

# 3rd Year Newsletter

Summer Edition

## **A few words from Year Head.**

As the official end of the school year ( Friday June 2nd) our Third Year students still have their Junior Cycle Exams to contend with.

The past academic year has flown by and the third year students have done exceptionally well to navigate their way through classroom based assessments, mock exams and now the final revision for the Junior Cycle Exams. It is only natural if some students are a little nervous or concerned about their upcoming exams as it is their first official state based assessment. However, there will be plenty of support available in and around the school during the exam period. It is important to have a good routine in terms of lifestyle and study in the lead up to the exams and to stay calm throughout and ask for assistance if required. My email is [Gerard.keane@stcaimins.ie](mailto:Gerard.keane@stcaimins.ie) or a quick phone call to the school 061364211 will access more direct assistance.

Before they know it the third years will be LC1, Transition Year or LCA students in September. I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Summer and I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for your co-operation and support throughout the year. Regards Ger Keane, Year Head

## **Boys Under 16.5 Football**

On Friday the 21st of April our under 16.5 Gaelic footballers won the Munster final defeating Castleisland Community College by 1-10 to 0-6 points in a tough and tense encounter in Croom in Co. Limerick.

A good number of 3rd year students were very prominent on the team and panel with Darragh McInerney, Mark Mullins, Shay Waller, Lee Maguire, Kevin Hanley, Cian O Gorman, Kyle McInerney and Peter Gilligan either starting or coming on. Other important panel members from 3rd year included Ultan Donnelly, Conor Rafferty, Neil Forde, Paddy Lynch and Cillian Foley.

## **Well-Being Walk**

*On Thursday the 27th of April, over 130 3rd year students went on a 5km walk which tied in with well-being and green week. The group got buses up to the windmills between Lissycasey and Kilmaley and proceeded to climb to the top just beyond where the electricity substation is located. Afterwards the*

*group decided on Talty's Mace store in Lissycasey where much needed refreshments were devoured. Overall it was a lovely day out for all the students and we would like to thank all the supervising teachers Mr. Moynihan, Mr Hennessey, Ms McDonnell, Mr Murphy, and Ms Holloway*

## **Music**

2022-23 was a very good year for music in St Caimins. We started off the year being told that there would be a talent show. Most of us had never been in a school show before so we did not know what to expect. Straight away the trad group started rehearsing every lunchtime and we started rehearsing with the choir every time we had music class. By the time the show rolled around it was a major hit, all the seats were sold out and there were even people standing at the back. It was great to see so many people come to watch us perform.

We also went to Carrigoran Nursing home to show our talents. It was lovely to see the people living there enjoy the show we put on for them. For Seachtain na Gaeilge we went to some local primary schools to perform for them. It was great to see the children singing along and interacting with us while we performed. This year was a great year for music in St Caimins and hopefully we have many more to come!

## **Student Voice, Paddy Lynch**

'I really enjoyed being a part of the student council this year and I learned a lot as well as I think it was a very good experience. Some of the things we did this year included pushing for the two way system on the corridors to be reintroduced and we are also planning on helping out with the sports day. Overall I enjoyed being a part of the student council and I think we did a good job as representatives of the student body here in the school'.

## **Camogie**

This year most 3rd years played junior and senior camogie with the school. We started training after school on a Tuesday and sometimes at lunch time. Our first match of the school year was the Munster 7s tournament, sadly we did not come out on top on this occasion. Our first senior match was against Flannans on our home field and we won well for a finish. We also took part in the Clare schools junior blitz playing Tulla and St Annes, we topped our group and moved onto the next round. We then came up against a very good Scariff side and lost which meant we would not move on in the competition. We continued playing matches hoping that we would qualify for the semi-finals and the junior team managed to do so, our senior team fell just short. The juniors beat St Annes Killaloe well which sent us to a plate final. In the final we came up against Charleville which was played in TUS complex, it was a very tough game and we lost narrowly for a finish. Overall it was a very enjoyable year for us!

## **Photography Club**

This year the schools photography club had a great year, they met every Monday at lunch to learn about camera angles, filters and the different ways to take photos. Every week they given a new theme. They took a photo on what the theme meant to them. We have explored a wide range of themes that include pets. the environment. spring. shoes and St Patricks Dav. We show our photos

and talk about how we took the photo to the members in the club and get to see everyone else's amazing photos. I love the photography club as it allows me to be creative outside of school and allows me to learn different aspects about photography. We planned to do a photography exhibition to show our photos throughout the year in the school.

## **Ladies Football**

This year the Junior football team had their first match against Lisdoonvarna, which took place on the 16th of September. The senior football team had their first round of games shortly after the juniors and it took place on the 21st of September. The senior footballers had a great run of games resulting in them getting to the final of the competition, they lost out by a small margin to Lisdoonvarna. Later on in the year they were drawn against St Ailbhe's in a shield quarter final. The first year team were very competitive during the year reaching a quarter final against Ennistymon. To finish off the football year for Ladies Football in St Caimins the second year girls went on and won a very tough blitz. Many thanks this year to Ms Killeen, Ms Beirne and Ms Hill for all the hard work!