

Newsletter January 2015

Parents Association Information

Parent Association Committee: Billy Cunnane (Chair), Martina Mc Keogh (Vice-chair), Sinead Keaney (Secretary), Mary Healy (Treasurer), Marie O'Brien, Mary McKeogh, Kate Power, Sinead Gilmartin, Ailbe McDonnell, Maureen Ryan, Tommy Casey and Sharon Staunton.

Parent Involvement

Parents are represented on the Board of Management (BOM). The Parents Association (PA) committee meets regularly. The Principal attends part of each meeting. Parents on both the BOM and PA are involved in policy development and review and have input on general school issues.

Study Skills

All 1st years have had one session on study and organisational skills with Ms Daly, Guidance Counsellor, a further session is planned. Ms Daly hopes to take 2nd & 3rd years also. Fourth, fifth Years and TYs do study skills in Careers class. A guide for parents on helping your child to study plus a CAO guide is available on our website, killaloecc.ie, just click on the parent tab.

Astroturf

We would like to thank you for your help and support with our fundraising efforts to re-pay the Astroturf loan. We had church gate collections in the Killaloe and Ballina areas, bag packing at Supervalu, Killaloe and a school jersey day. Since the completion of the pitch in October 2013, the students of St. Anne's and the wider community have benefited greatly. We are hoping for your continued support.

Spring Clean

We will organise 2 clean up days before the summer holidays. One will focus on the school entrance (much work has already been done here – clean up, planting and on the potholes (ongoing)) and the other on the building/grounds. Any ideas/suggestions in this area are most welcome and your help on the day will be much appreciated. A text message will be sent notifying you of the date.

Training

We hope to organise a talk in conjunction with the Management and the Guidance Counsellor on the Emotional Wellbeing of Teenagers. Details to follow.

You are most welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings, which are held at the school. Also, if you have any concerns/suggestions for us please contact a P.A. member directly or email us on pa.st.annes@gmail.com.

Sinead Keaney (Secretary), Billy Cunnane (Chairman)

WELL DONE!

Badminton: Congratulations to our U14girls, U 16 boys and girls plus our two division 1 girls teams who have all qualified to represent Clare in the Munster Schools Badminton finals in UL on January 29th. A big thanks to their coaches Ms Sarah Devane and Mr John Daly.

Well done to **Moya Ryan**, 4th Year who has been selected for the Irish U17 Badminton team. She will represent Ireland in Spain in February. And congratulations to Leaving Cert student, **Jack Brady** who has been selected for the Irish U19 soccer squad.

Camogie: Our Senior team won the Clare School's Shield beating St Caimin's, Shannon in the final. They also reached the Munster Intermediate semi-final. The U16½ team won the Munster A North final beating St Mary's, Nenagh. Our 1st Year team played in the Tipperary blitz and they were just pipped at the post by Borrisokane, the outright winners of the competition. Well done to coaches Ms Minogue and Ms Moloney.

Swimming: The following swimmers took part in the Munster schools swimming gala in UL on December 7th. Rowan Barrett, Finn McGeever, Finn Looney, Leon Kerin, Sinead Dwyer, Devlin Staunton, Emma Moltzer, Ellen Frahill, Lily O'Brien and Aoibheann Rainford. They represented St Anne's in 26 races, got to a number of finals in a range of events and between them they won 2 relays golds, 2 individual golds, 1 individual silver and 1 individual bronze. Well done to all concerned.

Hurling: The Senior hurling team were beaten by Tulla in the 2nd round of the Munster B competition at the end of November. The team gave a heroic performance without the services of current Clare Minor Mikey O' Shea who was injured. They won the first round of the Clare Cup competition, beating Rice College, Ennis. 1st Year & U15 Munster and Clare competitions commence at the end of January. Well done to coaches Mr Gleeson, Mr Murray & Mr Hayes.

1st, 2nd, 3rd Year Boys' Soccer: Training is well attended every Wednesday evening. A 3rd Year team played in a blitz and they got to the final. Many thanks to coach Mr Peadar Lyons.

Football: Both U16 and senior footballers have qualified for the 2nd round of the Clare Cup competitions. Attendance at training is excellent and the students are enjoying Mr Murray's motivating speeches!

Athletics: We participated in the Clare Schools Cross Country Event in Ennis. Special mention to Finn Looney who won the minor boys race and the girl's intermediate team of Ellen Lane, Katie Tynan and Hannah Mooney who finished 3rd.

Basketball: Eithne Walsh, 3rd Year student, Karen Ryan and John Gleeson are coaching 1st Year girls' basketball on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. They competed in a blitz before Christmas. These girls have great potential and great credit is due to Eithne for all her encouragement and organisation.

Missionvale: Mr O' Brien and 4th Year students Michael O' Shea, Ben King, Emma Collins and Emer Mooney are travelling to Missionvale, South Africa on January 24th. €11,000 has been raised. This year's project is the construction and painting of a clothing warehouse.

LCETB Awards: Well done to John Morgan, Roisin O' Connell, Evan McNamara and Cian O' Brien recipients of the LCETB Awards 2014

Aideen Walsh (Principal)