



**Tullamore Lions Club  
Intel Youth Enterprise Ideation  
Camp**

On Tues 20th and Wed 21st March our TY's were involved in a very unique competition along with students from the Sacred Heart, Killina and Tullamore College.

Each school was circulated with a case study relating to health of the nation prior to the day of competition and asked to research the case study with a view of improving the health of the nation using technology.

On the first day of the competition teams of seven students were selected, each team with students from the different schools.

They then set about addressing the case study with a view to coming up with some innovative way of tackling the problem.

Members of the Lions Club, teachers and personnel from Intel were on hand to prompt and motivate the teams.

The process involve several key stages and tasks such as problem identification and brainstorming solutions. Well done to Jack Dunne and Michael Feery who were members of the winning team and each received a HP Notebook.

**Congratulations**



We offer our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Larkin on the birth of her baby boy and to Ms. Melissa Carroll who had a new baby girl recently. We wish them all the very best.

Bhí a lán imeachtaí ar siúl sa scoil i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge 2012, ina measc rince na scuaibe, tráth na gceist boird agus seisiún ceoil. Is féidir cuid de na h-imeachtaí seo a fheiceáil ar an mblag [www.coilmin.blogspot.com](http://www.coilmin.blogspot.com).

Chruthaigh Conchubhair Breathnach( dalta ón dara bliain) an blag nua seo. Buaiteoirí don tráth na gceist. Sá chéad áit John paul Casey, Ryan Boland, Jack Quinn agus Ryan Casey. Sá dara áit Cían Brennan, Kevin McElduff, Daragh Neary agus Tiarnán Quinn. Comhgháirdeas do gach daoine a ghlac pairt sna himeachtaí éagsúla.



**School Calendar**

**Easter Holiday:**

**Close:** Fri 30th March

**Reopen:** Mon 16th May

**Bank Hol:** Mon 07th May

**Summer Close:** Thurs 31st May

**State Exams:** **Wed 06th June**

# Coláiste Choilm

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*But the Angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see him. Behold, I have told you."*

**New School Building Update**

At this stage we are well settled into the new school. We now have full use of the main building, outside basketball courts (6 in all), pedestrian access through Spollens car park, car parking and that part of the old Bantile building which we retained from the old school. We hope to use the Bantile as a base for Transition Year in the future.

The school is now the most energy efficient school in the country with a BER of A2, and is being featured by the SEAI, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in their promotional material.

Also we have been shortlisted for the Green Buildings Award, winner to be announced on 19th April.

We have installed a very extensive network of ICT and it is being used for the teaching and learning process and also for class and whole school administration. All rooms are hardwired for Broadband and this is supplemented with WiFi. We have a bank of 30 laptops in a laptop trolley that can be brought to any classroom which in effect upgrades the classroom to a computer room.

The challenge now is to for all of us, students and teachers, to get the best out of our new facilities.



**Board of Management  
2011 - 2014**

A new Board of Management took up office this year:

Fr. Seán Heaney	Chair
Michelle Mahon	Trustee
Goretti O' Dea	Trustee
Joe Brophy	Trustee
Phil Jennings	Parent
Paddy Rowland	Parent
Sharon Cahir	Teacher
Richard Egan	Teacher

We wish the Board well in the important work that it is undertaking.



## Macbeth

On the 2nd March our Fifth Year Honours English students went to a production of Macbeth in the Helix Theatre, Dublin.

The play was performed by the Second Age Theatre Company.

It was a very minimalistic production as there were few actors, but they played their parts extremely well.

Seeing the play helped bring it alive in the minds of the Fifth Years.

## Social Awareness Week

This year we introduced a Social Awareness Week during which guest speakers from various organisations and agencies came to the school and gave talks to our Transition Year students.

We had a broad range of speakers on the following topics:

- Drug Abuse from the Gardaí.
- Vocations Fr. Patrick & Sister Jenny.
- Rape Crisis Centre.
- Offaly Domestic Violence Service.
- Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Dochas.
- Bullying

The talks were followed with question and answer sessions and awareness was raised on these very important issues.

*Thanks to Ms McCormack who organised the event.*

## BASKETBALL NEWS



Colaiste Choilm has enjoyed success in recent years in basketball and thankfully this year has proved no different. The new gym has been a great asset and we have played many enjoyable home games.

The u19 team had a busy season, winning the Midland League final and hosting the all - Ireland playoffs. They fought extremely hard but were knocked out by a very small margin. A special mention to our leaving cert students who won't represent the school on the court again. Captain, Sebastian Skura, Mantis Pukelis, David O' Keefe, Sean Aherne, Darragh Kelly, Jamie Adams and Joe O' Connor. We wish you all the very best for the future.

The u16 team also competed well in the league under the guidance of Mr. Hastings, playing games against Portarlington, Nenagh and Rochfordbridge.

The first year team had a great run reaching the midland semi-final. Interest in the sport has been huge and we have a large panel still training hard for next year.

The second year team won all their league matches and played in the Midland League final in Portlaoise the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Unfortunately they lost by a narrow margin of 3 points but still qualify for all Ireland playoffs in April. Well done to Mathew Keenan and Eoghan Martin for outstanding performances in the final.

We are very lucky to have so many talented and dedicated players at all age groups. Sincere thanks to all the players involved in the four teams. Thanks also to the coaches Mr.Hastings, Ms.Naughton and Ms. Hogan.

*PJ Daly and Stephen Lynam*



On 19th Jan last the Student Councils of both Coláiste Choilm and the Sacred Heart met in Coláiste Choilm for a joint session. A lively debate took place in which a lot of useful ideas were discussed.

It was agreed that both schools should pool their resources in a combined effort to achieve their goals.

There was a general consensus that the meeting was worthwhile and all useful ideas were tagged for future follow up. Another meeting is scheduled to take place in the Sacred Heart School to develop the ideas put forward from this meeting.

*Conor Luskin  
Secretary.*



## UCD High Achievers Award

Well done to John Brophy who received the award based on his success in the Leaving Cert Exam last year. John also won a Kearney Medal here in the school. This follows on the success of Gavin Clarke who earlier won an Ad Astra Award from UCD and also won a Kearney Award this year.



## Midlands 103 Undercover Competition



Fifth years Ted Conway and Johnny Byrne, along with second year Ronan Bell took part in Midlands 103's secondary school music competition with 18 other schools from Offaly, Laois and Westmeath. On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the lads went down to Radio 3's studio and recorded their own cover version of Gnarls Barkley's 'Crazy' with Ted on bass and vocals, Johnny on guitar and vocals and Ronan on cajon and backing vocals. The song was then played on air on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March and can also be heard on **youtube** at Midlands 103 undercover along with entries from other schools. The competition is being adjudicated by Stuart Clarke, editor of esteemed music magazine 'Hotpress' and the winners will have the opportunity to record at Grouse Lodge Studios where artists such as Michael Jackson and Snow Patrol have recorded. It is a fantastic opportunity and we wish the lads the best of luck in the competition.



L/R: Ted Conway, Ronan Bell & Johnny Byrne