



# The Caimin's Connection

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## Curtains Close for Caimin's School Musical – by Cian O' Gorman and Kylie O' Neill

The hall in St. Caimin's came to life with neon lights, big hair, and timeless tunes for the school's recent production of the musical, *"Back to the 80's"*. This amazing show, featuring a talented cast from different year groups brought the audience with them on a journey back to the 80's where leg warmers, dungarees and Rubik's cubes were all the rage.

If you don't know, *"Back to the 80's"* tells the story of Corey Palmer (Callum Sutton) and his classmates who are seniors in Shannon River High School. In the present day, Corey – played by LC1 student Dean Duggan – takes us back to his senior year in high school, as himself and his friends Kirk (David Nsongila) and Alf (Luke Mulvihill) bid to be senior class president. However, the class bully Michael Feldman – played by Scott McCoy – ruins Corey's campaign. To make Corey's life even worse, Michael has also stolen Corey's crush, Tiffany Houston – played by LC2 student Shauna Byrne.

However, this isn't the only relationship on the rocks: teachers Mr. Cocker (Dylan Kearney Kearse) and Ms.

Brannigan (Freyja Evans) are fighting in their not-so-secret romance, Michael is posing as new girl Eileen's mysterious secret admirer, and Tiffany's friend Cyndi doesn't want to give her admirer Billy the time of day.

The entire cast performed so well and got the crowd singing along to popular 80's hits including, "Video Killed the Radio Star", "Total Eclipse of the Heart", "Footloose" and, "The Time of My Life".

The musical, which took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December was a huge success, with both nights being completely sold out. It was great to see people of all ages from the local community come to our school to support the show and enjoy an evening of entertainment with their family members in the lead up to Christmas. There was a matinee show too, which was held on Tuesday especially for the local primary school students and their teachers. The younger students really enjoyed the show and were impressed by the talent of the Caimin's students, many of them older siblings, friends, and neighbours.

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Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of students played a crucial role in making the production a roaring success. Transition Year students were instrumental in ensuring the smooth operation of the stage and sets on and off the stage.

The planning of the musical was in the capable hands of our music teachers Ms. Kileen and Ms. Fahy, as well as Mr. Aherne. Their commitment to the show for the last few months has been amazing, and they took care of every single aspect of the production, from casting to choreography, singing to acting. Everything was well rehearsed and went very smoothly.



In the end, it was more than just a musical, it was a celebration of talent, teamwork, and the vibrant spirit of the 80's. The success of the show is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, and it will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the memories of those fortunate enough to see the show. Congratulations to the cast members and all staff members who were involved in putting on an unforgettable performance!

There were lots of pre-show and half-time treats on offer at the school shop, which was run by Transition Year students and their Business teachers. The shop was a success, with lots of drinks, chocolate, and other sweet treats on offer for those attending the musical. Many TY's were involved in making a range of Christmas crafts



including handmade bracelets, Christmas wreaths and chocolate snow cones which were available for purchase on the night too.



## U15 County Champions – by Cian O' Gorman

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, our boys team beat St. Flannan's College in the U15 Hurling Clare Post-Primary Schools Final to become the county champions. The game took place at Pairc Na Sionna, Shannon.



The ball was thrown in at 11am and St. Caimin's began attacking fast. They fought very hard for the first ten minutes, with Dougie Brew scoring the opening goal of the game. This was shortly followed by a point

from Jack Flynn, putting Caimin's up 1-1 to no score after an intense, action-packed opening quarter.

St. Flannan's College responded with a point of their own before Ross Kearney and Eóran Hegarty added to the scoreboard for Caimin's. A second goal for Caimin's came shortly after, when Odhran Donnellan hit the net, right on the verge of half time. The half time score finished up at 2-3 to 1 point. It was looking good for the home side.



The second half began with a strong start for St. Flannan's, who scored two quick points at the start of the second half, just before the first substitutions were made for St. Caimin's. Liam Flannery and Daniel Quinn came on the pitch and made a big impact on the game.

Flannan's kept the pressure on, but it wasn't enough to stop a goal from Feidhlim Donnely. Despite Caimin's scoring a goal, Flannan's didn't let it stop them from putting up a fight, so they responded with two points once again. However, these would be their last scores of the game, as this was followed by another four points on the bounce for Caimin's.



The final dagger was a goal from St. Caimin's substitute Rory Jones and the game finished 4-7 to 5 points. The Caimin's captain Jack Lee was presented with the trophy after the game and lifted it with pride. Congratulations to all the players and management on great victory. We hope their success continues into the new year.

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### Ice Skating – photos by Caoimhe Hegarty



*Students from Transition Year, LC1 and LCA1 enjoyed a day ice-skating in Limerick. Plenty of fun was had!*

**Merry Christmas!**

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### Junior Camogie Update – by Amy Kilmartin

The Navy Junior Camogie Munster Quarter Final took place on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 11.15 in UL.



There were great skills on show throughout the game, with many players putting in top class performances. It is brilliant to see so many girls representing their clubs and school.

The Caimin's girls fought hard against the wind, but Kinsale fought just a little bit harder. The weather conditions were not ideal for the Camogie team. With the backs defending, they tried their absolute best, but it just wasn't Caimin's day, even with Ava Kelly scoring two goals, it couldn't save them.



However, the warm McDonald's after the game raised their spirits. Some of the Caimin's girls involved in a soccer match in the pitch beside us came over to play or support the team.

As the half developed, Kinsale pushed forward to finish with a win even though Caimin's put in a tough attack. Unfortunately, after a tough battle they didn't come out on top.



# Merry Christmas from everyone in St. Caimin's!

