

Bandon Grammar School

Board of Management Meeting on Monday 6th March 2019

Principal's Report

JMB SEMINARS: February 15th. The Chairperson and Principal attended the seminar on Child Protection Inspections in Charleville. Follow up under Agenda item.

February 28th. Principal attended the Leadership and Management Reporting and Review Workshop (Post Holders Review) see Bulletin 28 circulated.

STAFF MEETING: - 28 February. Calendar for coming terms and 2019-20 school year proposed to the Board.

PROPOSALS for our end of year service, athletics event and awards ceremony are for discussion.

The **JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMS** were held from February 4th-15th. Reports are going out to parents by email this week.

PAST PUPILS:

- Congratulations have been sent to **Dr Mervyn O'Driscoll** on his appointment as Head of the School of History at UCC. Dr O'Driscoll is from Dunmanway and studied with Mr Johnston and myself before progressing to UCC and eventually a scholarship to Cambridge where he took his PhD. He has been a senior lecturer at UCC for many years.
- A meeting of past pupils to reform the association was called for 28th February but we failed to reach a quorum so those invited are being contacted to arrange a new date.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS:

HOCKEY – Congratulations to **Rebecca Kingston** who played on the Ireland U.18 team v England over half term.

Congratulations to **Karl Smyth, Ian Perrott and Mark Collins** who played in the international tournament over Half Term on the Ireland U16 boys' side. Mark was honoured as captain in one of the games.

The Junior A girls team lost their cup match 2-0 to Thurles. They now play in the Munster Plate. The Minor B girls are in the semi-final of their cup and play Crescent next. The Junior B girls are doing well in the league. The Junior Boys lost 2-1 away to Villiers while the Minor A team play Newtown on Friday for a place in the minor cup final and in the John Waring tournament. The Senior Girls are still in the Munster League play offs and the Senior Plate competition.

BASKETBALL – A series of games have been held recently. White First Years have lost out the Second Years have defeated Beara Community School 19-6 and Schull Community School 35-12.

RUGBY – The Senior Cup team had a nervous quarter final. Drew with Glenstal before a comfortable 31-14 win at Thomond Park in the replay. The drawn game was marred by abusive chants from our opponents, especially past pupils and the setting off of numerous flares. One green smoke bomb was set off by our supporters despite warnings prior to the fixture. Munster Branch Rugby Committee banned our supporters from the replay with our co-operation to make the point that such behaviour will not be tolerated. The lesson seems to have been learned. The team play PBC Cork at Independent Park in the semi-final on Wednesday 6th at 2.00p.m.

The junior team played extremely well against an older and stronger Crescent Comprehensive side eventually losing 20-8. They now have a Munster Plate competition.

TENNIS – Our U19 boys' tennis team defeated St Colemans School but lost to CBC in the Munster Shield final in February. **Mateo Barthelemy, Anton Frank, Hugo Seigne, Eoin Houston and Thomas Gale** made up the team.

ATHLETICS: Well done to Clodagh O'Tuama and Laura Nicholson at the Munster Cross Country finals at Waterford I.T. in February. Laura won the senior race and now competes in the All Ireland.

SAILING: **Justin Lucas** was the April 2018 'Sailor of the Month' and contested the Irish 'Sailor of the Year' award recently.

DEBATING – A team of senior students are competing at the Brussels Model United Nations competition this week accompanied by Mr A. Kelly and Ms J. Williams.

FRENCH TRIP – The Form 5 French trip to Paris led by Ms E. Butler is underway.

PEACE GARDEN – T.Y. students and boarders led by Ms Audrey O'Riordan and assisted by the grounds staff have been redecorating the G.P. Room and constructing a 'Peace Garden' in a green patch between the Deane Building and Art Block. It is designed to generate wellbeing and tranquillity.

WEST CORK MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY – Some T.Y. students participated and met with the Minister responsible, Deputy Jim Daly T.D.

ENROLMENTS – As per list. Three new pupils have commenced since the last meeting.

An **OPEN DAY** has been arranged for the afternoon of Saturday 11th May following the success of last year's venture.