

Bandon Grammar School
Board of Management Meeting
Tuesday 30th April 2019
Principal's Report

Plans are now well advanced for the summer term:

- **School Sports** – Friday 3rd May. 1.30 – 4.00p.m.
- **'Open Afternoons'** for tours for prospective new families. May 7, 8 and 15.
- **Information Evening for new Form 1 Parents & Pupils.** May 15 at 7.00p.m.
- **End of Year Service followed by Summer Awards Ceremony.** Sports Complex. Tuesday 21 May
- **Transition Year Exhibition and Graduation** – Wednesday 22 May
- **Sixth Year Graduation Ceremony** – Friday 24 May.
- **Summer Examinations for Forms 1,2 & 5** – Friday 24 May to Friday 31 May

Board member for the Student of the Year Selection Panel.

Audit results for the School Tour have been received.

Our Special Needs RACE applications are being audited by the State Examinations Commission and N.E.P.S. Meanwhile all our Junior programme RACE applications have been held up pending an outcome.

RUGBY – Congratulations to **Jack Crowley** on playing for the Ireland U.19 team against France and scoring the vital winning conversions.

Jack and Soren Minihane were honoured as part of the Munster Schools Cup Team of the Year at Thomond Park on Saturday.

The Form 1 squad had an excellent tour to Wales the week before Easter.

Well done to boys who played on the Bandon RFC U16 All Ireland and Munster Clubs U16 Cup winning team. Past pupils **Luke Kingston, David Jennings and Gavin Coombes** were all selected for Munster A for the Cara Cup played in Boston against Leinster A and the New England Free Jacks.

Three Sixth Year boys were also part of the Bandon RFC J1 team that won the County Cup at Independent Park before Easter.

HOCKEY – Our Senior A girls won the Munster Shield after an epic encounter with Regina Mundi today scoring 2 late goals to win 2-1. Meanwhile the Senior C girls came second in their league. **Rebecca Kingston** has added to her U18 Ireland caps with victory in the Irish Hockey Trophy for Cork Church of Ireland Club on 13th April.

The Minor Boys did very well to qualify for the John Waring Tournament, got a series of good results and be finalists in the Munster Minor Cup.

Bandon Awards – The Opinion/Bandon Co-Op Awards – Congratulations to **Moira Barrett** (Camogie and Hockey) and **Justin Lucas** (Sailing) on their junior awards at the recent ceremony. Justin will be on the Irish Sailing Optimist team in June. **James Dwyer** was named Junior Sailor of the Month for March after his overall win at the British Spring Opens in Lymington recently.

Talent Night 2019 was a great occasion with some 20 acts presented. The overall winner was **Abigail Kadree**.

John Harper Medal for Statistics – Congratulations to **Katrin Birk** and **Aisling Barry** on winning 1st prize in the John Hooper Medal for Statistics mathematics competition for their project "*A Statistical Analysis of the Accuracy of 5-Day Forecasts in Predicting Hot vs Cold Temperatures*". In 3rd place were **Elsbeth McIntosh and Aifric Murphy-Middleton** for their project, "*Dyslexia: Learning Difficulty or Hidden Talent*". Both teams were coached by Mr McLaughlin.

Senior Choir – Members of the Senior Choir performed with the Clonakilty Brass Band at Dunmore House Hotel at a fund-raising concert on Palm Sunday.

Lord Mayor's Cup – Gaelic Football. – Our GAA football teams have won through to the final of the Lord Mayor's Cup to play Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney.