

1st Year Summer Newsletter 2024

Summer is here!

Dear Parents and Students

Congratulations on completing your first full year at St. Caimin's . Its been a whirlwind of learning, growing and coping with the daily life in secondary school. We are thrilled to have journeyed through this year with you, from navigating new subjects to discovering the best hiding spots for some last minute studying!. Here's to many more adventures (and a bit less panic) as we hit the ground running at the end of August. I hope you all have a fabulous Summer full of fun !

Tara O'Loughlin (Year Head)

In general the LC1, LCA1 and TY students have been a credit to their parents and teachers. They have been respectful, co-operative and enthusiastic in classes and have been a pleasure to work with. To the Transition Year group, I want to wish them all the very best as they as they enter LC1 in September. They will now be under the care and attention of Ms. Ryan who is the LC1 Year Head for 2024/25. I will be sorry to not be working as closely with this wonderful group of young people but it has been a privilege to watch them grow into confident young adults from 1st year.

Ger Keane

Year Head

1st year in St. Caimin's By Lexie Toomey (1st year Student Council Representative)

We are now coming to the end of another year in St.Caimin's, the end of my first year in St.Caimin's. It has been a wonderful year full of new experiences and learning. Us as first years have matured so much and learned a lot about what it's like to attend secondary school, we have made new friendships, learnt new skills, joined clubs and most importantly tried new things. I think a big thing for us as first years was going in and not knowing many people or for some not knowing anyone, but St.Caimins is a very welcoming school where everyone can find something they enjoy and people they enjoy being around. The teachers here find new and creative ways for us to learn new topics that we may have not studied before, but they are very involved and will always help us as students if we need it. First year does bring challenges like school work and friendships but I think



our year head and guidance counsellors have really helped us with that. We also had some of the transition years and lc1's help us find our way around the school which definitely made me feel more comfortable getting around and the teachers being so understanding at the start of the year. I know there has been successful clubs and teams like the camogie, hurling, rugby, soccer and Saint Vincent de Paul and one that I personally took part in, the girls active club. I think these clubs are a great way to make new friendships and show that school isn't all about work although, that is an important Tara aspect. I personally, have had a great time in my first year in St.Caimin's, I have made lots of new friends and learnt a lot from the amazing teachers, not just about schoolwork but about life as well, I hope the coming first years enjoy it just as much as I did and that I have many more great years to come in this school.



Fun Day 2024

St. Caimin's School Fun Day

Our first years experienced their first school fun day in St. Caimin's on the last day of the year. It was a vibrant and exciting occasion, Students from all year groups were given a team colour to represent and all students competed in a variety of events, from indoor quizzes and Pictionary to out door water relays, obstacle courses and hanging tough.



The atmosphere was electric, with cheering and enthusiastic teachers and students encouraging every participant. The day concluded with an award ceremony for the winning overall team colour celebrating team spirit and achievement, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's event !



1st Year Girls Active Program

The first year girls who participated in our Girls Active program had their final group activity in the Aqua Park in Killaloe . It was a fun filled adventure designed to promote physical activity, teamwork and camaraderie amongst the girls in first year. We were so fortunate with the weather and so after getting suited up, the girls could we heard laughing and shouting with joy as they raced towards the inflatables. Under the watchful eyes of Ms. Watson, Ms. Lynch and Ms. McCarthy the girls not only enjoyed a day of thrilling activities but also strengthened their friendships and fostered a sense of teamwork and confidence. The aqua park adventure, filled with sun and splashes became a memorable highlight if their first year. We would like to thank Ms. O'Leary, Ms. Morey, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Beirne along with the teachers mentioned above for for their help in designing and running this really important program in our school.



Girls Active Trip to Killaloe



Safety Talk before entering the water



Making a splash !



Date to Remember 

2nd Year students return to school on Thursday 29th of August. Looking forward to seeing you all then.



Have a wonderful Summer holiday and we'll see you in August! 😊



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