

# Eolas



## TROCAIRE 24 HR FAST

Many thanks once again to all who have returned their cards with sponsorship.

We have just passed the **€3,500** mark with some cards still to be returned.

Brian Gleeson from 1<sup>st</sup> year has collected an amazing **€300**, with Sorcha Ridge from 2<sup>nd</sup> year a close second with **€287**.

Today (Fri.) was the date to have all cards and sponsorship returned but as there is a few cards still outstanding, I will be meeting each student individually on the first day back after the Easter break to collect these remaining cards. Fr. Abe.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

There was a very colourful turnout for our non-uniform day today. Thanks a million for all your contributions towards sponsoring a ticket for a senior student to travel to Lourdes in August as a helper. The cost of the ticket is €725 and we collected **€715**. Thanks to all the Tutors who facilitated the collection. Eleven students have shown an interest in the trip and the draw will be made after the Easter hols.



## EASTER LITURGIES

Many thanks to all the students who took part and entered into the atmosphere of the Easter Celebrations in Suaimhneas this week. Easter is the most important season in the Christian Calendar.

Fr. Abe

## DID YOU KNOW?

This year's **Easter Date** (Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2010) applies to the western calendar (Catholic & Protestant Churches), and **also** to the Eastern Orthodox church.

This is an unusual event since the two branches of Christianity have different methods for calculating the correct date for Easter. There are only a few years each century when the Easter dates match like this so Easter 2010 is seen as extra special.

*Why does the Easter date move every year?*

in the year 325AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine got the early Christian leaders together at Nicea to fix matters of doctrine and dates of important Christian events such as Easter where they chose the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. Not all early Christians attended the council of Nicea or agreed with the results. The Eastern Orthodox church is the largest of the groups who chose a different criteria for determining Easter.

Countdown to the **Leaving & Junior Cert State Exams:**  
 only **39** school days left!



## PUBLIC SPEAKING



On Tuesday last (23<sup>rd</sup>) the Transition Year Public Speaking team – Mary Cleary, Niall O'Meara and Ciara Kennedy – took to the podium yet again, this time for the 29<sup>th</sup> National Mental Health Public Speaking Semi Final. The team, along with their fellow TY students, accompanied by Ms. Skelly and Ms. Hough, travelled to Moate, Co. Westmeath, for the event. Their topic was "Children have more need of models than of critics" and each of them delivered their speeches with ease and without faults. Portumna C.S. was up against Bailieborough C.S. (Co. Cavan) and Coola Post Primary School (Riverstown, Co. Sligo). The competition was of a very high standard and, unfortunately, our team did not go through to the next round. But, as the chief Adjudicator said, "it's not a competition but a project". On behalf of the TYs, I would like to thank Ms. Skelly and Ms. Hough for taking us to each of the events and supporting the team. Hard luck, but well done on getting so far.

Aoife O'Hara, TY

## CAMOGIE

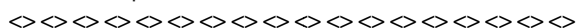
Best wishes to students Nicola Muldoon, Helen Campbell, Ruth Kilkenny, Karen Brien, Katie O'Brien and Anna Maria Lagana who are representing Connacht Colleges in the Inter-Regionals on Wednesday next, 31<sup>st</sup> March, in Dublin.



## OLD MOBILE PHONES



We are encouraging everyone in the school community and general locality to collect as many old phones as possible – you will help raise money for the *Jack & Jill Foundation* and also help the environment by keeping old phones out of landfills. The school is taking part in the mobile phone recycling initiative 'Phones for Boards' which will provide our school with a Promethean interactive white board when we collect 300 old mobile phones for the Jack & Jill Foundation. The target of 300 old mobile phones (in any condition) is certainly achievable as most households have a few old mobile phones in drawers, cupboards etc. So please round them up and hand them into the school – we have a collection box in the Social Area. Thank you in advance for your help – Your phones can make a real difference!





## SOCCKER TOURNAMENT

The youth committee of **SIGN OUT YOUTH PROJECT** are hosting their second 5-a-side U18 Soccer Tournament on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, kick off 2pm sharp. Team entries to Mark Walsh, Paul Killeen, Garry Curran or Oisín Royston by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Entry €35 per team - great prizes.

For further information log onto [www.signout.ie](http://www.signout.ie), email [youthsignout@gmail.com](mailto:youthsignout@gmail.com) or contact 086 2051346.



## A MONSTER TABLE QUIZ

will take place on Good Friday at 8.30pm sharp in the Shannon Oaks Hotel.

All are welcome. Lots of Student Rounds.

Proceeds go towards the upkeep, maintenance and programme costs of Sign Out Youth Project. Parent and youth support is needed on the night. For further information contact 087 6779267.



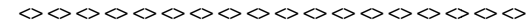
Sign Out Youth Cafe is closed Good Friday. Open as usual on Friday, 9th April.



## The JUNIOR GOLF AGM

will take place in the Club House on Good Friday at 5pm.

All Parents and Junior Golfers welcome.



## EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTS

**Exam** students are advised that both the **IRISH INDEPENDENT** and **IRISH TIMES** carry very useful weekly Education Supplements, which are well worth a look, and the bonus is you don't even have to go out and buy the newspaper as they are available on line! Keep an eye on:

[www.independent.ie/education](http://www.independent.ie/education) and [www.irishtimes.com/society/education/](http://www.irishtimes.com/society/education/)



Reminder: There will be **no** Saturday Study for Leaving Certs during the Easter Holidays - resumes Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> April.



## CONGRATULATIONS

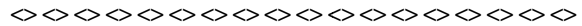
Congrats to Conor O' Meara who was named one of two top "Junior Volunteers" in Ireland in the Pramerica "Spirit of Community Awards" in Cork on Wednesday.

## BANK OF IRELAND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Mary Cleary, Aoife Kennedy, Ciara Kennedy, Brid McClearn and Aoife O'Hara, who received their Regional Certificates from the Bank of Ireland at the Ardilaun Hotel in Galway on Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>).

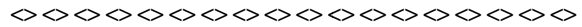
The girls won this award for their dedicated service to St. Dymphna's Centre - they organised the TY rota for visiting the centre and providing help to the staff teaching the Enabled Learning students, swimming, bowling and horse-riding. The TY students demonstrated their collaborative teamwork skills and made a very positive contribution to the local community by enriching the lives of the enabled students.

J. Coughlan



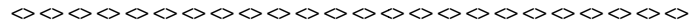
## LEO CLUB

Ciaran Mulooly (RTE Midlands correspondent) and members of the Roscommon Leo Club are planning to visit Portumna on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, to talk about their club. All Leos should try their best to attend. Venue will be confirmed early next week. As always, anyone interested in joining, can come along and give their details to Daniel Eames.



## JUNIOR & LEAVING CERT. EXAM DATES IN APRIL:

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> : Leaving Cert Music Practicals.  
Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> : Leaving Cert Oral Irish begins.  
Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> : Leaving Cert Russian Oral @ 2pm.



## HURLING RESULTS THIS WEEK

Senior Hurling (Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Portumna C.S. 1-16 : Gort C.S. 4-16  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Hurling (Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup>)  
Portumna C.S. 2-06 : St. Brigids 0-05  
2<sup>nd</sup> Yr Hurling (earlier today, Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Portumna C.S. 4-16 : The Bish 1-09



## Events Diary: (26<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> April)

- Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. – Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> April (incl.): Easter Holidays.
- Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> April : Back to school.
  - Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> : Transition Years – Outdoor Education trip.
  - Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> : LC French Oral exams commence – 2 days.
  - Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> : LC German Oral exams begins @ 12.30pm – continuing on Thurs.
  - Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> : Junior Cert Music Practicals.

