



Mount Sion CBS Secondary School

*Christmas
Newsletter
2014*





***Dear Parents/Guardians,
Our school is really progressing and
enrolment numbers are increasing
steadily.
I am very appreciative of the good
conduct of our pupils which promotes an
excellent atmosphere within the school.
As always, you are very welcome to meet
me at any time throughout the year with
any issues you may wish to discuss.***

***John McArdle
Principal***

Genzyme Partnership

***Five new Transition Year pupils
began their Work Experience in
Genzyme last Sept.***

***The first (2014) Genzyme-sponsored
Third Level Scholarships (€3000 per
pupil) are awarded this week to
Oluwatobiloba Olokesusi and Conor
Malone.***



School Yard Project

***Planning permission has been se-
cured. Fundraising is continuing to
bring the project to fruition with a
total of €30,000 raised to date.
Many thanks to pupils & parents for
their weekly “€2 Friday” contribu-
tions and Parents’ Council Cake Sales
& Raffles.***

***The next big fundraising event is a
Sponsored Cycle in March.
Work on the project should begin in
June.***

Aistear

This is a support system for pupils which helps improve their performance, study & communication skills.

It gives them a forum to discuss and solve their own problems based on the principles of 'lean management'.



Choir

Highlights this year included Theatre Royal and Newtown School performances as well as singing at our Primary School's Christmas Concert.

New members always welcome!

Hurling

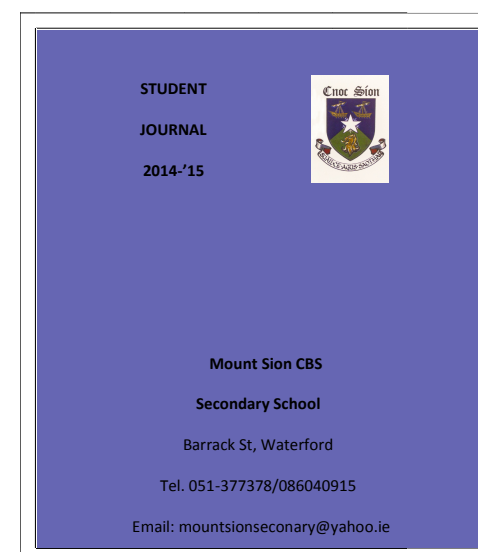
With no Sixth Year group this year anything achieved by our hurlers was always going to be a bonus, as we continue to build for the future.

It was encouraging, then, to see our teams progress in Munster competitions. Our U-16 ½ team got to the semi-final after a good win over Shannon — before losing out to Fermoy.

The U-18 ½ team had an exciting victory over Tralee before losing out in the quarter-final to Limerick opponents. All players are available again next year.

Our U-14 team had a great win over An Rinn, before losing out to the Gaelcholaiste later.

We still have Munster U-15 against Ennistymon to look forward to in February, as well as the Rice Cup, Waterford Schools' competitions and various blitzes. Plenty of hurling to be played still!



The Journal is one of our most immediate forms of communication with parents/guardians. The pupils are fully aware of its importance and we encourage you to check it regularly for homework, notes, etc...all of which are to be written in it.

Supervised Study

This facility is available again in the school since last Sept. and runs from 3.40-5.10pm. on Mon, Tue. & Thurs. evenings.

Please contact the school for details.

Our school's Soccer teams have had a quite successful start to the year with wins over Tramore, Comeragh College and others. Our U-20s are unbeaten and will play SMI Newcastlewest at home in the semi-final of the John Murphy Munster Cup.



We've begun Basketball in the school and our teams have done nothing but improve all term.

The U-19 team progress to the Regional semi-finals of the Development League in January.



Monthly Celebrations

Once every month we all meet in the Chapel & reflect on a seasonal theme.

Mr. John O'Shea, Founder of the 'GOAL' Humanitarian Agency was our guest speaker at the Christmas Celebration.

Pupils & Staff prepare for these celebrations in a very positive manner & all parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

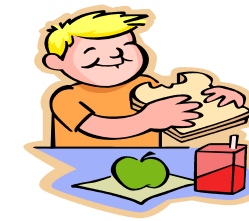


School Completion Programme

The SCP continues to work with a number of pupils & runs a Homework Club in the school. They offer mentoring, personal development programmes & a range of other supports.

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Breakfast Club

Run in the school in conjunction with the School Completion Programme, the Club operates on Mon, Tue. & Thurs from 8 to 8.30am — cost is 50c each day..."pay as you go".

Parents' Council



A newly-formed, very active Council is in place since last June. Meetings are held monthly where projects are discussed and planned.

National Council training will be availed of in January and new members are always welcome.



Home School Community Liaison

Thanks to all Parents/Guardians who participated in school life and activities over the past term — we hope to see you all again in the New Year.

Anybody wishing to become involved in any way is most welcome to do so.