

IMPORTANT — PLEASE NOTE:

This is in connection with the preparation of a revised Code of Conduct for the school. Guidelines have been issued to all schools regarding this matter. The Board of Management meets shortly to formally initiate the process, a group of staff have done preliminary work and the Parents' Council and the Students' Council will also be involved. In order to prepare to gather the student contribution there needs to be a short staff training session on Monday next (17th) in place of last class. Accordingly school finish for students at 3.20 pm and buses will be available to transport students home.



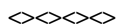
OPEN DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- 15th – Mater Dei Institute of Education (9.30am – 12 pm).
 - 15th – St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.
 - 22nd – All Hallows College.
 - 25th – Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown.
 - 26th – Griffith College, Dublin.
 - 27th – Abbott Ireland Diagnostic Division (Turning Science into Caring).
 - 27th – Pallaskenry Agricultural College
 - 28th – Clonakilty Agricultural College. NUI Maynooth.
 - 29th – CIT Cork School of Music.
- Check www.qualifax.ie for further details.

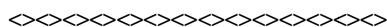
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BASKETBALL TRAINING

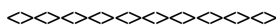
Students who would like to train for Basketball
Please note that training has now changed to lunchtime Monday.
All 1st, 2nd and 3rd years are welcome.



Training for **CROSS COUNTRY** takes place after school every Tuesday. Meet at the gym and please make sure to bring football boots or spikes as the pitches are quite muddy! Training finishes at 4.45 pm - ensure arrangements are made for lifts home at this time.



A Camogie Club **FUNDRAISING DISCO** will be held in Boula Event Centre tonight (14th) at 9.30 pm. Come out and support 'the chicks with sticks' as all proceeds are in aid of the Portumna Camogie Club.



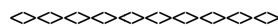
JUNIOR GOLF competition at Portumna Golf Club, every Saturday from 3 pm to 4 pm.
For further info ring Jim Hynes 087 6411711

SCIENCE SNAPS



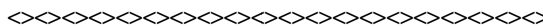
Congratulations to Joseph Headd (1st Yr) and Conor O Meara (3rd Year).

Their pictures were short-listed in the Science Snaps competition run to capture this year's science week theme 'Science - Shaping Our World'. To see their pictures go to www.tyndall.ie/sciencesnaps/
M. Nagle



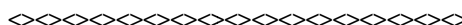
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Portumna Senior Hurling Team who had a convincing win recently over Gort in the County Final, especially all of our past pupils on the team. Ollie Canning led the team to victory. Special congratulations to Martin Dolphin, a present Leaving Cert student, who was awarded the Galway Bay FM 'Man of the Match' and past pupil, Damian Hayes, who was awarded the Connacht Tribune 'Man of the Match'.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

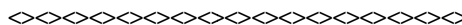
The Transition Years collected approximately 150 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A big thank you to all who went to the trouble of filling boxes. Your effort is greatly appreciated.



OLIVER

As mentioned last week, this year's School Musical – the renowned "Oliver" – will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10th, 11th and 12th December.

Tickets will go on sale in school on Wednesday, 26th November and to quote the opening line from the show: "is it worth the waiting for?" – Definitely! Having witnessed some of the rehearsals this week I can confidently say you will not want to miss this.



"It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't."

Events Diary : (15th – 21st Nov.)

- Tues. 18th – Bishop Kirby speaking to Leaving Certs.
- Wed. 19th – LCA (Yr. 1 & 2) V.P.G. outing to Athlone (FAS & Army Barracks).
- Thurs. 20th – Mental Health Association Public Speaking at 7.30 pm in Ballinasloe.



ANOTHER WIN FOR THE SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM

Portumna C.S. 6-10. St. Killian's V.S., New Inn 1-01.

Portumna C.S. qualified for an eleventh Senior 'A' Camogie Final in a row with this win on Thursday. In difficult, wet conditions, the girls got off to the ideal start with Tara Ruttledge (1-1) and Ann Marie Starr (0-1) scoring early on. New Inn gradually got more into the game and a great 'rob and clearance' from Karen Brien led to another Tara Ruttledge goal. Three further points from Tara put Portumna in a strong position but New Inn replied strongly with a pointed free and a well taken goal from Niamh McGrath. They continued to press but strong defending from Claire Killeen, Ruth Kilkenny and Marie Duane, along with good goalkeeping from Helen Campbell, kept them at bay, to leave the half-time score at 2-05 to 1-01.

Facing the breeze in the second half, a good start was needed, and it came in the shape of a goal and two early points from Tara. New Inn kept coming and a dangerous ball into the goalmouth was caught and cleared by Anna Maria Lagana. With Catherine O'Meara and Nicola Muldoon dominating at midfield, Ann Marie Starr won a free 40m from goal. Tara's free dropped into the net for a fortuitous goal, and she added three more points before Maria Breheny, with two hand-passed goals, completed the scoring.

This was an excellent team performance with every player showing great attitude and commitment against opponents who, despite the score line, never gave up. Another big performance will be needed in the Connacht Final against Gort C.S. or St. Brigid's V.S., Loughrea on Saturday, 22nd November.

Team: H. Campbell, R. Kilkenny, M. Duane, K. Brien, C. Brien, C. Killeen, A.M. Lagana, C. O'Meara, N. Muldoon, A. Lynch, A.M. Starr (0-1), C. Harte, K. O'Brien, T. Ruttledge (4-9), M. Breheny (2-0). *Subs:* N. Briscoe, L. Shiel, N. McClearn, M. Lynch, H. Quinn, N. Bergin, E. Cunningham.

P. Kelly



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website has been revamped with a number of sections added:

- ✓ Recent editions of Eolas may be accessed by clicking on "News Archive" – this section also has links to archived web pages and photos;
- ✓ A school calendar may also be accessed by clicking on the relevant link from the homepage.
- ✓ A search facility has also been added to allow quick searching of the entire site.

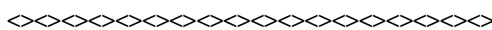
Over the next week sections will be added for the main extracurricular activities in the school, and student correspondents are currently being recruited to contribute to these.

WIN AN MP3 PLAYER TODAY!



In conjunction with the re-launch of the school website we are offering one lucky student the chance to win an MP3 player. This 512mb player, will hold approximately 125 songs. ("Only 512MB ?" – recession remember!)

To take part in this competition you must answer a question which will be posted on the school website sometime between 6pm and 7pm this evening. The first person to email the answer to info@portumnacs.com will be presented with the prize on Monday – it's as simple as that!



BE SEEN THIS WINTER



With the dark mornings and evenings upon us we urge you to be aware of the necessity to be **extra vigilant** when travelling, whether by foot, bicycle or car.

According to the National Safety Council:

"Over 50% of pedestrian accidents happen when pedestrians cross the road. Our accidents statistics show that up to 20% of these accidents are due to pedestrians crossing at inappropriate locations, for example between parked cars or from behind obstructions.

Visibility is crucial to your safety. It is vitally important pedestrians and cyclists think safety at all times, and do not take risks or place themselves in danger– even in urban areas where there is street lighting"

Be careful out there!