

# THIRD YEAR NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR HEAD

Dear Parents,

As the official end to the school year is fast approaching, (Thursday June 2nd at 3;20) our Third Year students still have to complete the Junior Cycle Exams before the real fun can begin.

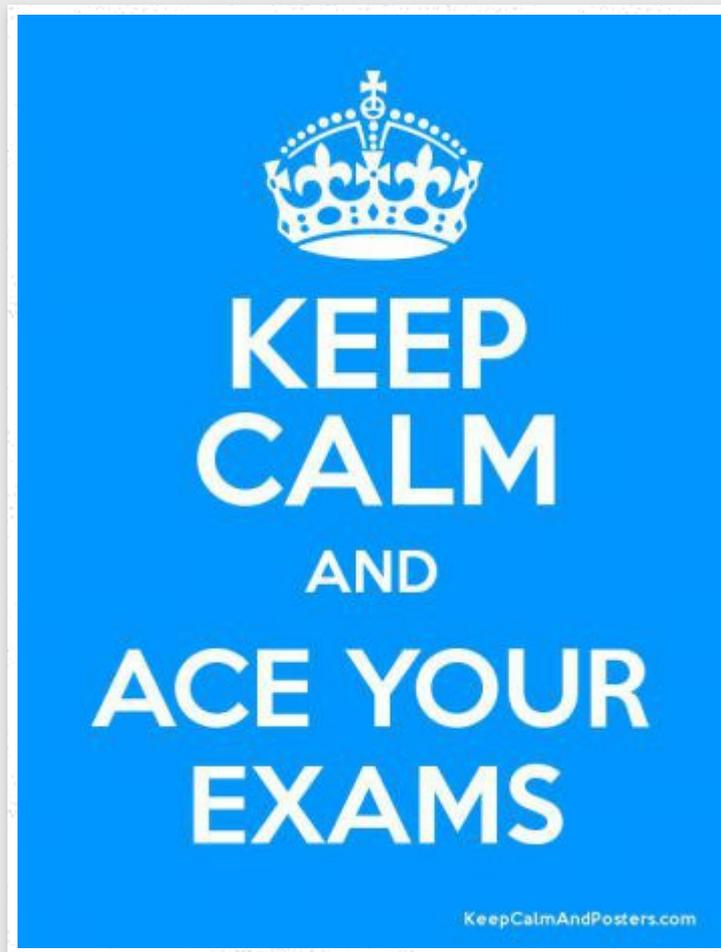
2021/22 has been a whirlwind of a year, but the third year students have done exceptionally well to navigate their way through their classroom-based assessments, their mock exams and now the final revision for the Junior Cycle Exams. These exams are an opportunity for the students to display their skills and knowledge and to showcase their musical, artistic and practical talents. Nervousness will be a reality for some, but there will be plenty of support available in the school during the exam period. It is important to stay calm and ask for assistance if needed. An email to me ([siobhanmcsweeney@stcaimins.ie](mailto:siobhanmcsweeney@stcaimins.ie)) or a quick phone call to the school (061364211) will access more direct assistance.

The summer holidays this year will fly by and soon it will be September, when your sons and daughters will be returning to school as Senior Cycle students. This transition will be a change for you and for them. To facilitate the smooth transition from Junior Cycle to Senior Cycle, we have organised a Parent Information Meeting on Monday the 29th of August at 6.30 p.m. At this meeting you will be made aware of the procedures relating to homework, study, school regulations, VS Ware etc. It should be an insightful evening and we encourage as many parents to attend as possible. So please, save the date and we are looking forward to seeing you on the night.

Finally, I want to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Summer, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their co-operation and support throughout the year.

Regards,

Siobhan  
Year Head



## **OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM- REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

Third year students were very active with extra curricular activities this year and this enhanced the school experience for all involved.

Our golfer's took part in the first St. Caimin's Annual Golf Outing at Shannon Golf Club. Some great scores were recorded as students persevered through the harsh weather conditions which prevailed that day. Huge congratulations to Class Eanna's Shayne Mulrooney who won the overall prize.

Thank you to Club Crest Embroidery for sponsoring our spot prizes and to Mikey in Legends Restaurant for some lovely food and milkshakes for all competitors. A big thank you to their coach and mentor Ms. O'Brien who rallied the troops through the 18 holes and presented the prizes.

The camogie girls trained hard this year and represented the school at junior, intermediate and senior level. The Intermediate panel were victorious in Munster while the Senior panel brought silverware from the Clare Competition, beating St. Anne's in Killaloe in the final on May 16th.

The Junior team won both the at Clare and North Munster competitions in their division. Their final silverware of the season came in the form of the Clare Junior title. The girls played an excellent and very experienced Colaiste Muire side in Fr McNamara Park in Ennis. Despite being the underdogs on the day, their hard work and commitment paid off and they came out 2.15 to 2.09 winners. Well done to Avril, Claire, Eabha and Grainne and all the teachers involved.

The U-16 1/2 footballers also trained well this year, committing to lunchtime training sessions. They had a few great games and showed commitment and skill. Unfortunately, their season came to a premature end and silverware eluded them. On the bright side, some great skill development by the boys suggests a bright future for this set of players. Finn Murphy's star continued to rise as an accomplished goalkeeper and he was a member of the Senior Boys Football Panel, challenging his older brother Conor for the spot between the posts. This team were crowned Munster Champions, beating Gaelcholaiste Mhuire an Mhainistir on a score line of 1-10 to 1-04.

Boys and girls soccer teams, the hurlers and ladies Gaelic teams also trained hard this year. Again, the commitment and teamwork demonstrated by these players suggests bigger and better things to come.

Our SVP group were very active this year and greatly enriched the lives of our school community. Their thoughtful gifts on World Teacher's Day, the fun on "Christmas Jumper Day" and the awareness building visit by the Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland were just three of the events of their fun packed calendar. The inclusion of the older students in the Gaisce Awards Programme this year acknowledges the commitment of these young people to their community and their own personal development. Well done to the Aryan, Blake, Darragh and Josh and the teachers who lead this group.

The LGBTQ+ Group were also very active around the school, raising awareness and providing a forum for like minded young people to support each other while promoting inclusivity . The Environmental Club reached out to the Shannon Tidy Towns group and began the development of a natural sanctuary on the school grounds, planting hundreds of native trees and the Students' Council worked on school policy and procedures to ensure the Student Voice was heard loud and clear. Thanks to Eoghan Begley for representing third year students.

While this is just a brief overview of the engagement of third year students with extra curricular activities, it is clear that they are active members of their school community and this involvement enriches all our lives. Apologies in advance if I left some group out and well done all.

## **SUMMER READING**

When the exams are over, how better to relax but with a good book. Here are some suggestions for some enjoyable summer reads.

The Martian by Andy Weir.

The Inheritance Series by Christopher Paolini.

Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey.

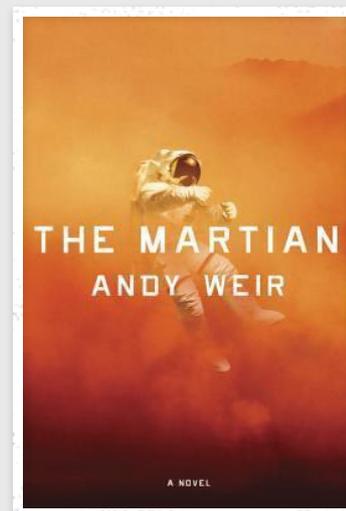
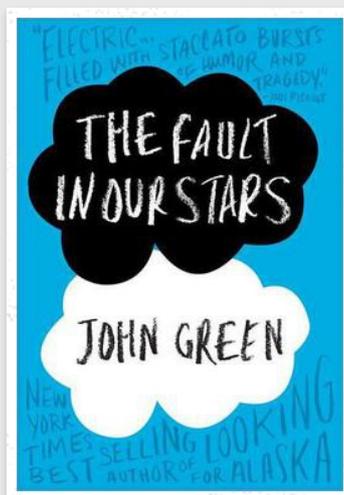
The Hobbit by JR Tolkien

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green.

Love Frankie by Jacqueline Wilson.

Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating by Adiba Jaigirdar



## STUDENT COUNCIL END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Hi all, We are this year's student council and we are so grateful to the students who elected us to our privileged positions this year. Rob Hanton and Lucy Egan were the 6th year representatives with Maria Vrabete 5th Yr, Cillian Crowley and Jack Bermingham from TY, Eoghan Begley from 3rd Yr, Lee Magire 2nd Yr and Ganga Gill being the first year student council rep.

We are proud to say that we believe that we have made a positive impact on our school community that has made it a better place to study and socialise.

At the start of the year we had a number of meetings with school management and we came up with the concept of a dedicated student council notice board. Here we were able to share any information that we received and also introduce ourselves to the general school cohort. We campaigned for the return of the school lockers on our return after the Covid pandemic and the school management also agreed that this was a good idea once the public health advice allowed for it to happen. Another new concept that we introduced was the setting up of a Google Doc per year group, whereby students who had any queries or concerns could get into contact with their representative when needed and this worked very well. In fact we got suggestions from lots of students in the school and we did our utmost to achieve these goals and requests. Some Leaving Cert students wanted hoodies and we sourced them through O'Neill's sportswear and now a possible O'Neills school sportswear account is in the pipeline. Both our 6th Year representatives, Lucy Egan and Rob Hanton organised the school graduation ball or 'Grad' with great assistance from Lee Hayes and Nora McInerney. While Maria Vrabete in LC1 was instrumental in promoting the school Environmental Club and using the student council noticeboard to get the message efficiently and effectively out to students. Our Student Council was also involved in our senior students having access to a microwave to heat up food at lunchtimes.

Our school reps also attended some training and information days with the Irish Second level Students Union (ISSU) where we got some valuable tips that assisted us in a lot of ways.

Overall, it was a great life experience on our behalf to be involved in the St. Caimin's student council and we would encourage all students to continue taking a pro-active role in the future in order to make our school community a better place for all..

Lastly, we want to wish all our JC and LC students all the best in their state exams and in their future endeavours and for everyone in the school to have a well earned and enjoyable summer break.

Regards,

The Student Council

## SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

Before our Leaving Certificate students departed, we celebrated the many sporting victories of 2022. The Senior Boys Football, The Senior Ladies Football and Camogie, The Junior Ladies Camogie and the 1st and 2nd year Ladies Football teams were all awarded with their Munster and County medals. Podge Collins dual sporting superstar and past pupil was our guest on the day and presented each student with their medals. To view all of the photos (kindly taken by Richard Mc Mahon ) please click on the link below.



### Sports Awards 2022

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Explore this photo album by St. Caimin's Community School on Flickr!

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positive,  
work hard,  
make it  
happen.

