



Borrisokane Community College

Parents Association Newsletter

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BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We hold meetings once a month throughout the school year and discuss and act on issues pertaining to parents and our students. We also discuss school policies prior to ratification by the Board of Management. Among policies discussed this year were: Child Safeguarding Policy, Exam Policy, School Attendance Policy, Religious Education Programme, New Junior Cycle.

Attendance at these meetings assists parents in becoming well informed in what's happening in our school.

PROJECT FOR NEXT YEAR

Construction of a ball wall, next to the basketball court and also dressing rooms at the end of the canteen.

Planning permission has been sought and tendering will take place during the summer. Construction will commence hopefully between September and Christmas 2018. The Parents Association will be supporting this project financially.



Junk Kouture L to R: Mickela McGrath, Tara Lillis, John Lillis Bank of Ireland.



A presentation was made by the Parents Association to Breda Lillis Deane on the occasion of her retirement as secretary at Borrisokane Community College.

SCHOOL LEVY

Where does it go??

The €50 /family levy helps support many activities in the school. Among those are:

- After School Study: subsidised by the Parents Association and only costs €3/evening.
- Buses to extra curricular activities are subsidised to the tune of €5,000 to €6,000 / year. This includes buses to matches for all ages, including boys hurling and soccer



Handball All Ireland Winners: L to R: Sean McAdams, Cormac Doheny.



Senior Soccer Team

teams and girls camogie teams, athletic competitions, Junk Kouture competition and many other events throughout the year.

- Purchased a pool table for the games room.
- A contribution to the running of the Christmas concert.
- Awards to students to acknowledge achievements at national level.

It is vitally important that all students benefit from this funding. Therefore, your contribution in the form of the € 50 levy/ family/ year is essential. Many thanks for your continuous support throughout the year.

OCTOBER 2017 – LAUNCH OF 75th BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY BOOK By TJ Egan.

The launch took place in Borrisokane Community College on Friday, October 20th. TJ is both a past pupil and teacher of the school and has worked relentlessly over the last two years, compiling the book of old photographs, going back over 75 years of life in the school. The book was officially launched by past student and former Tipperary Hurling Manager, Eamonn O'Shea. A great nights entertainment was had by all. Books are for sale in local shops and business in nearby villages and towns. Members of Parents Association have worked hard ensuring all shops are fully stocked and bringing book sale money back to the school. The total cost of printing the book was € 7,310 and to date €9,655 has been received. All profits received go to Borrisokane Community College.

MARCH 2018 – BAG PACKING

Every year we do a two day bag packing weekend in Dunnes Stores Nenagh. This year it took place on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March. It is hugely profitable to us as a committee and the money raised is put to good use within the school. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered over the two days. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Next year our aim is get more volunteers on board and make it a three day event! This year we collected €2,171 in just two days.

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

Over the last two years, our school was privileged to be chosen to partake in an EU funded programme. 24 of our students each visited one of the other participating



Book Launch – Back Row: Eamon O'Shea, Matthew Carr, Joe Murphy Chairperson Board of Management, Cllr John Hogan Chairperson Tipperary ETB. Front: Fionuala McGeever CE Tipperary ETB, T.J. Egan, Siofra Buckley, Suzanne McMahon.



Games room

countries, which were Spain, Poland, Norway and Germany. In January '18, students from those countries were hosted by families of the students involved in our school. It was a very successful and educational opportunity and many thanks to all involved including teachers and parents.

TALKS

In October 2017, at our AGM we had Enda Murphy who is one of Ireland's best known cognitive behavioural therapists speak to us on issues relating to parenting teenagers.

On October 15th 2018, we have organised Pat McKenna who will talk to us on social media issues. He has already spoken to 1st and 2nd yr students who were impressed with his message.

On 16th April 2018 we had guest speaker Martha Sweeney from Drink Aware and Sergeant Barry Boland from the drugs squad. They delivered a very informative talk on drug and alcohol related issues with Q and A session afterwards.



The efforts of the Parents Association came to fruition this year with the opening of the school library. This offers a great facility for students to study, research and read for pleasure as it is open every lunch and breaktime.

Webwise.ie....is a very informative website for parents and schools regarding up-to-date information on social media, apps, parental control etc.

We had a careers exhibition in September 2017. It was an opportunity for parents and students to meet with 3rd level institutions and other further education providers. It was very well attended and very positive feedback from parents and students. A similar day is planned for Sept 24th 2018 at 7.30pm

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

This is a chance for parents to pass on unwanted uniforms that are in good condition, to other families. Uniforms can be dropped into school up to Monday 25th June and parents can view and collect uniforms on Wednesday 27th



Senior Camogie panel – B League winners



Junior Camogie

between 6pm and 8pm. There is no charge for this recycling exchange.

Borrisokane Community College Health Promoting schools organised fundraisers to assist Seamus Hennessy in his Running For Josie campaign bid to raise €200,000 for Pieta House and Living Links Tipperary. The Parents Association contributed to this through a poker classic which raised €340 for this cause.

TIPPERARY ETB PARENTS FORUM

Apart from looking at what is happening in Borrisokane CC, the parents committee also send representatives to the Tipperary ETB parents forum. This body facilitates parents representatives from all of the Tipperary ETB schools to meet and discuss common issues amongst themselves, but also directly with the ETB. At the last meeting, the new Data



The Friendship Cafe is open to all students two lunch times per week. Students can have have tea, coffee or hot chocolate and chat to others. It is supervised by two teachers. Board games can also be played and students' art work is on display

Protection guidelines were outlined and discussed. Also, the finance department of the ETB got valuable input into new controls for parent committee finances. This Tipperary wide council is also creating links with the National Parents council so the voice of BCC Parents Association can be heard nationally.



Parents Association invited TJ Egan to a presentation night to acknowledge his work in the production of the 75th year anniversary book. Above are representatives from Parent's Association Dave Lawless, Sinead Finn, Kathy Slattery, Gerardine Egan, Marie Darcy. Principal Matthew Carr. Rachel Finn and Ella Carey from Transition Year with TJ and his wife Mary.



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