

# Borrisokane Community College Parents Association

**February 2017**



## BAG PACKING

Every year we do a bag packing weekend in Dunne's Stores Nenagh. This usually takes place around the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before St Patrick's Day. It is hugely profitable to us as a committee & the money raised is put to good use within the school. We would like to ask you to put it in your diary & if possible to volunteer a couple of hours of your time on one of the days. The more people we get to help the easier it is on everyone! As soon as we have definite dates they we will text out to you so if you could volunteer a little of your time you can either contact the school or any committee member. In previous years the money raised has helped to fund many student activities.

*The parents association meet at least once a month to plan and coordinate lots of events that are to take place within the school. We are the parents voice within the school so we always try our utmost to keep the needs of the students to the forefront of our discussions & decision making. At our last meeting we decided to let the parents know how active the parent's association are within the school and what your levy contribution goes towards. As the levy is only €50 per family, we would like to highlight how important it is that each family makes this contribution.*

## Over the past two years, these are some of the areas the Parent's Association have contributed to:

- After school supervised study—€5000 p/a
- Buses to extra-curricular activities and trips—€3500 p/a
- Young Scientist and Junk Kouture—€1000
- Student Council Trip—€300
- TY Surfing Trip—€300
- Junior/Senior Camogie Finals (catering and transport)—€950
- U15 hurling—€300
- Pool Table—€700
- Guest Speakers—€400
- Green Schools—bins on walkway—€1000
- Library—€1000
- Christmas Concert—€500
- Cycle Against Suicide Fun Day and Catering—€500
- U15 soccer Munster final—€500

## Upcoming Guest Speaker: Social Media

*Dr Maureen Griffin will visit the school on March 8th to give a talk to students on the potential dangers of social media. She will also speak to parents that evening on the challenges of social media and offer practical advice on how to protect children whilst online. This will be a very informative and worthwhile talk and we highly recommend that you as a parent make a big effort to attend. Topics covered will include: social media sites such as Instagram, Snapchat, Viber, Tinder, YouTube, live.ly and the ever growing issue of **cyber-bullying**.*

## Uniform Update:

*The school uniform will now be stocked at the following shops:*

- Roche Sports Borrisokane
- Slatterys, Nenagh
- Jim McLoughney/Sixty Three, Nenagh

## ***U15 Hurling Winners***



***U15 Hurling  
Hennessy Cup 'B'  
Winners pictured  
with coaches Mr  
Maher and John  
Sheedy***

## ***Erasmus +***



***Erasmus+  
Program.***

***TY students  
pictured with  
Ms Kyne and  
Ms Linehan on  
recent ex-  
change trip to  
Norway.***

## ***Junior Camogie Munster Champions***



***Junior Munster  
Camogie Champions  
2016/2017 pictured  
with coaches Ms  
Maher, Ms Shanahan  
and Ms Ryan***



# *School Activities*

*School Awards—The past year was very successful for the school in achieving special recognition in a number of areas as follows:*

- *Ambassador School for Cycle Against Suicide*
- *Health Promoting School*
- *School Catering Award—Healthy Eating*
- *Development Education Passport*
- *Irish Flag for Proclamation Day*

## *TY Sky Sports Project*



Andrew Fahey from Sky Sports met with TY students to discuss incentives for getting more students active and the benefits of it. Students will run an Olympic themed sports day for first years during active schools week (6th—10th March). There will be an opening ceremony and medal presentations and the range of sport will be from table tennis to long puck to tug of war! TY's are really looking forward to getting the project under way and working with Sky Sports.

## ***Young Scientist***



*Young Scientist entrant Robert Guest (TY) pictured with Science teachers Ms McMahon, Ms Brady, Ms Walsh and Ms Hayes. Robert worked on a project to develop an algorithm to increase the efficiency of computer component selection.*

## ***Cycle Against Suicide Student Leader Ambassador Programme***



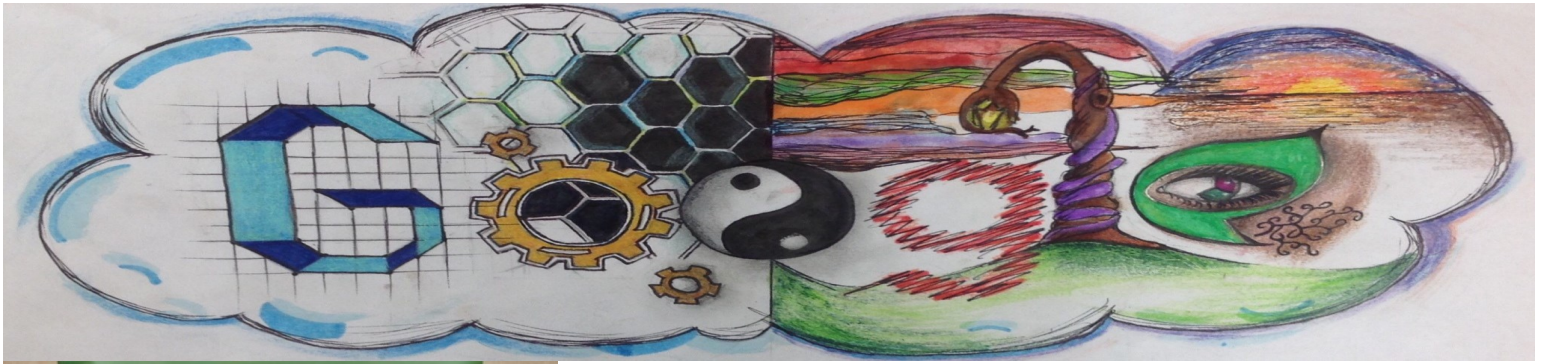
*Michael Carroll, fifth year (6th from left in back row), pictured at this years CAS student leaders congress. Michael is part of a group of 14 students across the country who aim to promote the CAS message: "it's okay not to be okay"*

## ***Monthly Assessments***

*Students in all year groups will receive monthly/bimonthly assessments in all subjects. The results of these are available for parent/guardian viewing on the Eportal system. Login details for Eportal can be obtained by contacting the school. We would encourage all parents/guardians to keep up to date on their child's progress and events in this way.*



# Doodle4Google



**Niamh Ryan, second year student has reached the final stage of the competition with her inspiring work titled 'Perfect Balance'. The theme of this year's Doodle 4 Google is 'If I could create anything it would be ....' The final doodles are now online at [www.google.ie/doodle4google](http://www.google.ie/doodle4google) for the public vote stage of the contest. Niamh now needs your online votes to further her chance of the title. Out of hundreds of entries 15 finalists have been chosen in each age category. The final takes place at Google Headquarters in Dublin on April 3rd. This is quite a prestigious competition with the overall winner receiving a €5000 college scholarship, the winning school gets a €10,000 technology grant and the winning doodle will appear on the google homepage for 24hrs in April 2017.**

**Please vote for Niamh in group 4 at [www.google.ie/doodle4google](http://www.google.ie/doodle4google).**

## Senior Camogie Munster Champions



**Senior Munster  
Camogie  
Champions**

**2016/2017  
pictured with  
coaches Ms  
Maher & Ms  
Shanahan**

# ***Borrisokane Community College***

## ***1942—2107***

The college will this year celebrate 75 years as a post primary school.

From very humble beginnings, the school has developed into one of the most progressive and modern schools in the country.

To coincide with this historic milestone, former student and teacher TJ Egan is currently compiling a photographic history of the many educational, sporting and cultural events that have taken place over the years.

The college is therefore appealing to all parents/past pupils who may have photographs pertaining to their times in the school to make the photographs available to the school. The college will guarantee the safety and return of the photographs. The publication date is planned for October 2017. For further details, please contact TJ Egan at 087 9024032 or the school at 067 27268.

### ***School Digital Champion***



**Pictured are Elena Mackey, Lorcan Tuohy Donnelly and Rachel O Dwyer who have been working on a project where they built an app and website to find the defibrillators in north Tipperary. The website is currently live at [revivewise.weebly.com](http://revivewise.weebly.com). The team have worked very hard and hope to get into the showcase in Dublin.**

#### **Parents Committee Members:**

**Chairman:** [Paul McMahon](#), **Secretary:** [Margo O'Donnell-Roche](#), **Treasurer:** [Suzanne O'Brien](#)

**Ballinderry:** Lisa Mulvihill, Helen McDermott. **Kyle Park:** Margaret Mary O'Dwyer, Joe Murphy, John Haugh. **Kilbarron:** Paul McMahon, Geraldine Bates, Mairead O'Sullivan, **Terryglass:** Marina Conroy, Mary Mulvihill. **Aglish:** Catherine Slevin, Geraldine Treacy. **Cloughjordan:** Linda Austin, Louise Deane, Marie-Louise Donnelly, Fiona Naughnane, Patricia Hogan. **Borrisokane:** Corola Donaldson, Eithne Vaughan-Witts, Liam Gleeson, Sinead Finn. **Toomevara:** Claire Downes, **Nenagh:** Margo O'Donnell-Roche, Dave Lawless, Caroline Rainsford. **Shinrone:** Ann Calvert, Geraldine Egan. **Ballingarry:** Chris Young. **Teacher Representatives:** Cairtriona Maher, Davina Fogarty, Matthew Carr (Principal).

We would welcome representatives from the following areas: Ardcroney, Puckane, Lorrha and Moneygall. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining your Parents Committee and make sure your area's voice is heard.