

# St. Colman's N.S. December Newsletter 2015



Happy  
Christmas  
Everyone

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## Christmas raffle!!

### Principal's Notes

Well it really has been a very busy year so far, inspections, concerts and everything else in between. A huge thank you to everyone associated with the school for all the hard work over the last four months. The students, staff, parents, Parents Council and our school Board all work together to build a great school environment for learning.

The outgoing Board of Management did a fantastic job in guiding the school through the amalgamation and the building work that has taken place so thank you.

I hope you enjoy the concerts next week and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a lovely Christmas.

Kind regards, C. Ruane

The annual Christmas Raffle will be held in the school hall on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A huge amount of work has gone in to organising the event by the Parents Council and it is the school's major fundraiser so hopefully we will have a good response!

**A massive thank you to each and every one of you, for your generosity in donating items for the hampers.** The collection is ongoing so feel free to send in what you can. It is greatly appreciated.

So far we have sold only 70 books of tickets so please, please, please make every effort to sell the tickets to whoever you can, every little helps and all funds will be put into the children's education.

### W.S.E. – Whole School Evaluation

As you will know we had two inspectors in school for the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Inspectors picked certain classes to give questionnaires to pupils and parents. All classrooms were visited during the week and lessons were observed in English, Gaeilge, Maths and Drama. The staff as always worked extremely hard and showcased the great work that takes place in this school.

We had our oral feedback from our inspection on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. One of the first comments from the inspectors was the fantastic behaviour and attitude of the students. The inspectors were very happy with the school and were very complimentary of level of teaching here. Parent and student feedback via the questionnaires was extremely positive so overall the inspection has been extremely positive experience. The written report, when received, will be made available to all.

### Christmas Concerts

We are all very excited about our upcoming concerts that will be taking place next week. We have three concerts taking place and there are still tickets available for all shows so pop into the office and get your one!

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 11am	-	Matinee Show (all classes)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm	-	Room 5, 7, 11 & 12
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm	-	Rooms 1, 3, 8, 9 & 10



## Social Media & School Website

New School website will be live next week at long last! Keep up to date with all school news and activities by following us on social media if you have an account.



## School Lunches

We are currently collecting order forms for school lunches starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The lunch scheme is open to every pupil in the school and there are now even more choices available. If you need a form just pick one up at the office.

## Parent Information

**Parent Teacher Meetings** – Meetings will take place in February, we will inform you soon as to the dates.

**School Info Board** – If you are in the school please note the School Information Board which is opposite Mrs. Luttrell's Office door.

**Parking in Set Down Area** – For those who drive their children to school, the set down area in the front of the school is for set down only so please do not park there. I thank you for your support in this matter.

**School Calendars** – We have a number of school Calendars still available in the school office for €10.00 so please drop in or get your child to pick one up.

**Book Fair Date Change** – A huge thanks to Mrs. Fennessy for organising a very successful Book Fair. We had a record number of books sold, as the school gets a percentage of profit back in books it was a brilliant two days for us. Thank you for the support!

**Child Protection** – If you have any concerns related to child protection be sure to contact the school. The Designated Liaison Person is Mr. C. Ruane and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Ms. R. Brennan.

**Bullying** – Any incidents of bullying should be reported to your child's teacher. In St. Colman's every child should be allowed to learn in a positive and safe environment. Bullying is defined as 'unwanted negative behavior, verbal, psychological or physical which is repeated over time'

## New Board of Management

Our new Board of Management is now complete. The new Board is made up of the following individuals;

Rev James O'Connell	Chairperson
Valerie Sheehy	Patron's Nominee
Alina Deegan	Elected Parent
Damien McArdle	Elected Parent
Cathal Ruane	Principal
Aisling Kelly	Teacher Rep.
Zandra Horgan	Community Rep.
Damien McDonald	Community Rep.

*Contact with the Chairperson or the Board can be made through the school office.*



## Sad Day for St. Colman's!

**Unfortunately Mr. Phil Ryan will be leaving the school at the end of term. The staff are very disappointed but also delighted for him to be taking up his new position as Principal of Castlecomer BNS. We wish him very well for the future.**

**In support of a greener environment and to cut down on printing costs we hope to start an ecopy of our new monthly newsletter. Can you please send an email address or addresses into your child's teacher so we can email you the newsletter next month. Many thanks, C. Ruane.**