

# Parents Association News

## Retirement of Brian Torpey

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January we all enjoyed a great night marking the retirement of Brian Torpey as Principal. The committee would like to sincerely thank all parents who prepared sandwiches and baked goods for this night. **Thank you** to all the helpers involved in setting up the hall and to all the tea servers and cleaner-uppers on the night. It was a great display of all the musical talent and creativity in our community. A thank you card received from Brian Torpey addressed to all parents can be viewed in Ms Queally's Seniors Classroom window.

## Thank you !

Our sincere thanks for all contributions received for Mr Torpey's retirement gift. An engraved wall clock was presented on the night with the balance collected being given as a contribution toward a travel voucher presented to Brian by the Board of Management.

## Welcome !

The Parent Association extend a warm welcome to our new Principal Brian Culloo. We look forward to working with Brian and all the staff of St. Mochulla's.

## Upcoming events .....

**Cash for clobber** Spring clean - our next collection is planned for March / April time so please hold onto any old clothing for this vital school fund raiser. Please contact any member of the committee for bags.

**Confirmation party** - The Parent Association will host a party in the old boys school after Confirmation on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will be calling on support from this year's fifth class parents for this event.

If there is an activity you would like to see the Parent Association involved in please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.

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# ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

## Principal's message.

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone at St. Mochulla's I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a happy and a peaceful Christmas and that 2014 will be a year full of joy, good health and happiness.

We have an extremely busy term ahead of us. Already the boys and girls of St. Mochulla's have participated in indoor hurling and camogie in Clare Primary Schools handball. Pupils from 5th and 6th classes attended Music in The Classroom in U.L. Pupils will also be involved in the Credit Union quiz and 6th class will hopefully be bringing their play on Brian Boru on the road as well as preparing for Confirmation which is coming up on April 4th.

There will also be other events happening during the term which you will hear about as the weeks progress.

Le gach dea mhéin,  
Brian Culloo



Invest in your children, give them your time, your attention, and your love. They are the future.

### **Mr. Torpey's Retirement Function.**

On January 10th the community of Tulla came together to celebrate with Mr. Torpey and his family on the occasion of his retirement as principal of St. Mochulla's. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made the evening such a success.

### **Indoor hurling and camogie.**

Boys from 4th and girls from 4th and 5th took part in Cumann na mBunscol indoor competitions recently. The boys had good wins over Scoil Chríost Rí and Newmarket in Gurteen while the girls took on The CBS and Newmarket in The CBS.

### **School Enrolment**

Enrolment for September is underway. Completed enrolment forms should be returned by 10th February.

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If you wish your child to remain indoors during break or lunch time due to illness, please send in a note requesting this in order to facilitate supervision .

### **Primary schools handball.**

Pupils from St. Mochulla's recently participated in The Clare Primary Schools Handball Championships. The under 11 girls team were Aoife Halpin, Aoife Murphy and Labhaoise Fitzgearld. Boys under 11 team were Tony Leyden, Sean Withycombe and Aaron Shanahan. Girls under 13 were Leah Hunt, Aoife Kelly and Orla O'Brien and boys under 13 were Jimmy O'Gorman, Andrew Conheady and Dan Whithycombe. Orla was narrowly defeated in the final of the girls under 13 singles, while Jimmy made it through to the semi final of the boys under 13 competition where he lost out narrowly to the eventual winner.

### **Absenteeism**

Could you please ensure that if your child is absent for any reason that each absence is explained by a note **to your child's teacher.** The school is required by law to report any child who has been absent for 20 days or more.

### **Homework**

Parents are asked to please sign your child's homework journal each evening and ensure that each piece of homework is completed.

### **January Birthday Parade**

**Sean Murphy Lucas Slattery**

**Jack O Shea Ada McMahon**

**Ryan Curtis Jasmine Peter**

**Juliette Purcell Katelyn Leamy**

**Ben Kelleher Claire Halpin**

**Daniel Ryan Micheál Hayes**

**Adam McNamara Evi Bartlink**

**Brian Torpey Daniel Barry**

**Andrew Conheady Paul Kelleher**

### **Green Schools.**

The Green Schools committee are currently looking at ways in which St. Mochullas can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, the committee are also trying to encourage people to walk, cycle or car pool to school and would appreciate your cooperation.

### **Swimming.**

Swimming continues for 3rd and 4th classes immediately after Christmas. 4th class will start on Wednesday Jan. 8th and 3rd will start on Friday Jan.10th. As of Wed,12th Feb, our 6th class will commence their five weeks with our 5th class joining on Wednesdays as of 26th of Feb. It will then be the turn of 2nd class who will commence on Friday 14th Feb for **four** weeks tuition. Finally, 1st class will complete this year's swimming by attending on Wed 19th March and for the following **four** Wednesdays.

### **Music in The Classroom.**

On Tuesday January 14th, children from 5th and 6th attended Music in The Classroom in U.L. where they were entertained by and performed with The RTE Concert Orchestra.

### **Mid-term break**

School will be closed on Thursday and Friday 20th and 21st of February for mid-term break.

### **School Calendar.**

There are still a few school calendars celebrating the visit of the Liam McCarthy cup to the school. The calendar is available from the office at a cost of €7.

### **Hurleys and helmets for sale.**

The school has a limited number of hurleys and helmets for sale. Hurleys range in price from €5 to €7. Helmets cost €42 each.

### **Artist in Schools.**

4th class are currently working with Shona McGilvray as part of the artist in schools scheme. We are all eagerly awaiting the final product of their project.

### **Senior Infants Recycling Project.**

Well done to senior infants on the wonderful projects they made from recyclable materials. Have a look at what they produced on the senior infant section of the school website [www.stmochullas.com](http://www.stmochullas.com)

### **School photographer.**

The photographer will attend the school on Tuesday February 4th. Consent forms have been sent home with the children.