.

They have also planned a table quiz which will take place in “The Local Inn” in Drumquin on October 24th.. We wish them well with their fundraising events.

7. **School Musical**

This year we hope to stage a school musical before Easter in the school hall. Following negotiations with Sarah Griffin and Helen Ball, who have extensive experience in this area, we are set to run auditions just before Christmas followed by 13 weeks of preparation workshops for our production of “Grease”.

Whole School Evaluation

Recommendations:

1. Effective use of learning intentions and written formative feedback, broadening the range of assessment practices and a focus on students' skill development were areas for further improvement in teaching and learning.
2. While some subject department planning practices were good, departments need to further improve this area and develop annual improvement strategies and reflection practices.
3. The school should create a formal reporting system for mainstream teachers to provide feedback on the effectiveness of in-class strategies and supports to the special educational needs (SEN) department throughout the year in a consistent manner.

Addressing these recommendations:

Following consultation between the school board and senior management, the school will take

the following actions to address the recommendations in this report.

1. Effective Use of Learning Intentions, Formative Feedback, Assessment, and Skill Development Learning Intentions & Feedback:

Teachers will receive targeted CPD on clearly communicating learning intentions and providing constructive written formative feedback. Departmental reviews will include a focus on ensuring consistency in these practices.

Assessment Practices: A wider variety of assessment methods (e.g. project-based work, peer/self-assessment, oral presentations) will be embedded across subjects to better capture diverse student strengths.

Skill Development: Schemes of work will be revised to explicitly incorporate opportunities for students to develop key skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

2. Improved Subject Department Planning and Reflective Practices

Each department will be supported in developing an Annual Improvement Plan, aligned

with whole-school priorities.

A structured reflection cycle (plan-act-review) will be introduced, with regular scheduled meetings and templates to support consistency.

3. Formal Reporting System for SEN Strategy Feedback

A formal feedback mechanism (e.g. digital form on VShare) will be introduced to allow mainstream teachers to regularly report on the effectiveness of SEN strategies and supports.

This system will be reviewed termly to identify trends and guide SEN team responses or adjustments to student support plans.

SEN and mainstream staff will collaborate more closely through more frequent liaison meetings, fostering shared ownership of student progress

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Itinerary : Der Austausch nach Irland

Der 1-8. Oktober 2025



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in Nordrhein-Westfalen



Zeit	Aktivitäten
Mittwoch 01/10/25	Flight Arrival 11:20am into Dublin In Dublin Airport once baggage is collected, you will have time to get food and then proceed to Zone 12 in the Bus carpark which is located outside Terminal 1. Follow the bus signs. Bus Company Flightlink Telephone: 00 353 61511070 Email: bookings.flightlink.ie Bus Departure at 3pm Arrival into Ennis FriarsWalk Bus Park at 18.15pm Collection by host families
Donnerstag 02/10/25	German students will spend full day of school 8.55-15.50 They will follow the Transition Year timetable which will be given out in the morning Small break 11-11.10am Lunch break 12.30-13.10 School finishes at 15:50
Freitag 03/10/25	<u>German Students only</u> Leave school at 09:30 Trip to Bunratty Castle. Tour of the castle (half an hour) and the opportunity to visit the Folk Park. Trip to King John's Castle. Tour of the castle in Limerick

<u>Samstag</u> 04/10/25	Day spent with host families
<u>Sonntag</u> 05/10/25	Day spent with host families
<u>Montag</u> 06/10/25	Full day of school 8.55-15.50 Small break 11-11.10am Lunch break 12.30-13.10 School finishes at 15:50
<u>Dienstag</u> 07/10/25	<u>5th Years & German Students</u> <u>Aillwee Cave visit</u> Depart school at 09:15 Tour duration 45-50 minutes Cliffs of Moher <u>Two hour</u> slot. Opportunity to visit the center and do some of the cliff walk. Bring comfortable shoes and a rain jacket.
<u>Mittwoch</u> 08/10/25	Students will need to be dropped off by Host families to Ennis Friars Walk Bus <u>Park</u> by 09:30am Bus Departure 9:45am Arrival into Airport 1pm Flight <u>Time</u> : 17:35pm

