

Second Year Newsletter

April, 2022

Message from Year Head

A happy and peaceful Easter wishes to all our second-year pupils and their families. We are hopeful that the brighter evenings will signal a new spirit of positivity and renewal for the year ahead.

Our students will be on their Easter mid-term break from Monday the 11th of April to Friday the 22nd of April. Our final term, after Easter, is six weeks in total with school finishing up for Summer on June 3rd.

The Principal's Comment

The school website has many documents and pages that parents might find useful. In the documents section you will see several documents that are developed to help students learn effectively, keep students safe, enforce out rules consistently and fairly and help provide the best possible learning environment. Recently a number of policies went through the various stages of review and were ratified by the Board of Management. One that is of extreme importance to us is the recently ratified Policy on Countering Bullying Behaviour. The policy aims develop a positive school culture and climate and to ensure effective treatment for reported cases of bullying. If you have a few minutes, it would be well worth the read <https://www.saintcaimins.ie/policies>



Environmental Club and Shannon Tidy Towns

St. Caimin's has a very active green school committee of which Ms. N. McDonnell plays a very active part. The environmental club is a great place of community, working hand in hand to help the environment and the world around us and it is so liberating in so many ways. We recently planted 1,000 trees to keep fresh air circulating over our wonderful world, as so many trees are being chopped down at the moment.

It is a really serene experience to be able to get to know people while also having a positive impact on the environment. It gives you a chance to meet new people while also doing something fun. A number of our 2nd year students were working on this worthwhile and engaging project.

Written by E. O'Dwyer in 2nd year.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 9th : Easter Break begins.

April 25th : Return after the Easter Break.

May 2nd : Bank Holiday.

June 3rd : Last day of timetabled classes.

June 8th : Junior Certificate Examinations begin.

June 20th : Final day of Junior Certificate Examinations.

Library Revamp

We are busy planning the restocking and relaunching of our school library in September 2023. With this in mind we would like to ask parents and students to review the books in your home and consider donating any suitable novels, in good condition, to the school library. Authors who are in high demand include;

Frank Cottrell Boyce

John Green

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Jenny Han

Jeff Kinney

Karen McManus

Sarah J Mass

J.K. Rowling

David Walliams

Revision/ Homework

Students should working hard at home with study, homework and revision over the holidays. It is important for students to be getting into good habits this year and doing 1.5-2 hours of work per night in preparation for upcoming class exams and next years Junior Certificate!

After School Study

After school study continues each afternoon in the school. All details and booking forms are available on the school [website](#).

Easter study is also available. Again, all the details are available at the following [link](#).

If you continue to study at home remember these simple steps to ensure effective study habits:

Fill out a study timetable

List your SMART targets (Specific, measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timed.)

Remove all distractions from your study area

Make sure you are comfortable; sitting on an upright chair if possible

Leave the mobile phone switched off or outside the door

Study in 40/45 minute blocks, taking short breaks in between study periods

Vary your study techniques; key words, exam papers, reading and reviewing etc

Reward your self when your work is done

Surfs Up

All our 2nd years are excited to have the opportunity to go surfing in Lahinch on the 5th and 6th of May. Mr. Forde from the P.E. department will be giving out letters to the students with organisation and payment details. Let's hope that the weather works in our favour as well.

School Sports

Boys Soccer: The boys u15 Munster Quarter-final against Hazelwood College takes place on Friday 8th of April.

Boys Hurling: The boys u15 team took on Scariff in the Quarter-final on Tuesday the 5th of April. Unfortunately the boys narrowly lost despite playing well.

Girls Gaelic Football: The second-year girls beat Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna in the second-year ladies Gaelic football competition to win the Shield Final.

Well done to all teams!

My CBA Experience by Marco K

A CBA or Classroom Based Assessment is basically a project for most subjects that has to be done in a specific category and relates to that subject. That might sound like a burden but it really isn't because most of it is done in class and not all of them are done at once.

So far I've completed four CBA's and my favourite one was by far the science one. We got to pick an experiment to do from 8 categories and had a month to get results and do a write up.

I believe that the reason why I and many others enjoy doing CBA's is because of the freedom to pick what you want to do. I would say that the hardest part of the CBA is picking what you want to do, you can also learn a lot from it and its fun to do the research on it. For example, in the engineering CBA, you had to research a piece of engineering you use every day. I did a door handle and found out that it's much more complicated than I thought! Overall, a very enjoyable experience. Thanks for reading, I hope this helps!

Easter Message By Freyja Evans

Easter is around the corner! What once started out as a Christian holiday is now a celebration for all. Easter is about renewal, reflection and family.... and don't forget about chocolate! I will be writing about how Easter has adapted for the culture in Ireland. The whole story of Easter is that on Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He had been laid to rest in the cave three days previous, after being crucified. This story is the reason for the holidays association with renewal and reflection.

This Easter we have our own reflections to make. It could be how much fun you've had in the past month, how proud of yourself you may be after Lent, how grateful you are for your friends your family, your beliefs and values, your teachers, coaches, anyone. Easter isn't all about the chocolate you know!

Personally, I will be reflecting on how lucky I am that the brave men and women who came before me paved the way for the rights I have today. I have the right to vote, the right to marry, the right to do whatever I want. We all have our rights because our ancestors fought for us. This Easter I thank those who were brave enough to make our world the place it is today. Brave enough to take a stand oppression and turn things right.

Enjoy your Easter everyone, and if you don't celebrate it, enjoy your time off!





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