



Board of Management meeting

**Thursday, 30 January 2020**

**Report to the School Community**

1. Opening Prayer - 'Celebrate You' from the Loreto prayer book.
2. Matters Arising
  - a. Car charging port - update was given and the the Board approved the recommendation. It was agreed that Summer would be the best time to install the system.
3. Correspondence
  - a. JMB Bulletins 22 to 30 were summarised for the Board
  - b. Department of Education and Skills - relevant circulars (0071/2019, 0072/2019, 0075/2019, 0001/2020, 0002/2020, 0003/2020, 0004/2020, 0005/2020, 0006/2020) were summarised.
4. Principal's Report
  - a. Home Economics inspection - it was reported that very positive feedback was received from the Dept. inspector.
  - b. A comprehensive report on school events and achievements was given as below (at the end of this document)
  - c. A report on suspensions sanctioned during the academic year to date was presented.
5. Parents' Association Report
  - Meeting postponed due to power cut in the area (6pm)
6. Health and Safety
  - a. Health and Safety Statement update given:
    - i. Risk assessment templates sourced
    - ii. Circulated to relevant staff members (c.50) pre mid-term
    - iii. Subject departments to discuss and consider actions
    - iv. To be returned mid-March
    - v. Finalise H&S Statement April
  - b. Fire alarm - false activation during small break. Review of evacuation was reported on and actions agreed.
7. Student Council
  - a. Student Leaders Congress - one member representing
  - b. Results of Christmas Concert Art winners
  - c. International Day - planning in progress
  - d. Liaising with Code of Behaviour committee.

8. Draft Job-Share Policy - circulated. After a discussion, the policy was ratified by the Board.
9. Care Team Plan - to be launched at the staff meeting Monday
10. Child Protection report given in line with the nationally agreed procedures.
11. Digital Learning Plan as updated on the 13th of January was presented and adopted by the Board.
12. School Development Planning/School Self-Evaluation:
  - a. Junior Cycle planning day on Wednesday: Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Reporting
  - b. A number of SSE committees to give update reports at Monday's staff meeting. Full list of committees below.
    - Literacy & Numeracy:
    - Ethos Committee:
    - Teaching & Learning, incorporating the use of ICT:
    - Key Skills & Junior Cycle - Implementation of 8 key skills across the year to 1st and 2nd year.
    - Staff Development
    - Student Supports
    - Code of Behaviour: Two Aspects: Current Code of Behaviour, Points System
  - c. Transition Year review progressing well.
13. Development Plan
  - a. SEAI grant announced. This substantial grant will allow the school to improve its energy efficiency. Thanks to be conveyed to Eamon Jackman for the work done to secure the grant.
14. Finance - including sports rental.
  - a. Income and Expenditure - mid year review, full report presented to the Board.
  - b. Balance sheet - presented
15. Items and times for next meetings
16. A.O.B. - none
17. Report to the school community agreed.



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Colm Keher,  
Secretary.

Events/Achievements.

December
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- TY Maths students received their certificates this week after completing the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge 2019 as part of Tech Week.
- 5th Year student, Maria Godden, competed in European Short Course championships
- Build a Bank launched by Jackie Tyrell
- Recent past pupil Aoibhe Richardson won silver with the Ireland cross country team in the European championships
- Junior Loreto mace debates today in Loreto Foxrock, 3 of our teams took part to Team 1 Laura Cairns and Medha Trehan and on Team 2 was Searlait O Callaghan and Caoimhe O'Brien and Team 3 Ava O'Mara Anna Eustace. Ava May O'Meara got overall best speaker out of the 40 competitors
- King Lear Christmas quiz
- TY Christmas cake decoration competition



- St. Vincent De Paul hamper appeal
- Christmas Mass, Christmas assembly, Christmas concert



## January

- U-15 Soccer win over hot favourites, Presentation Wexford
- Cadette Basketball 'A' All Ireland playoffs
- BT Young Scientists - category winners (see details below)
- Home Economics inspection - excellent verbal feedback received, report due before Easter.
- U-17 Soccer win over Presentation Kilkenny
- Senior History tour to Belfast
- U-19 Basketball 'A' All Ireland play-offs
- Money Smarts Quiz - 5th in Regional finals
- Safer Internet Day
- 4th Year Retreats

Junior Debating  
Leinster Senior Camogie Final vs Presentation Kilkenny - win for Loreto  
6th Year Hamlet  
LCVP interviews  
Senior Hockey Cup Final: Loreto 4 Kilkenny College 0  
Leinster Junior Camogie Champions  
Catholic Schools Week debating competition  
U-15 Minor Soccer team qualified for Leinster final penalties win over Tullamore  
Student qualified for the regional Junk Kouture finals  
1st Year Soccer and Basketball teams doing very well.  
TY PE showcase of projects (St. Canice's students invited)

**Upcoming**

All Ireland Senior Camogie Semi Final - this Saturday vs Maghera in Lavey Co Derry - requires overnight  
Mock Exams starting on Wednesday  
Home Ec trip to Italy  
German trip to Berlin

**Young Scientists Qualifiers 2019/2020**

The performance of our students in the Young Scientists Exhibition, continues to impress. The numbers tell their own story:

- A total of 2000 projects nationwide were submitted
- 550 of these projects qualified for the RDS
- Of these, 20 were projects from County Kilkenny
- 7 of these were from Loreto



We were doubly thrilled with the results from the RDS with a category winner and two highly commended. Our entries were as follows:

Name of Students	Title of Project
Asha McHardy Emma Farrell Emma Manogue	To Investigate If Participation In sports increases emotional resilience In Adolescents
Maebh Richardson Lucy Harte Clara Cashin	Heed Your Speed-The Impact of Behavioural Change Intervention On Driver Behaviour Highly Commended
Emily Duggan Eva Duggan	To prove the impact of terror on new make spirits. <b>Intermediate Biology winners</b>
<b>Orla Flynn</b> <b>Kate Browne</b> <b>Sophie Maher</b>	<b>Is there a place for older people on social media and smartphone applications?</b> <b>Highly Commended</b>
Niamh Hayes Aoibhinn Heffernan	Exploring Fractals
Anna Slattery Estella D'Alessandro Caoimhe Daly	What colours are teenagers most drawn to?
Laura Moore Aisling Mullaney Ciara Hoban	Tackling climate change through plastic.