

St. Kieran's College

Record 2008





President's Address

I welcome the St. Kieran's College Record 2008. The Record is meant to chronicle all that has happened and is happening in the College since 2007.

The production of this Record owes much to the work and help of others especially members of the Secondary School Staff. However, if you keep in mind that we are in our 225th academic year and that St. Kieran's has a world-wide spread we need to invite more contributions from all the countries where our past students are working. I believe the time has come to issue an open invitation to our past students who are not lacking in ideas or the ability to make a written contribution. St. Kieran's has a proud and living tradition and our past students will help us nourish the next publication of the record. In the meantime much thanks to all who have contributed to this edition.

St. Kieran's College is now home to one thousand registered students between the Secondary School and the Outreach programme of N.U.I.M. for mature students. In meeting the current needs of the study body and those for the next academic year the College Trustees continue to invest in St. Kieran's in keeping with our commitment

to excellence in education and formation for all those involved.

For the financial year ending 31 August 2007 additions to our school buildings cost 376,297 and to the College facilities cost 188,795. Additions to furniture, fittings and equipment cost 327,624 and for the College 16,638. Creidim, the programme to promote, develop adult religious education and faith formation in the Diocese of Ossory is also fully funded by the College Trustees. Total expenditure for Creidim was 55,494 for the year. It is worth noting that since the new gymnasium/sports complex has opened to our students the College Trustees have contributed 3,888,559 to the College Campus development. However we must keep in mind that such financial commitments have gone hand in hand with the hard work, passion and dedication of all involved.

Special thanks is due to the Principal, Mr. Curtis, colleagues and staff, to Fr. O'Connor and the chaplaincy team, to the students and their new council, to parents and guardians and their association. I thank also my colleagues on the Board of Management, the College staff, the Trustees, especially the former Bishop of



Ossory Laurence Forristal and our new patron Bishop Seamus Freeman SAC, for their ongoing support and commitment to the mission of St. Kieran's.

It lifts one's spirit to observe what our 'Catholic Ethos' means in practice, in the day to day as lived at our College.

Monsignor Kieron Kennedy
President

Staff Photo 2008



Principal's Address

The year began with improvements to the 1979 building, a new Computer Room in place, further work on the grounds and if the rather arbitrary abolition of the Summer Works Scheme by the Department of Education and Science stalls some of the work planned for this summer, the ongoing commitment of our President, Monsignor Kennedy, the Trustees and our Board of Management to the development of the school ensures that we will continue to engage in providing the best possible facilities for our pupils. The introduction of Friday evening study augments an already thriving facility in the school and will help maximise academic achievement: the Student Council was involved in this initiative and in the coming years this group will make an important contribution to life in St. Kieran's College.

The remit of this publication is to try to do more than just catalogue events - it aims to try to capture the essence of what makes St. Kieran's College what it is. In the school, we are part of a community with a rich diocesan tradition as is evident in our celebration of days past and the vibrancy of life on campus at present. We value a broad education that allows all of our pupils to thrive and as you read through these pages

you will get some idea of the talent, enthusiasm and all-round ability of the student body; we applaud and take pride in their achievements. All of this endeavour, academic and otherwise, which gives the school its unique identity is testament to the capacity of my colleagues on staff to engage with the pupils, to get involved. For their ongoing commitment and dedication to this school, the fruits of part of which you see in the Record, we are very grateful.

I would like to extend my best wishes to former staff member Mr. Pat Murphy as he takes on his new role as Principal in Duiske College, Graiguenamanagh and to acknowledge the contribution of Mr. Nicky Cashin, who retired as Deputy Principal during the year, to St. Kieran's College since his arrival on staff in 1974. We wish him well in his retirement and I look forward to working with his successor, Mr. Adrian Finan, in the years to come. I would like to thank all of the staff and students who have been involved in the production of the Record: a publication of this quality takes time and dedication and I am sure that everyone on the team will allow me to single out Ms. Eadaoin Brennan for her commitment to the project this year. It is the breadth and quality of what takes



place in St. Kieran's College that makes this school so distinctive and that, I believe, is what the Record succeeds in capturing. Our Parents' Association plays an important role in representing the views of parents and contributing to planning and the development of the school and their efforts again this year in helping us purchase more computers is greatly appreciated.

On a final note, we hope it will be a rewarding and successful summer for all of those taking the State Examinations in June. The pupils have displayed a great attitude to work throughout the year and I am sure this will be evident in their results. To the departing Sixth Years, we hope you take pride in your school and in your achievements here and all of us on the staff look forward to the contributions you will undoubtedly make to society as St. Kieran's College men in the years to come.

Mr. John Curtis M.A., M.Ed.

Creidim

Leona Connolly (Creidim Co-Ordinator)

Creidim is the agent for Adult religious Education and Faith Formation in the Diocese of Ossory. We strive to provide appropriate

opportunities to enable individuals and parishes to move further towards a vibrant, informed and confident church.

This programme for 2008 contained

- Parish Council Training
- Gathering and Workshops for Parish Pastoral Councils
- Going Forward Together – including a talk from Most Rev.

Seamus Freeman SAC Bishop of Ossory on Faith as a Vision "Where there is no vision, the people perish". (pr.29:18)

- Music for Easter
- Spiritual Preparation for Lent
- Certificate in Philosophy
- Exploring the Scriptures
- Baptismal Team Renewal
- Adult Perspectives in the Afternoon Years...
- The Journey of Self Discovery

Kilkenny Campus (NUI Maynooth)

Kilkenny Campus has just completed a busy and exciting year as it celebrated its tenth anniversary. As part of the celebrations, two conferences were hosted on the themes of Celebrating our Local Heritage and Agriculture in a Changing Climate. An essay competition was held for adults engaged in further education courses in the county, with scholarships to progress to third level courses at the campus as prizes.

The highpoint of the year, however, was the Conferring in November. The University and the Campus Steering Committee were delighted to welcome the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, to Kilkenny, and he presided over the ceremony at which some 160 degrees, diplomas and certificates were awarded, bringing to almost 800 the number of awards granted by NUI Maynooth to citizens of Kilkenny and the surrounding counties since the genesis of the Campus in 1997.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Campus and its interaction with the local community, Dr. FitzGerald conferred 3 honorary MAs on local individuals who have made significant contributions to their community over their lifetime. The recipients were Maureen Hegarty for her contribution to local history and heritage, especially through her work with the Kilkenny Archaeological Society; Patrick Lydon for his commitment to the young people of the Camphill Community and his contribution to community develop-



Front row (left to right): Patrick Lydon MA; Maureen Hegarty MA; Dr. Garret FitzGerald (Chancellor, National University of Ireland); Prof. John Hughes (President, NUI Maynooth); Ned Quinn MA. Back row: Billy Murphy (Chair, Kilkenny Campus Steering Committee); Prof. Jim Walsh (Vice-President); John Bradley MA (Dept. of History); Prof. Tom Collins (Dean of Social Sciences).

ment in Callan; and Ned Quinn, outgoing Chair of the GAA County Board for his contributions to sport. These awards honour too all the others who have worked alongside them in these and a host of other fields, and who choose to give their time and energy and to go the extra mile to make their communities better and more vibrant places to live.

This year also, Carlow Institute of

Technology becomes for the first time an active partner provider at the campus, offering an honours degree in business studies on a part-time basis for adult students. This broadening of the range of available courses is a significant and welcome development both for the Campus and for the people of Kilkenny and the surrounding hinterland.

Ossory Diocesan Forum

Following extensive consultation with priests and lay people throughout the diocese, the Ossory Diocesan Forum was established in December 2004. The Forum is a representative body of priests, religious and lay people who, with the Bishop, seek to address the pastoral issues of the day and plan for the future. Forum members number fifty seven, a lay representative from each of the forty-two parishes, two priests, representing priests of each of the three deaneries, three religious, representing the religious communities working in the diocese, five co-opted members and a

Forum Co-ordinator. The priorities identified early in the life of the Forum were the establishment of Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the diocese, Young People's involvement in Church and Prayer/Liturgy. This year the Forum comes to the end of its first three-year term and members are in the process of evaluating what has been achieved so far and discerning how best to move forward.

The Forum office is located in St. Kieran's College and Forum officers are:

Chairperson: Seán Treacy, Deputy Chairperson: Síle Grant, Secretary:



Sr. Helen Maher

Anne Walton, Treasurer: Seamus Quigley, Co-ordinator: Sr. Helen Maher, Communications Officer: Diarmuid Healy.

Priests of the Diocese meet with the Bishop elect of Ossory Mgr. Seamus Freeman SAC



From Oileán Chléire to Euxton and beyond!



***Fr. Dan
Cadogan
with
Bishop
Laurence
Forristal –
Diamond
Jubilee
2006***



Mgr. Kieron Kennedy, President and Bishop Laurence Forristal with the Golden Jubilarians 2007.



Fr. Eamonn O'Gorman with Mr. Mícheál Ó Diarmada and Monsignor Kieron Kennedy on his departure from the staff of St. Kieran's College.



Bishop Freeman SAC, our new Patron, on his Ordination Day.
(Photo: P.J. Browne, New Ross)



Ruby Jubilarians 2006

Back L-R Rev. John Lally, Mgr. Kieron Kennedy, Bishop Laurence Forristal, Mgr. Michael Ryan.
Front Row L-R Rev. Vincent Brady, Rev. Cormeluis Kiely, Rev. Seamus Doyle.

Silver Jubilarians 2006

Back Row L-R Rev. Eamonn O'Gorman, Rev. William Purcell, Rev. Tom O'Toole, Rev. Martin Cleere.
Front Row L-R Rev. Stephen McBrearty, Rev. Kieran Cantwell, Bishop Laurence Forristal, Rev. John Condon, Rev. Michael Canny.



40th Anniversary of St Kieran's Class of 1962-'67 pictured on the steps of St Kieran's College at their re-union on Saturday 10th May 2008.



Front Row (L to R): Sean Reidy, John Clifford, Pat Gray, Pat Curran, Jim Kavanagh, John Minogue, Fr. Sean Cassin OFM, Fr. John Clohossey, David Godwin and Brendan Lonergan.

Second Row (L to R): Tom Reid, Fr. Joe Delaney, Guest of Honour, Paddy Kavanaagh, Donie Gray, Richie Power, Jim Delaney, Paddy Hughes, Sean O'Farrell and Noel Walsh.

Third Row (L to R): Bill Bergin, Fr. Liam Cassin, Aidan McCormack, Pat Alley, Martin O'Sullivan, Mick Moore, Joe Cummins and John Cahill.

Fourth Row (L to R): Pat Holohan, Anthony Dillon, Billy McEvoy & Ned Cuggy.

Fifth Row (L to R): Brendan Morrissey, Paddy Dunne, John Loughman, Michael O'Shea and Donie Butler.

Sixth Row (L to R): Mick Delaney, Richard O'Farrell, and Fr. Dan Cavanagh.

Seventh Row (L to R): Michael Loughman, John Stapleton, Pat Raleigh, Jim Stokes and Bill Brennan. In attendance at reunion but absent from photograph: Jim Brennan, Fr. Willie Dalton, Ted Dore, Michael Kelly, Eamonn Langton, Michael Mahony, Oliver McEvoy, Brendan Walsh, Pat Walsh and Bobby Wemyss. Absent due to late obligations elsewhere Larry Brennan and Roddy Kelly.



Tom Looby retires after a lifetime of dedication

Mr. Adrian Finan

Born in Listowel, Co. Kerry on January 2nd 1942 Tom Looby went on to study in De La Salle Waterford before graduating from UCC with a B.Com. and H.Dip. Ed in 1972. Later that year Tom joined the teaching staff of St. Kieran's College- his first class was 2B Commerce. His dedication to his students was second to none and he went on to teach countless numbers of students Business Studies and Accounting over the course of the next 35 years. Indeed, many of his colleagues are also grateful to Tom for some sound financial advice over those same years.

Tom is a man of many parts and he was to the fore when a new

programme was introduced at Leaving Cert. level, becoming the first Co-ordinator of LCVP in the school. He also became a Year Head when they were first introduced and was a great support to the students, his colleagues and management.

Outside of the classroom Tom developed a great love of sport and was extremely proud of the achievements of all of the students regardless of the area of endeavour. His contribution to Handball in the school will always be remembered. As manager of the various handball teams he and the boys achieved great success winning several All-Ireland titles. World Champion handballer, Richie Hogan, is only one of the many talented players who are grateful

to Tom for his guidance and assistance over the years.

Another great interest of Tom's was photography. Tom and his camera were present at all games and events where St. Kieran's were represented and his collection of photos are proving to be an invaluable and permanent record of life in St. Kieran's College during the last 10 years in particular. He also liaised with Mr. Tom Brett to ensure that all of the achievements of the college made their way to the Kilkenny People and into the public domain.

We all miss Tom in the staffroom. He was a great colleague and is still a great friend to us all. He will always be a proud St. Kieran's man.



Talented Tomás retires after 38 years

Ms. Anne Wemyss

In 1969 Tomás began his teaching career choosing to come to Kilkenny. He taught Irish and History to generations of boys over the past 38 years. He was a dedicated teacher all this time. That is an impressive record on its own, but it doesn't begin to describe the extent of his talents.

Tomás was one of the pioneers of the Year Head system in St. Kieran's. He did the job for six years. He also served on the Board of Management. He took on the onerous planning post and it is becoming very clear that he is irreplaceable in that department! He also dedicated himself to extra-curricular activities such as debating

and public speaking. His teams enjoyed great success at national level. He championed chess in the Glass Hall as well as in the staff room.

Tomás is somebody who embraces change, so I am in no doubt about his ability to enjoy all that retirement offers. He has shown himself to be able for any challenges facing him whether social or technological. At a time when he might have been forgiven for sitting back and taking it easy, he decided to learn German and add it to his C.V.

I know Tomás won't be bored in retirement. As I said already, he has plenty to occupy him between cultural and technological endeavours. He is a keen photographer and can be relied upon to delve

into the archives and e-mail pictures capturing school events over the past 20 years or more. He also has a wonderful collection of historical and foreign language films to keep him busy.

On a personal note, I wish to say that I will miss Tomás in the staffroom. We worked well together, studied together and travelled together over the years. He is a good friend and neighbour.

Her lichen Glückwunsche Zum Ruhestand – Ich wunsche Dir Alles gute – ich wunsche Dir Gesundheit and Frohlichkeit!

Go n-éirí leat a Thomáis! Buail isteach chugainn ó am go chéile. Beidh fáilte romhat í gcónaí i seomra na muinteoirí.

Student Council

Corey Molloy (Fifth Year)

A Student Council was set up here in St. Kieran's College this time last year and has been in operation since then. Our Council consists of one student representing each class group in the school (however, recently some of the Sixth Years have taken a back seat, as they are preparing for their exams) and we have been meeting regularly over the past year. During this time, we have been working hard at securing what students feel the school needs, and as a result we have obtained a drum kit for the music department and the introduction of Friday study. This year we also had the honour of presenting Mr. Nicky Cashin with a gift on his retirement and Mr. Pat Murphy on his promotion as Principal in Duiske College, Graiguenamanagh.



Student Council 2008



Back Row L-R Jason Collier, Michael Costello, David Farrell, Cain Lynch, Paul Lynch, Corey Molloy, Brian Bannan
Front Row L-R Wayne Cuddihy, Peter Treacy, Patrick Lennon, Michael Lennon, Michael J. Comerford, Ciaran Breen.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Alan Byrne, Colm McPartland, Padraig Meaney, Patrick Lennon, Caimin Browne and Conor Hogan are to travel to Lourdes this May. This is a very special year to be travelling to Lourdes as it is the 150th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to St. Bernadette. These Fourth Year students will be

travelling as part of the Ossory Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, an annual pilgrimage, this year bringing 49 students from a variety of schools across the Dioceses.

The students have raised money to sponsor their trip with two days of bag packing in Dunnes Stores, through sponsorship cards, spon-

sorship from Bank of Ireland and with some funding from the Board of Management of St. Kieran's College. Each student will act as a carer for the sick when in Lourdes, helping people out with their own daily pilgrimage. We wish them a pleasant and enjoyable experience.



L-R Alan Byrne, Padraig Meaney, Colm Mc Partlan, Patrick Lennon, Conor Hogan, Caimin Browne

A Prayer for those Doing
Examinations.

Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding

Give me a sharp sense of understanding

A retentive memory

And the ability to grasp things correctly.

Most of all help me

To work as if everything depended on me

To pray as if everything depended on you.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Amen.



John Donovan past pupil of St. Kieran's College on his recent trip to Tanzania. John received 500 from the Board of Management to aid him with his work.

St. Kieran's College – from a student's perspective

Einstein once said that education is what remains after one has forgotten everything one learned in school. Hopefully, I won't be forgetting anything I've learned here until July, but these words got me thinking. Is St. Kieran's a school that concentrates solely on grades and high points, or does it provide "an education"? Well, after spending around a thousand days, seven hours a day in the place, I really should know at this stage! And I do. From skiing in the mountains of Andorra to pulling a black and white jersey over my head, St. Kieran's College has provided me with much more than just academic support.

When Mr. Lynch walked into hall twenty one for the first time in September 2002, us thirty, five foot nothing First Years knew full well that this was one teacher not to be messed with. After slamming the door and laying down the law (my way or the highway!) he said one thing to us that I'll never forget. He told us that if we followed the rules, studied hard and behaved reasonably well, that we'd all get along fine and from time to time even have a bit of fun in class. Funnily enough, it's taken me until now to realise that what he said was true, and it doesn't only apply with him, but to all of the staff here, and that's something that goes a long way in "educating" students.



Niall McQuillan (Sixth Year)

A good teacher is somebody who not only has vast knowledge of their subject and is able to share that knowledge with a class, but is also somebody who "educates" you. These people stick with you for the rest of your life, and the lessons they teach are ones that students remember, even after leaving school. St. Kieran's is awash with teachers like this, people who don't treat teaching as a means of earning a living, but as a way of changing and guiding teenagers in the right direction. Now I'm not saying all the teachers here are perfect all of the time, but from my experience, we're one of the luckiest groups around, as here the students have a voice, and the school is not run as a dictatorship. That's what pro-

duces not only good pupils in school, but good people.

At the entrance exam, everyone experiences the same thing- one hundred unfamiliar faces. Six years later, from that same hundred, you can probably pick your best friend, your team mates, and more importantly, men that will be a part of your life forever more, whether as a happy memory of school days causing trouble, or maybe as a lifelong friend. I know this all applies to me at least. And this is the beauty of my time in St. Kieran's. The memories, the scores of new friends, these are what have made my time in secondary school so memorable.

At twelve years of age I was a child, immature and oblivious to the world around me. Today, thanks to the teachers, the friends, and the memories created here in St. Kieran's I'm not that person anymore. I've survived (nearly...) the treacherous Irish education system where so much emphasis is put on academic success and points, points, points. This school manages to send its students out into the big bad world prepared intellectually, morally, and socially, something other schools often fail to do. The last one third of my life has flown by, and although I can't deny being delighted at nearly being finished, I can't help but feel like I might miss it. Just a bit though!

Gaisce Students Clean Surrounding Areas

This year saw the start of a new venture where Gaisce students cleaned the surrounding streets as part of their Community aspect of the President's Award.

Over twenty five students signed up to participate in the programme at the beginning of the year. The programme involved between one and four students each lunch

time and after school, collecting rubbish from both College Road and New Street. Students worked in pairs where one collected any materials found on the street that could be recycled and the second collected any refuse.

On return to the school, students then sorted out the recycling rubbish into the appro-

priate bins which are a new addition to the school this year. From the twenty five students who finished, only fifteen saw their commitment through to the end. These students must be highly commended for their dedication and hard work in trying to keep our streets clean. Well done to all involved.



Back Row L-R Richard Deasy, Eamon Costello, Cian O'Sullivan, David Rose
Middle Row L-R John Muldowney, Oliver Byrne, Caimin Browne, Ben O'Connor, Conor Hogan, Neil Butler
Front Row L-R Stephen Li, Reamon Brennan, Michael Nolan, Niall Quillan, Paul Forristal.

Team Maths come third in National Finals

Six teams from St. Kieran's College took part in the regional section of the Maths quiz. This year CBS Kilkenny hosted the quiz. Over twenty teams competed in the quiz. On the night, twenty questions were asked, and one of our teams won by answering fifteen of them correctly. The winning team consisted of Jack O'Connor, Tom Ryan, Ciaran Treacy and Oisín Daly. This team went on to represent the school in the National Finals, which were held in University College Cork. They came a very respectable third.



L-R Tom Ryan, Ciaran Treacy, Mr. Charlie Lynch (Teacher), Jack O'Connor, Oisín Daly

Trath na gCeist

Daithí Dé Búitleir



Le blianta beaga anuas, cuirtear comórtas Tráth na gCeist ar siúl ar fud na tíre ag FEACHTAS, eagraíocht a Chothaíonn Gaeilge i measc daoine óga. Bíonn an comórtas reigiúnach don Oirdheisceart ar siúl i gColáiste Chiaráin gach uile bhliain roimh am Nollag. Mar is gnáth bhí scoileanna cáiliúla ón réigiún ag iomaíocht cosúil le Colaiste Naomh Leoin Ceatharlach agus Naomh Mhuire, Cnoc Beag, i measc scoileanna. Le níos mó ná tríocha foirne faoi lathair, thainig foireann Colaiste Chiaráin chun cinn, le muintir Cnoc Beag sa dara láit. Bhí craobh na hÉireann ar siúl ar an 1 Márta, i mBaile Áth Cliath. Gan aon traidisiún sa chomórtas bhí cion oibre deacair ag na Ciaráinnaigh an bua a fháil in aghaidh foirne le i bhfad níos mó taithí agus iarbhuaitheoirí ina measc. Bhí ceathrar ar an bhfoireann Daithí Dé Búitleir agus Séan Ó Connaire mar na bunchomhaltaí sinsearacha. Faraor ní raibh Séan in ann freastal ar an gcrabhadh náisiúnta agus cuireadh Séan ó Dúbhail ina ionad. Ba iad Cionnaith Ó Fearghaíl agus Derek Ó Faolain na comhaltaí sóisearacha. Nuair a tháinig an crú ar an tairme rinne gach duine a dhícheall sa chraobh ach bhí mí-ádh ortha agus bhuaigh Béal átha hAmhnais, Co. Mhaigh Eo don dara bliain as a chéile. Buíochas leis an t-Uasal Curtis agus Bean Uí Riain a chabhraigh leis an bhfoireann i rith na bliana agus comhgháirdeas don fhoireann

Cairdeas

Twelve of our Fifth Year students took part in the Cairdeas programme this year. This programme has been set up in the school to help First Years to settle into their new school environment. The Cairdeas team agreed at the beginning of the year to help initiate our First Years.

Each Fifth Year was assigned nine students to look after. They met each of their students at the begin-

ning of the year and following on from this, they met with the First Years regularly, particularly at the beginning of the year. The beginning of secondary school can be difficult for First Years with so many new subjects and new faces to get used to. The Cairdeas team aim to help First Years with any concerns they may have at this challenging time and indeed, throughout the year the Cairdeas

team have been present in the school to assist with the needs of their assigned First Year group if necessary.

This programme will be continued in September with the new group of First Years. Our thanks to the Cairdeas team for volunteering to help with this programme this year. We hope that next year is as successful.



Back Row L-R Richard Troy, Stephen Comerford, Robert Butler, Kevin Nolan, John Cahill, Shane Norton.
Front Row L-R Sean Direen, Eddie Murphy, Conor Brennan, John Muldowney, Tom Tennesyon, Conor Quigley.

421 programme



Sixteen Transition Year students have been training in the 4-2-1 Drugs Programme and have been working with First Year students during the year. The programme is designed to teach Transition Year students about the different types

of drugs, their effects and some of the reasons why people use drugs. Having trained for three days these students in turn devise a six week course where they present their new found knowledge to First Year students in the school.

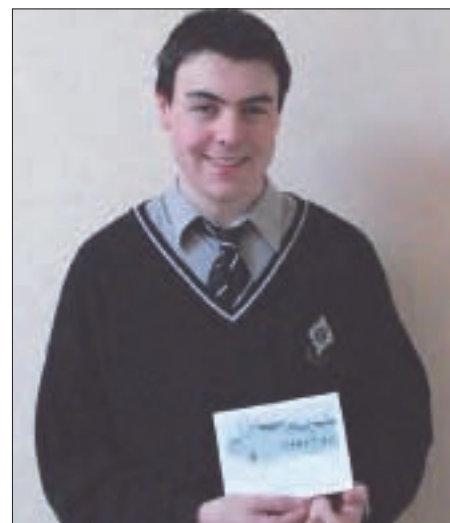
Art Competition

(Jake Casey Second Year)

This year St. Kieran's College took part in the "European Union and Non Discrimination" poster competition which was organised by the European Commission Directorate for General Justice, Freedom and Security through the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Jake Casey, Michael Drennan, Alex Daniloys and Patrick Dorney, all of whom are in Second Year, won first prize in Ireland for their poster "Anti-Discrimination" in the 12-14 age

group. On November 20th (International day for the rights of the child) they were presented with their prize by Martin Territt (CEO European Commission (IRL)) and Mr. Balbernie (CEO ISPCC) in the European House Dublin. The poster went on to represent Ireland in Europe.

Our Christmas Card Competition was won this year by Michael Sherlock (Fifth Year). His design was then used as the College's Christmas Card for 2007.



Jake Casey, Michael Drennan, Alex Daniloys and Patrick Dorney receiving their prize from Martin Territt (CEO European Commission (IRL)) and Mr. Balbernie (CEO ISPCC)



Robbie Kavanagh Sixth Year - Stretching Clay Modelling



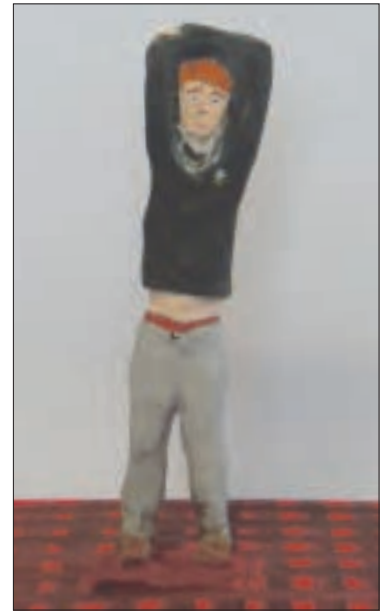
John Fagan Sixth Year - "Christ is nailed to the cross" Clay Modelling



Gavin Duffy Sixth Year – "Tigerland" Poster



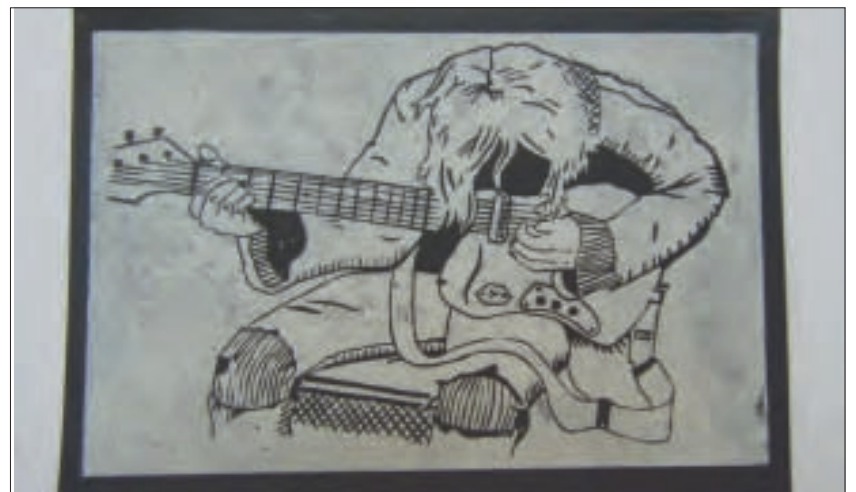
Eoin Holohan Fifth Year - "Grease" Lino Print



David Doyle Fifth Year - "Cian O'Sullivan stretching" Clay Modelling



John Wallace Sixth Year – "Space Holiday Destination" Poster



Brian Banahan Fifth Year - "Musican" Lino Print



Colm Dowling Sixth Year - "Christ falls for a second time" Clay Modelling

Rome Trip '08

David Freeman &
Donal Brennan
(Transition Year)

For our trip to Rome we departed on Saturday 9th of February with 7 teachers and 45 students. We left Kilkenny at around 7am and arrived in Dublin Airport just before 9. The flight lasted between three to four hours. From the airport in Rome it took us about an hour to get to the hotel as the traffic was very busy. The hotel was fairly small with 3 to a room and 4 in some cases. Once we had dropped in our bags, we headed for the Stadio Olimpico for Roma vs. Reggina. Roma won 2-0 in a not so exciting encounter.

After breakfast on the second day we headed towards the Irish College for Mass. After Mass we were treated to food in the College. We then proceeded to St. Peter's Square, waiting anxiously for the Pope to appear. After a long wait, he finally emerged and gave us his blessing. We then headed to an open area where there was a host of matches on television such as England vs. Italy in rugby and Chelsea vs. Liverpool in the Premiership. On each night after Chef Express we walked around the city, visiting the Trevi Fountain, Circus Maximus and the Wedding Cake (Vittorio Emmanuel Monument) on different occasions.

Monday was a day everyone was looking forward to, visiting the Colosseum. The Colosseum was interesting along with the Roman Forum and the Pantheon. We were allowed to get a look at Rome for ourselves for an hour or two before making our way to Chef Express and thereafter had a good night's rest.

On Tuesday we had a long journey to Pompeii, three and a half hours in total. This was also a very interesting tour and the guide was very good. We had dinner in a local restaurant. Before going back to the hotel Donal Brennan, Sean Phelan and Paul Holden were ambushed by 3 huge dogs while kicking a rugby ball to each other. On the way back to Rome we stopped off at the beach where a giant game of rugby began, with everyone trying to take out Mr. Smith. After an hour or so we headed back to Rome and went to see 'Charlie Wilson's War' in the cinema.

St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museum were on the agenda for Wednesday. Fr. Sean was in his element and fitted right in. Unfortunately the Dome on the Basilica was closed but everyone still had a great time. Andrew Cantwell's team won out the tournament while Damian Tynan won the Golden Boot with 11 goals. David Farrell was named as player of the tournament also. The winners received a cup...a plastic cup.

On Thursday we went to the market where there were lots of deals on offer. James Gannon in particular bought a lot of handbags. Next stop was the Via del Corso, Rome's main shopping street. We all chipped in as Keith Davitt bought Valentine's Day presents for all of the female teachers. That evening we went ice-skating which Michael Dowling proved best at. Some teachers were too afraid to go out i.e. Ms. Brennan and Ms. Lynch. We arrived back late and everyone packed their



things in anticipation of the flight home early in the morning.

Everyone was up bright and early for the bus to the airport.....6 o'clock. We were all handed our passports as we said goodbye to the hotel. We all got home safe in the end though but not without Sean Phelan managing to forget his bag in Dublin Airport. We arrived home in the early afternoon, glad to be back in Kilkenny.

There are a lot of memorable moments from the tour. The two that stick in our minds are Mr. Smith using the microphone on the bus and Fr. Sean talking about Chef Express. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip that no-one will ever forget. We would like to thank all the teachers for their work in organising the tour and looking after us for the week.



Irish College



Soccer League at the Irish College



Strolling in Pompeii



Taking down Mr. Smith



The gladiators at the Colosseum

Concern Fast 1SF and 1SC

By Ronan Leahy (First Year)

On November 22nd classes 1SF and 1SC took part in the Concern Fast 2007. This fast takes place every year and is to raise money for people in developing countries. We were all given sponsorship cards which we took home and asked friends and family to sponsor us. I found it very easy to collect the money as people were so generous. However, fasting for 24 hours was harder than I thought. It really made me think how hard it would be to go without food for longer and on a regular basis. Both classes did very well in the fast and together we raised 3706 euro. We were very proud of ourselves. Our teacher Ms. Galway invited a man from Concern to come to the school and he gave us a very interesting talk about where the money we raised would be going. We then presented him with the cheque. I was very glad to take part in this and I would love to do

another fundraiser again. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks a million to all the people who supported us!!!

Pictured right: Jack Dowling and Anthony Patchell

Pictured below: Ms Galway with students from 1SF and 1SC presenting their proceeds to Concern



3SF Irish Aid Centre visit

Ciarán Madden Third Year

On the 25th January my class, 3SF, went on a visit to the newly opened Irish Aid Centre in Dublin. This was for our C.S.P.E Action Project. The Irish Aid Centre is an information centre which educates people on where Irish Aid goes to. When we arrived we were split into two groups. First our group had an interactive session in which we learned about the MDG's (Millenium Development Goals) and their importance. We listened to a story about an African Family and we had to make up link ups with the MDGs using balls of wool!! Then the groups swapped over and we went

around the centre looking at the various information boards and computers. We had to find the answers to a quiz. This was great fun but some of the statistics were

really shocking, such as the life expectancy in some of the poorer countries. Overall it was an informative and enjoyable trip.



C.S.P.E. Trip to Mountjoy Prison

As part of our C.S.P.E Junior Cert our class, 2SF, discussed various ideas that we had for an action project with our teacher Mr. Forrest.

Ultan Moran said that his father is a chief prison officer in Mountjoy and that he would be willing to organise a trip for us. Daire Gleeson's father

organised a bus for us. We obtained permission from the Principal Mr. Curtis. On Wednesday 12th March, we headed off for Dublin.

Mr. Forrest and Mr. O'Neill came with us on the trip. In Mountjoy, we got a tour of the prison. We got to see many interesting things. In the

museum downstairs, we saw weapons the prisoners made from the most basic things like melting a screw. We got to see some of the prisoners' cells. This was very interesting. Overall, the trip was a great experience.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning

By Ciarán Breen, 1st Year



On the 3rd of March 1SK held a Coffee Morning in the school cafeteria to raise awareness for Fairtrade. We learned about Fairtrade in our C.S.P.E class. When we heard it was Fairtrade Fortnight we decided to do something about it. Fairtrade is where the producer gets a good price for his product. Our Coffee Morning took place at 11.00 am on a snowy morning, so hot drinks were high in demand. We sold Fairtrade tea, coffee, hot chocolate,

orange juice, biscuits, vanilla fudge, bananas and also various types of Fairtrade chocolate.

All the students in 1SK put in money to buy the products. We were sold out by 12.00 pm and we had made a profit which Monsignor Kieron Kennedy very kindly agreed to match. This was sent to Trocaire for their Lenten Campaign.

I would like to thank the kitchen staff for all their help. Also thanks

to Mr. Finan, Mr. Curtis and Monsignor Kennedy for giving us permission to hold the event. Thanks especially to our teacher Ms. Galway for helping us to organise the Fairtrade Coffee Morning. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all the students and teachers who supported us by coming to the Coffee Morning. I would encourage people to buy Fairtrade products as it is for a very good cause.

Debating Team

Corey Molloy (Fifth Year)

This year St. Kieran's College took part in the senior Concern Debates. The team, Corey Molloy, Hugh Manning, Cain Lynch and Robbie Molloy (substitute Niall Quinlan, and supervising teacher Mr. O'Neill) performed well, debating some controversial topics centred on the Developing World in the group stages. We found it to be a great experience overall, working out how to tackle various subjects raised, speak well and effectively, and discovering so much about controversial things like the G8 Summit, Live Aid/Live 8 and exactly where aid money goes, and we thoroughly enjoyed the debates. Thanks to all involved, especially those who helped when we were hosting a debate here in the College.



General Knowledge Quiz

This year TV3 ran a general knowledge quiz to encourage Transition Year students to brush up on their general knowledge. The regional heats of the quiz were held in St. Kieran's College in which eight teams competed.

The teams were from the Kilkenny, Carlow, Waterford and Wexford regions. There were two rounds to the quiz, the first round was a general table quiz layout and if you qualified from this round, you moved into the second round. This round was like a soccer match with goalies and strikers, the goalie could



save if they answered a question correctly and to score the striker had to answer questions correctly. St. Kieran's College won the heat and have been short-listed for the final

sixteen in Ireland.

The final round of the competition is to be held early next year and is to be showcased on TV3.

The International Club

Alex Kaczmarek (Second Year)

Our International Club comprises of 22 students from nine different countries, Germany, Latvia, Serbia, Russia, Poland, Spain, South Korea, India and Lithuania. During the year we met as a group occasionally. The idea behind setting up this club was to ensure that we all felt welcome in our new school and to establish a circle of friends between us.

Back in September, Ms. Lynch brought us for pizza to help us get to know each other and we all had a great time. At the end of October, we had a

Halloween party where we were introduced to the typical food and games that are enjoyed here in Ireland. That was really good fun too. We plan to meet again before the summer holidays.

When I came to St. Kieran's first, I found it different not being in a mixed school. Also, the school day was much longer here but so were the holidays! My main difficulty was my level of English but now looking back on the last two years it has improved a lot. I am enjoying my time here and I have learned a lot about Irish culture.

Kevin Shortall and Eamonn Costello representing St. Kieran's College in the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Norway.



St. Kieran's scoop 2nd prize in Young Entrepreneur competition

Caimin Browne (Transition Year)

The Young Entrepreneur project started on our second week back in school. We were allowed form our own business groups with a maximum of 5 people. To get help on setting up a business and getting a plan, Bernie Mc Coy from the County Enterprise Board came in and gave us advice on what to sell. Groups who now had an idea went around selling their products to the students in the school and for some of us outside of it. But before any of this happened a lot of market research had to be done. We were given from September until January to sell the product. Some were lucky enough to make a big profit

and remain in the competition while others lost interest. In February a report was to be handed in to see who would go through from our school. Three groups from Kieran's got through to the county finals. A group selling St. Kieran's hoodies and jerseys, a group selling key-rings and hats and the group I was in selling personalised t-shirts.

We had to wait until March 13th for the county final, in which all the groups from our school had a chance. A lot of work had to be put in, and it didn't help the situation when work experience came in the middle of it. But the groups worked

hard and the 13th came around fast. There was expectation in the air on county final day with everyone's eyes on the 300 prize. Three judges examined each group on their individual projects with results to be announced in the afternoon. In the end St. Kieran's had one winner which luckily for me was TY T-shirts. We came 2nd overall, after a rollercoaster few months.

Thanks for making this possible are due to our business teacher Mr. Connolly. Also, to the teachers who let the Entrepreneurs in and out of class. A rollercoaster ride with a profit at the end!



Mr. Sean McKeown, CEO County Enterprise Board, Caimin Browne, Mr. Declan Murphy, Kilkenny Tourism, Dermot Kelly, Mayor Marie Fitzpatrick, Daryl Butler.

Creative Writing Workshop

Eoghan O' Connor, Second Year

For the third year in a row St. Kieran's has been lucky enough to be included in the "Writer-in-Residence" programme. This year our writer was Tony Curtis, an established poet with many publications and a collection of some of the most amazing stories one could read.

Two or three students from every class in First and Second Year were nominated by their English teachers to take part in the writing workshop. It took place every Tuesday morning for eight weeks, and turned out to be a most enjoyable experience.

Tony was bright and cheerful, and was always ready to spout no end of poetry about everything and anything. During the eight weeks we read and produced a lot of poetry about everything and anything. We also had great fun, and learned a few songs. Tony went around Kilkenny every week before the session and took pictures of objects that stood out to him. We used these as inspiration to write our poems. He told us not to think about what we were writing, just to write.

Near the end of the workshop, we each picked one or two of our favourite poems, printed them off and gave them to Tony. He perfected them and sent them off to his friend Pat Mooney at the National College of Art and Design.

The combination of our poems,

Tony's photographs, Pat Mooney's skill and Mr. Cotter's hard work resulted in nineteen beautifully designed and framed poems. It's hard to believe that they all started off as a few scribbles in a copybook. Each writer was presented with a copy of his poem by Jane O' Hanlon, the Education Officer of Poetry Ireland. More copies were requested by family and fellow students.

On April 24th, we held an exhibition in the College theatre to recognise the time and effort put into the project. The night was a great success. Mr. Cotter welcomed everybody and then we had a few words from Mr. Curtis and then Tony himself. Tony may have alarmed some parents by saying that he frequently works in psychiatric hospitals and prisons.

Next, each young poet took to the stage and recited his poem. We had short intervals for music by myself, Cathal Minnock and Aidan Byrne. We were also lucky enough to be joined by Jack O' Connor, who performed his poem "Deadline" for us. His poem has been chosen to go forward to represent our school in the All-Ireland Poetry Slam in Galway.

The "Writer-in-Residence" programme 2008 was a huge success and a great help to many aspiring young writers. Many thanks to Tony for all the work

Our National Game

*The clash of the ash, as many do say,
Is an opportunity to keep your enemy at bay.*

*Who is brave enough to raise a hand in the air,
To show pride in the jersey that they wear?*

*The clash of the ash. The quest for the ball.
The bigger they are, the harder they fall.*

Eoin Gough

Stone

*I'm a small stone,
Hard as a rock.*

*For a thousand years
I lived in a river.*

*I heard farmers and fisher folk
Call it 'The Barrow'.*

*It was full of trout
And reeds and river song.*

*In summer
Flies that danced on water.*

*A man in a rowing boat
Reached in and stole me.*

*He it was who stuck
Me in this city wall.*

*The only water
Passing over me now*

*Is piss and rain
And tears.*

Peter Treacy

Sleep

*The bare frozen ice
Spread quickly over the
land -
While the mundane sleep.*

Eoghan O'Connor

Pudding No More

*The lane with puddings
'Pudding Lane'
Was only a hungry name.*

*Old men searched the street
For years
Looking for puddings.*

*They dreamt of puddings
Covered in custard
Or with a dollop of cream.*

*These were hungry, tired old
men;
It must have been
The time of the Great Famine.*

*A woman took pity on them,
Fed them soup.
Telling them, each and every
one.*

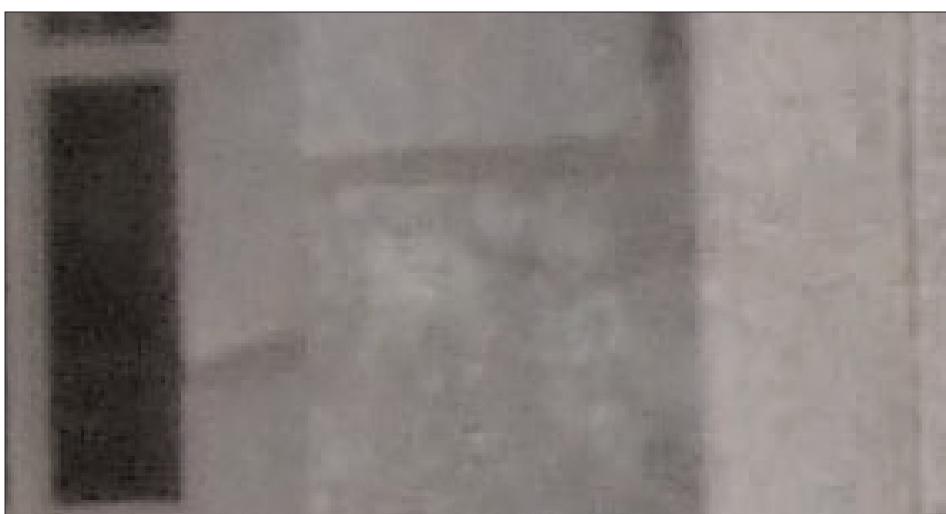
*You won't find puddings
In pudding lane, only cobbles –
And you can't eat stone.*

Jack Dowling

English Awards

In the spring of this year all English classes took part in the St. Kieran's College Telling Stories Project. Hundreds of students composed their own stories and a winning story was chosen from each year group. The English Award for Third Year and Sixth Year in 2008 go to the two boys whose stories were selected. They were Michael Tierney (Third Year) and David Butler (Sixth Year). Winners from the other year groups were:

Eoin Cooney (First Year)	- "It made me think"
Fergal Lalor (Second Year)	- "Untitled"
Anthony Wilson (Transition Year)	- "The Great Escape"
Eamonn Costello (Fifth Year)	- "The People you Meet"



L-R Eoin Cooney, Anthony Wilson, Eamonn O'Connor, Michael Tierney, Fergal Lalor, Mr. Larry Cotter (Teacher)



Students involved in the poetry workshop

Awards Night 2007

Ms. Jean Fitzpatrick

One of the highlights of the St. Kieran's College School year is the annual Student of the Year Award Ceremony, and this year the 13th annual presentation took place in the Watergate Theatre on Wednesday May 30th, where students were rewarded for their outstanding academic, sporting and extra-curricular achievements during the 2006-2007 school year.

Every year St. Kieran's College acknowledges one of the school's former pupils for his exceptional accomplishments in Irish society and the 2007 recipient and Guest of Honour was Mr. Nicky

Brennan, President of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Hosted by teacher Ms. Jean Fitzpatrick, the packed theatre was also entertained by musical and poetry acts throughout the evening, culminating in a wonderful display of Samba drumming.

Principal of St. Kieran's College Mr. John Curtis complimented the students on their successes in the various fields, wishing the departing Leaving Cert class of 2007 good luck and happiness in their future endeavours.

In the Academic Awards section, prizes were presented to students in various subject

categories with the principal recipients being:

First Year:
Ciaran Casey

Second Year:
Michael Tierney

Third Year:
Eamon O'Connor

Fifth Year:
Niall McQuillan

Sixth Year:
James Shortall

The year's major sports awards were presented to:

Stephen O'Keeffe (Cross Country), **John Fagan** (Athletics), **Tony McGrath** (Soccer), **Luke Hickey** (Gaelic Football) and **John Joe Farrell** (Hurling), with the overall sports star of the year award going to **Martin Phelan**.

There were also many special achievement

awards. However, the highlight of the evening was the presentation to the Students of the Year for 2007 and this years winners were:

First Year:
Aravind Menon

Second Year:
Conor McMorow

Third Year:
Caimin Browne

The Patrick Kilroy Award for Best Transition Year student went to:

Paul Forristal

Fifth Year:
Tom Ryan

The Sixth Year recipient and overall Student of the Year Award was:
Aidan O'Neill.

Award Recipients – Academic Achievements

<i>Mathematics:</i>	Jamie Fogarty (Junior) James Cahill (Senior)
<i>Irish:</i>	Corn na Gaeilge – James Shortall
<i>Music:</i>	Pierre Morrissey (Junior) Peter Cody (Senior)
<i>English:</i>	Patrick Lennon (Junior) James Cahill (Senior)
<i>Technical Graphics:</i>	Gerard Teehan
<i>Art:</i>	Chris Casey (Junior) Philip Brennan (Senior)
<i>Business Studies:</i>	Eamon O'Connor (Junior) Glen Campion (Senior)

The Frank Muldowney Award for best results in the Junior Cert 2007:

Donal O'Farrell

Certificates of Merit to outstanding students this year went to:

First Year:	Fergal Brennan
Second Year:	Conor Holligan
Third Year:	Chris Casey Stephen Duncan David Freeman
Fourth Year:	Cain Lynch Eamon Costelloe
Fifth Year:	Mark Kinsella John Wallace Niall McQuillan Brian O'Shea
Sixth Year:	Michael Gannon Shane Brennan

St. Kieran's Day

Paul Forristal (Fifth Year)

St. Kieran's Day is held every year in St. Kieran's College to celebrate the feast of St. Kieran who founded the college in 1782. The actual feast day of St. Kieran is on March 5th but to make organisation easier this year the activity day was held on Friday March 7th.

The day began with all students attending mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. The mass was celebrated by the College President,

Monsignor Kieron Kennedy with the school choir providing the music for the ceremony.

After mass, students returned to the school for the activities. Over the previous week teachers had arranged a wide range of activities to which students signed up for one or more depending on the duration of the activity. A wide range of activities were organised for the day including snooker,

quadding, soccer, handball, bowling, golf, cinema, samba drumming, fishing, filming and paintball.

St. Kieran's Day is much looked forward to by students and nearly all interests are catered for. It is one of the most anticipated events on the school calendar and every student enjoys the break from normal school routine.



2nd Year Music Trip

On Wednesday 16th January, students from the Second Year Music class boarded a bus for their second Music trip of the year. This time, the trip was to the Olympia Theatre in Dublin to see the musical 'I Keano'. Excitement was high as they travelled the two hour journey to see the story of what happened in the Irish Soccer camp for the 2002 World Cup. The debate between Roy Keane (Keano) and Mick McCarthy (Macartacus) has been the topic of many a discussion but to see the story re-enacted on stage

and set to music puts a very different spin on the story. The music was cleverly thought out, through using well known songs e.g. Bohemian Rhapsody, and changing the lyrics to suit the Saipan saga. The story featured more characters like Packie Bonnerus, Surfia and Quinness. The whole production was hilarious and left you feeling aches in your cheeks from laughter. If you get a chance to catch what is thought to be the last showing of this hilarious musical epic, then call the Olympia Theatre.



School Choir Hits New Heights!

Members of the school choir have worked hard this year to prove their ability. This year saw the choir achieve four part harmony in great style for the St. Kieran's Day mass. The choir has also seen confident singers stepping forward to take solo parts which is an essential element in its progression. The choir performed *The Deer's Cry* by Shaun Davey and a number of liturgical compositions by Fr. Liam Lawton. Numbers for the choir are holding at about forty five members, ranging from First to Third Year. Next year will see the start of Senior students being permitted into the choir and will open up the vocal range of the group.

As well as developing their abilities as a choral group for school



functions, they have kept up the three year old tradition of carol singing in the Town Hall at Christmas for a charity. They have sung for Bóthar, Crumlin Children's Hospital and this year the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team for whom they raised a staggering 1,800 in under four hours. The total the choir has

collected for charity over the three years exceeds 5,600. A special thanks must go to Super Macs who have sponsored the choir over the last three years in their fundraising by providing hot food to all who performed as part of the carol singing at Christmas.

Songschool

This year, a new venture was introduced into the Transition Year music programme. This was run by an organisation called Songschool who are supported by I.M.R.O (Irish Music Rights Organisation). Songschool visited the school for three separate workshops over the year. The first two were for the Transition Year music classes. This took place in November. The workshop involved two days of learning how to plan a song, compose lyrics, divide tasks among the group and finally the recording of the composition. Huge effort was put in from students, which ranged from Caimin Browne rapping, Garry Corcoran and Bill Murtagh White displaying their excellent singing voices to the many musicians that are in the year displaying their talents. Songs ranged in content from prisons to messages of avoiding drugs to the life of one particular student. Some groups had solo singing where others had their full group sharing the lyrics. In the photo below, you can see one of the groups recording the



vocals for their song.

On the return of Songschool, they worked with students from the Fifth Year music class who composed two songs in less than a full day as their St. Kieran's Day activity. Students from this class displayed incredible musical talents ranging from Pierre Morrissey, Barry

Mullins and David Rose on guitars to David Kennedy singing. Other students who participated in the Fifth Year group were Liam Doyle (Piano), Cian O'Sullivan (Synthesiser), Colin Manning (Trombone) and Evan Prendergast (Drums).

National Concert Hall Trip

After the hardship of school it was with a great sigh of relief that the Second and Third Year Music classes travelled to the National Concert Hall in Dublin. We set out by bus early in the morning and had arrived at our destination by noon. We were warmly greeted by Gearóid Grant, the cheerful, lively and exuberant conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra. What we experienced far surpassed our expectations as the orchestra flawlessly

performed set and choice works and songs from various eras and genres, most related to our course work. Among the pieces they played was the movement Farandole from the L'arlesienne Suite No. 1, by George Bizet. It was, however, the Irish music piece that stole the show, as from our high up balcony seats we watched the performance of Shaun Davey's Ripples in the Rockpools by his wife, Rita Connolly. Her strong voice carried through the entire concert

hall as she immaculately performed the piece. She was accompanied by the famous Uilleann piper, Liam O'Flóinn. Between them and the orchestra they left us with a musical experience worth remembering. The whole performance was flawless and it was with great regret that we left the vast hall. It has left us, and we're certain everyone else present, with a lasting impression. It was an experience we will never, ever forget.

The President's Award

Paul Forristal (Fifth Year)

The 'Presidents Award' or 'Gaisce' is a personal achievement award scheme that was organised by the late President Patrick Hillary during his term of office. The award is open to people between the ages of 15 and 25. People attempting to achieve the award must complete four challenges over the course of a year. The four challenges are community work, physical activity, learning a new skill and planning and participating in an adventure. The award is divided into three cat-

egories; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each category requires a specific number of hours commitment to each challenge per week.

Through the year, students have participated in community work, physical activity and the learning of a skill. These three challenges are organised by the students themselves and a group adventure is organised by the school for all participants. This year the participants travelled to Star Sailing Adventure Centre in Kenmare for the adventure part of the award. The weekend involved three days of canoe-

ing with all participants paddling between 35 -45 km. Of the 43 people that signed up for the award at the beginning of the year, 33 participants are on course to receive a medal proving completion of the award.

The Presidents Award is a great achievement to put on your C.V. and is also an excellent opportunity for personal development. Thanks must go to the teachers who co-ordinated the award and all the other teachers who helped out on the adventure weekend.



The President's Award – Adventure Weekend

Chris Casey (Transition Year)

This year's Gaisce adventure weekend to Kenmare had an early start. At 5am in the morning, on Friday April 4th our bus left Kilkenny. There were 30 of us, 14 Transition Year, 14 Fifth Years and two teachers, Ms Comerford and Ms. Galway. The other teachers would follow us after school had finished. Most of us slept on the way down, but for those who didn't, there were DVD's playing for most of the four - hour journey. When we finally arrived, we were already wrecked. We dropped our bags off at our apartments and headed straight to the 'Star Sailing' Adventure Centre. Once there, we were split and while the Fifth Years headed straight out onto the water with Ms. Comerford and Ms. Galway, us Transition Years stayed on land. We spent the day doing lots of different activities and by the time it was lunchtime, Fr Sean had arrived, after getting lost! After lunch, we started building rafts, but most of us ended up just jumping into the water. By now the Fifth Years and teachers had returned and were moaning about how tired they were and how hard it was, but none of us listened. That night we stayed up until the early morning, a little too late. The next morning we all headed out into the bay, as well as Mr. Reddy, Mr.

McCormack, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Buckley and Ms. Lynch, who had arrived the night before. We were divided into canoes and kayaks and were on our way. It was tough going across the open bay and it wasn't long before we had our first casualties when Keith Davitt, Conor Hogan and Reamonn Brennan fell in. They weren't the last to capsize, and by the end of the day most of us were soaking and freezing, especially Ms. Galway, who was the only teacher to fall in that day. She still claims that she was pushed. We enjoyed lovely hot showers and a big dinner when we got back. We spent the rest of the evening at the apartments and playing indoor soccer nearby.

When the final day dawned, it was a struggle for most people to get out of bed. The only teachers left to brave the water again were Ms. Buckley and Ms. Comerford. That day was the toughest as the tide was the lowest that it was all year and the wind and waves were fierce. Plenty of people got stuck in the mud, both in and out of their boats. Overall everyone enjoyed the weekend and had a great time while earning their Bronze and Silver medals, although no one complained when we were told to get out of the water for the last time.



LCVP visit to Conor Brennan (Fifth Year) *Waterford Crystal*

The Fifth Year LCVP class went on a trip to Waterford Crystal as part of the requirement for their portfolio. We left for Waterford on the 20th February at 12.00. We were accompanied by Mr. Darmody and Mr. Donnelly. The aim of the trip was to investigate how a multinational company operates. When we arrived in Waterford, our tour guide brought us around the plant.

We went into the furnace room where we saw the red hot molten crystal take shape in a miracle of light, heat and skill. In the cutting room, we saw the glass being cut to a particular shape by diamond tipped wheels. We then proceeded to the sculpting department, which is an excellent example of craft and precision. We also saw craftspeople work from a solid block of crystal to create specially commissioned pieces that serve as trophies or presentation

pieces for sporting and commemorative events. Waterford Crystal produced the Times Square Millennium Ball to officially welcome in the New Millennium on New Year's Eve in New York.

The trip was a worthwhile experience and we had lots of information for our Summary Report. Overall LCVP has been very beneficial to me. I have typed up my curriculum vitae and a sample letter of application for a job. We did interview skills in class and we also got to go on a week's work experience. At the moment, we are doing a career investigation into our own chosen career. We have also done work on enterprise such as how to set up your own business and the skills required for an entrepreneur. LCVP is well worth doing as it prepares you for life after school. It is held as a double class once a week in 5th and 6th year.



*Back Row L-R Daniel Whelan, Paddy Mullan, Stephen Comerford, James Brennan, Geoff Doyle, Rory Hogan
Middle Row L-R Mr. Terry Donnelly (Teacher) Jimmy Byrne, David Prendergast, John Cahill, Paul Barron, Conor Brennan, Mr. Patrick Darmody (Teacher)*



*Back Row L-R Stephen Comerford, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sam Holmes, Jeff Doyle, Shane Farrelly, Shay Butler, Chris Nolan, Eoin Grant
Middle Row L-R Jamie Monaghan, T.J. Sherman, Paul Barron, David Prendergast, Conor Brennan, John Cahill, Shane Norton
Front Row L-R Robert Butler, Cathal Kavanagh, Tommy Tenneson, Gary Armitage, David Kennedy, Ms. Maureen Meaney (Teacher)*

Educational trip to Kildalton College

On Friday April 11th the Fifth Year Agricultural Science class went on a trip to Kildalton College. The class undertook the trip as part of the Leaving Cert Course to see a model farm. Kildalton is a Teagasc training college located in Piltown, Co. Kilkenny. Kildalton College offers a wide range of vocational and higher level courses in Agriculture, Horticulture and Equine Studies. Kildalton has a partnership with W.I.T and it owns 365 acres and rents a further 250 acres. The enterprises on the farm are suckler beef, dairy cows, sheep enterprise, calf to beef unit, deer, horses, arable crops, farm machinery and horticulture.

On arrival at Kildalton, we began our tour with the suckler beef enterprise. On the farm this year, they have in stock 44 suckler cows. We were talked through the

calving of the heifers and steers and the target weight they hope to sell the cattle for. Next, we went to see the dairy unit, which at present has 99 cows in lactation. The production and day to day running of the dairy unit was explained to us then. Following this, we moved on to the sheep enterprise where we spent a lot of time as a few of the lads in the class have sheep at home. The Kildalton sheep flock consists of 130 Belclare X Suffolk ewes and 40 Hoggets from the flock. This is run on dry stock of 50 h.a. Finally, we visited the tillage unit, which comprises of 33 h.a. The main crops they sow are wheat, barley, oats, oilseed rape, misconthus and willows.

Overall, it was a very successful day out as much was learned and we got to see how a day-to-day farm is run.

Sports Day

Sports Day was held in Scanlon Park on a sunny September Day. Senior students took part in soccer tournaments in the school, while the Junior students did everything from the long jump to three legged races. This day show

- cased the students' talents in the athletics' field, with outstanding displays in the high jump and track events. A great day was had by staff and students alike.



Second Year Belfast Trip 2008

Kevin Duncan (Second Year)

On 9th May last twenty two Second Year students gathered together at Kilkenny train station for a trip to Belfast. This trip is a type of exchange which has been running successfully in the school for the past 14 years. We gathered at 8am and took the train to Belfast Central. When we arrived we played indoor soccer and went swimming in the Andersonstown Leisure Centre. Andersonstown is a part of West Belfast where we would spend the remainder of our time there with our host school La Salle College. St. Kieran's students stayed in pairs with host families who looked after us really well making our stay all the more enjoyable.

On Saturday we played our first hurling match against O'Donovan Rossa and we had a good win. The star of the show was David Hennessy notching up 4 goals and a point. Richie Reid, Peter Walsh,

Decky McQuillan, Willie Murphy, Wayne Cuddihy and Stevie Thompson also put in fine displays. After the game we visited the new W5 centre, a science museum in the newly developed docklands area in Belfast followed by bowling after lunch. Mr. Fitzgerald showed great skill and agility in the bowling alley winning the golden glove award. We also went for a long walk up the Black Mountain to see some fine views of Belfast.

Sunday began with mass and a trip to a huge Leisureplex in Lisburn. The boys had a great time on the slides and the lazy river. Following this we were brought to a local news office, shopping and on a long walking/bus tour of East and West Belfast. One might have thought that our tour guide Mr. Buchanan was trying to tire out the lads for the game against our hosts "La Salle U-15" but surely he wouldn't be thinking like that would he? The game itself was a tough encounter as the

La Salle lads were fresher, older and a bit bigger than us. But we fought hard. Harry Wallace did a lot of hard work with Robert Hayes using his height in mid-field. Cormac Wafer kept things tight at the back while the forwards kept picking off the points. It was the one and only Paddy Walsh who scored a late goal to take control of the game. In the end the referee blew up for a controversial draw with three minutes left on the clock but overall a draw was probably a fair(ish) result.

On Monday we were wrecked (especially Richie Reid who went hill walking after the game!!!). A long journey home lay ahead. We said goodbye to our hosts with promises to return. Tired, hot and weary we returned to Kilkenny in need of a good night's sleep but also with memories of a great trip to Belfast which will stay with us for a long time to come.



Transition Year Activities

F.A.I. Coaching Course

Shane Egan (Transition Year)

This year, our Transition Year classes were told that whoever was interested in soccer, and particularly in soccer coaching, could have the chance to get the introduction level coaching certificate "Kick Start 1". This is a coaching certificate awarded by the F.A.I. and is designed to assist parents and coaches, to introduce children to fun soccer games and fundamental movement skills in a well-structured, stimulating and safe environment. Sixteen Transition Year students attended the course. To obtain the certificate we had to complete two, four hour sessions. Darren Murray, who coaches, and also organises various soccer events for the F.A.I., was our course co-ordinator.

We also had to organise a soccer blitz in our school and complete five coaching sessions with our local soccer club, which I did at Thomastown United, coaching 6-9 year olds.

To complete the certificate we had to present a project based on an analysis of a Premiership soccer match. This project needed to cover the technical, tactical, physical and mental elements of the

game.

The objective of the course was to provide coaches with the ability to plan, organise and implement a coaching session, identify the stages in the development of young players at the fundamental phase, between 6-9 years of age, and coach children between these ages in a fun, safe and friendly environment. This course was very beneficial to the Transition Year coaches who will now be able to help young players.

Samba Drumming

Anthony Wilson (Transition Year)

During this year all the Transition Year students took part in the Samba Drumming. It was much anticipated for most of us, as we had heard the loud banging of the drums since First Year, just like many of the teachers I'm sure. The day was split into two sessions, two classes attended the first session and the other two classes attended the second session in the afternoon. When we arrived the instructor told us what all the instruments were and how to play them. We were assigned an instrument and from there we worked in stages and different instrument groups. Each group was given a different beat to



play; we then joined up with the whole group to make the familiar loud thud that is heard downstairs. Each instrument group was given a solo to play as well as a big finale. Earlier on we were told that we would have to perform in front of a large audience. We knew that the pressure was on to get it right and make sure that there were no mistakes. We could feel the deadline approaching, but we all approached the task head on and put in a great team performance and a flawless act. We received a standing ovation at the end.







GAA Training Course

Ben O'Connor (Transition Year)

On April 8th and 10th, five Transition Year students involved in GAA from St. Kieran's College attended a GAA foundation training course in Nowlan Park. The five students who attended were Gavin Butler, Sean Phelan, Damien Tynan, Donal Brennan and Ben O'Connor.

On a frosty Tuesday morning, the five of us along with about twenty other students from various other schools around the county arrived at Nowlan Park. Our coaches for the two days were Brian Ryan and Jimmy Murphy. They started by welcoming us and giving a brief run over of the activities we were about to undertake for the two days. We were not expecting that one of our tasks would be to coach 60 young lads and girls on Thursday! We then got stuck into it with Brian and Jimmy showing us some theory of hurling coaching. After this, we went out onto The Park for a practical session where they showed us a few drills, skills, warm – ups and stretches.

Thursday came, we had a brief revision of the skills, and then it was off to O'Loughlins to coach the primary children. As they arrived like a tiny marching army full of energy, our

nerves started to tingle. We split them up into four different groups and went through everything that we had learned over the two days. All went smoothly with everybody getting involved and having a good laugh. The children really enjoyed themselves and overall it was a great day. The five of us are now completing a logbook with our own clubs by helping out with the U8's and U10's.

Car Safety Demonstration

Michael Sheehan (Transition Year)

In early April the Transition Year students participated in a car safety demonstration. The Road Safety Authority have been trying to raise awareness of vehicle and road safety. Michael Gleeson visits over 300 schools each year to demonstrate the importance of vehicle and road safety. There were different parts to the demonstration, to start with he showed us where to put the oil, the window washer fluid and the petrol. He showed us all the components under the bonnet, the engine, battery etc. He then demonstrated the correct way to wear a seat belt and what to do if you were in a crash situation. It was an eye opening experience as he told us many stories about his friends who were killed and how their lives could have been saved by wearing a seat belt. The demonstra-

tion was carried out in a trailer which Michael had built himself. The car itself was a Toyota that was cut in half. I think this was a very good exercise.

English Day

Michael Gorman (Transition Year)

Our Transition Years took part in a day of English on Wednesday May 7th. We all thought it would turn out to be a boring day but we were certainly proven wrong by the skill of the poets and playwrights. We were broken up in to separate groups for the individual classes. These classes were split into different sections, poetry with Declan Lucy, drama with Billy Roche, sports journalism with James Carew and a group with the playwright John Sexton. These were all quite interesting but the clear favourite was Declan Lucy who proved to be a real legend! The man himself is from Middleton in Cork and specialises in poetry, which we found the most interesting and enjoyable part of the day. The sports journalism was also interesting. We learned a lot about different aspects of drama. John Sexton gave us a great insight into life as a playwright and gave us a bit of information about his plays. Overall, it was a great day and a much more enjoyable way to learn English!



Retreats

Since September 2007 students of St.Kieran's College have received a class or group retreat. Our First Years went to the Edmund Rice retreat centre in Callan, Second Years to the De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown and Third Years spent the day at Mount Sion Retreat Centre, Waterford. Fourth Years and Leaving Certs. went on a contemplative walk from Graignamanagh to St.Mullins. Fifth Years also went to the De La Salle brothers, Castletown. It's important that we all take some time out of our busy lives to think about our lives, which direction we might be



going in or to contemplate the real meaning of our lives. Retreat days are supposed to be a relaxing break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and we feel that its important that all students have the chance to do this during the

school year. We often hear of things which can happen in life which puts things into perspective for us. May we never lose sight of the real meaning of our lives and give thanks for the many blessings we have.

Liturgies

Throughout the school year we have had many prayerful liturgies. A lot has happened since our opening year masses held in St.Patrick's Church back in September. These masses welcomed back our staff and students for another school year. In November we remembered our deceased loved ones and friends. During Advent we prepared for the birth of Christ with class prayers. A whole school liturgy was celebrated for the feast of St.Kieran in St. Mary's Cathedral on St.Kieran's Day. Lenten preparations consisted



of reflections and prayer for all classes and we are currently preparing for our Leaving Cert Graduation Mass and end of year mass due to be held at the end of May.

Daryl Butler, Dermot Kelly and Andrew Cantwell on Retreat in St. Mullins

BT Young Scientist Competition

There was great interest in competing in the BT Young Scientist competition this year with eight projects being submitted for entry to the country's premium science exhibition.

The projects that were entered ranged from the environmental sciences to the behavioural sciences. Great research was carried out on the respective projects with each group determined to qualify for the main exhibition in the RDS.

Some of the projects that were put forward included: The Effect of Video Gaming on the Circulatory System and Concentration Levels among Secondary School Students conducted by Eamon Costello, Oliver Byrne and Paul Forristal; The State of our Local Water Supplies in relation to our Health carried out by Eamonn Treacy and Donal Murphy; The Effect of Packaging Materials in reducing the Effect of UV Degradation of Milk carried out by Matt Murtagh-White, Maurice O'Neill and James Deasy.



Eamon Treacy and Donal Murphy



Maurice O'Neill, Matt Murtagh-White and James Deasy



Oliver Byrne, Eamon Costello, Paul Forristal



Science Week 2008

Bill Lahart (First year)

On Tuesday, 13th of November, 1SK went on a trip to Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) as part of Science Week. We were accompanied by Mr. Darmody and Ms. Meany. We went to two shows in WIT. The first show was called Hungarian Miracles. It was entertaining and many of us volun-

teered for the experiments. Diarmaid Hickey took off his shoes and stood on glass while Bill Lahart was waiting to get a shower with some sand. This lecture showed the fun side of science. Afterwards, we went to another show about the physics of the human body, which showed us what exactly happened to our bones in a crash- Ooch! We got lunch in the canteen and headed back to St. Kieran's on the bus. A fun day was had by all.

Scifest

Conor Wall (First year)

Students of 1SK with the help of Mr. Darmody took part in the Scifest 2008 competition in Carlow Institute of Technology on April 28th. We entered nine projects in the competition. We

started working on the projects in early March. The projects entered were investigations into:

- CO2 emissions from cars
- How video games effect IQ
- Sore wrists from playing video games
- How a hovercraft flies
- Effects of alcohol on the body
- How body suits effect swimming performance
- Hand hygiene using different drying techniques
- Teenage nutrition awareness
- What tea bag brews best?

It can be seen that the projects were varied. There were a lot of late nights put in getting everything together for the presentation of the projects. The judges commented on our enthusiasm and that we should expand more on our projects as we could be close to making some scientific discoveries that will change all of our lives. So watch out for 1SK!



1st Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R Diarmaid Hickey, Kevin Maher, Conor Wall, Conor Mahon, Eoin Barry, Brian Butler, Eoin Curtis, David Prendergast,

Middle Row L-R Dan Howes, Sean Mulholland, Lukas Hartman, Patrick Tynan, Mark Butler, Paul Allan, Adam Jordan, Conor Quinlan, Paric Walsh.

Front Row L-R Ciaran Breen, Michael Nikandnos, Ian Dunphy, Andrew Tyrell, Bill Lahart, Eamon Power, James Callanan, Cathal O'Neill, Eoin Cooney.



Back Row L-R Seamus McSorley, Hugh Lane, Eoin Gough, Eamonn Treacy, Jack Naughton, Jack Cotter, James Tyrell, Michael J Comerford.

Middle Row L-R Aidan Byrne, Michael Kenny, Jason Carroll, Paddy Hickey, Michael O'Neill, Robbie Malone, Conor Evans, Nathan Cahill.

Front Row L-R Jonathan Mulholland, Maurice O'Neill, David Maher, Cathal Minnock, James Deasy, Donal Murphy, Peter McPhilips, Cormac Everard, Ciaran O'Connell, Cormac Connolly.



Back Row L-R Peter Tracey, Willie Dooley, Sean O' Callaghan, Pijus Timas, Mark Shortall.
Middle Row L-R Shane Nolan, Vincent Teehan, Jamie Maher, Paul C, Daviid Burke, Josh Phelan, Conor Coughlan.
Front Row L-R Anthony Patchel, Emmett Nugent, Liam O'Reilly, Shane Butler, Gearoid Kennedy, Dylan Walsh, Eoin Leahy, Conor Keegan, Dermot Hegarty, Jack Dowling.



Back Row L-R Brendan Freeman, Calvin Delaney, Chrisopher Bolger, Shane Doyle, James Rafter, Bobby Murray-Walsh, Adam Ryan, Colin Corcoran.
Middle Row L-R Conor Hennessy, James Bourke, William Allen, Simon Rafter, Brendan Neary, Luke Tennyson, Eoin Shortall, Zigmund Marek.
Front Row L-R Alan O'Beirne, Keith Reynolds, Michael Lennon, Tom Kehoe, Keith Phelan, Paddy O'Reilly, Cormac Ryan, Shane Parsons, Jonathon Dos Santos.

2nd Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R Aidan Byrne, Pat Hughes, Brian Bradshaw, Billy Leyden, Paul Lynch, Donal O'Shea, Conor O'Shea, Ciaran Casey.
Middle Row L-R Tommy Hearne, Cormac Wafer, Enda Morrissey, Richard Brennan, Ciaran Prendergast, Emmet Byrne, Thomas Hanrahan, Jack McGrath, Mark Randall.
Front Row L-R Kevin McGrath, Noel Kehoe, Fergal Lawlor, Stephen Thompson, Thomas Talbot, Pat Duggan, James McGrath, Conor Long.



Back Row L-R Paul Comerford, Robert Hayes, David Hennessey, Alexander Danilous, Alan Lawlor, Shane Fitzpatrick.
Middle Row L-R Adam Cummins, John McGrath, Cillian Treacy, Robert Tucker, Michael Drennan, Peter Walsh, Tim Brennan, Kevin O'Neill, John Mullan.
Front Row L-R Jason O'Reilly, Ben Lahart, Donagh Carney, David Holden, Paddy Walsh, Craig Breen, Donnacha Foley, Derrin Maloney, Wayne Cuddihy.



Back Row L-R Barry Briscoe, Robert Lennon, Aidan Cleere, Ultan Moran, James Quinn, Alexander Kaczmarek, Michael Donnelly, Andrew Whitney.

Middle Row L-R Daire Gleeson, William Murphy, James O'Shea, David Carroll, Shane O'Neill, Fintan Hurley, Mark Foley, Benjamin Lalor, Martin O'Shea.

Front Row L-R Jack Holmes, Jimmy O'Reilly, Conor Holligan, Kevin Kerpis, Patrick Dorney, Robert Holohan, Harry Wallace, Dean Walsh.



Back Row L-R Eoghan O'Connor, Declan McQuillan, David O'Neill, Brian Cantwell, Paul O'Neill, Barry Power, Ciaran Murphy.

Middle Row L-R Peter Butler, Anthony Forristal, Diarmaid Cody, Fergal Brennan, William Murphy, Jake Casey, Artem Ankudovich, Kevin Butler.

Front Row L-R James Rice, Joesph Ryan, Richard Fitzpatrick, Andrew Tierney, Michael Freeman, Jack Bruton, Aravind Jayadev-Menon, Diarmuid Nolan, Eoin Corcoran, Anthony Corr-Larkin.

3rd Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R Michael Dunne, David Dewberry, William Phelan, Darragh Buggy, Cian Mullaly, Kieran Rafter, Michael Tierney, Kevin Shortall.

Middle Row L-R Cian Prendergast, Sean Wemyss, Jack Hanrahan, Patrick Butler, Andrew Prendergast, Cillian Buckley, Peter English, Daragh Carrigan, Sean Lennon, William Phelan.

Front Row L-R Hugh O'Neill, Evan Guilfoyle, Sean Lowry, Michael Costello, Darragh Griffin, Brian Walsh, Eoghan Connolly, Jack Nolan, Brian O'Shea, Danny Moloney, Dylan Meaghar, Patrick O'Carroll.



Back Row L-R Shane Brennan, Declan Bennett, Jason Nugent, David Farrell, Jake O'Brien, Michael Whitely, Jason Collier, Sean McDonald.

Middle Row L-R Derek Phelan, Matthew Nolan, Niall Walsh, Kevin Brennan, Sean O'Dwyer, Thomas Whitely, Finbar Hayes, Tom Brennan, Cathal O'Neill.

Front Row L-R David Mullins, Michael Lanigan, Eoin Walsh, Aaron Nolan, George Walsh, Cormac Costello, Faris Ali, Mark Grace, Joey Corcoran, George Allen, Ken Farrell.



Back Row L-R Thomas Lennon, Stephen Carr, John Power, Anthony Ryan, Fintan Hurley, Steven Noonan-Holohan.

Middle Row L-R Denis Hogan, Jamie Minogue, Ger Smith, Robert Lacey, Sam Johnston, Luke Hickey, Richard Prendergast, Aaron McDonald.

Front Row L-R Gerard Teehan, William Harrisson, James Burke, Stephen Chappell, Kevin Brannigan, Jack Purcell, Paddy Brennan, Anthony McNeill, Conor McMorrow.



Back Row L-R Keith Doyle, Shane Brennan, Shane Noonan-Holohan, Bill Simpson, Luke Feehan, Bill Molloy, John Dunphy.

Middle Row L-R Keith Shanahan, Jason Quan, Paul Buggy, Conor Foley, Sean Farrell, Stephen McKenna, Michael Clarke, Eamon Wallace.

Front Row L-R Trevor Luby, Daryl Cody, Shane Dowling, Ryan Bolger, Ger Luby, Oliver O'Neill, Wayne Johnson, Ciaran Madden, Darragh McComb, Tom Mullan, Peter Nolan.

Transition Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R David Cummins, John Meehan, James Gannon, Daryl Butler, Aidan O'Dowd, Patrick Lawlor.
Middle Row L-R Corey Rigley, Damien Tynan, Edward Dunphy, Jonathan Neville, Stephen Lennon, Chris Casey, Cathal Healy, Sean Phelan.
Front Row L-R Richie Maher, Karl Dos Santos, Laurence O'Carroll, Ciaran Colfer, David Farrell, Shane Grace, Colm McParlin, Eoin Brennan.



Back Row L-R Jake Egan, Gary Corcoran, David O'Connell, Michael Hayes, Eamon O'Connor, Daniel Luttrell, Kieran Casey.
Middle Row L-R Keith Davitt, Michael Dowling, Niall Kenny, Michael Twomey, Joe Sexton, Gavin Butler, Conor Hogan, Brian Prendergast, Kieran White, Ciaran Leahy.
Front Row L-R Sam Moylan, Rory Bryan, Rory McPhillips, Kieran Dennelly, Daire Nolan, Reamonn Brennan, Sam Malone, Conor Gorey, Conor Maharaj, Jamie O'Hara.



Back Row L-R Shane O'Neill, Anthony Wilson, Evan Cass, Ben O'Connor, Richard Deasey, Ian Matthews, Gerard Teehan.
Middle Row L-R Jamie Fogarty, Eoin Prendergast, Michael Gorman, Michael Sheehan, Paddy Jackman, Hugh O'Neill, Paul Holden, Alan Byrne, Michael Cotter.
Front Row L-R Camin Browne, Kieran Lynch, Darren Booth, Shane Egan, Bernard Mullen, Paddy Dowling, Sean McPhilliphs, Michael Lennon.



Back Row L-R Joe Clohessy, Kieran O'Brien, Evan Barry, Stephen Duncan, Mark Prendergast, Donal Brennan, Ciaran Gough
Middle Row L-R Padraig Meaney, Padraig Walsh, Mark McCarthy, David Coyne, Gavin Holohan, Eoin Delahunty, Andrew Cantwell, Patrick Lennon, Dylan Walsh
Front Row L-R Darren Evans, Luke Greene, Kevin Ireland, David Freeman, Bill Murtagh-White, Gavin Joyce, Eoghan Lalor

5th Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R Kevin O'Neill, Chris Randell, Marcin Fiegel, Irakil Tvidiani, Thomas Byrne, Sam Holmes, Jeff Doyle.
Front Row L-R Cian O'Sullivan, Ernestas Jackman, Colm Kennedy, Corneilus O'Flynn, Darragh Twomey, Robbie Molloy, Brian Banahan.



Back Row L-R Eamon Costello, Nicky O'Grady, David Rose, Evan Prendergast, Richard Troy, Eoin Grant, Rory O'Brien.
Middle Row L-R Jack Walsh, Colin Manning, Neil Butler, Jack McCarron, Liam Doyle, Edward Murphy, Gavin Hickey, Edward Shaughnessy, Oliver Byrne.
Front Row L-R Stephen Li, Michael Sherlock, Ronan McCann, Corey Molloy, Michael Nolan, Gary Armitage, James Dowling, Conor Brennan, Pierre Morrissey.



Back Row L-R Robert Butler, John Cahill, Donal O'Farrell, Eddie Ryan, James Brennan, Rory Hogan.
Middle Row L-R Hugh Manning, Richie Shortall, Conor O'Quigley, Chris Nolan, Seamus Hayes, Conor Doyle.
Front Row L-R Shane Norton, Cain Lynch, Paddy Mullan, Jake Moylan, Andrew Kavanagh, Niall Quinlan, Sean Direen, Brian Fitzgerald.



Back Row L-R T.J. Sherman, Shay Butler, Donal O'Riordan, Mark Sheehan, David Doyle, Brian O'Donovan, Michael Kealy.
Middle Row L-R Jamie Monaghan, Stephen Mullins, David Prendergast, Eoin Holohan, Paul Barron, Michael Rice, Padraig Burke, Kevin Nolan.
Front Row L-R Thomas Tenneyson, Dermot Heafey, Enda Madden, Eddie Nugent, Liam Lahart, Kieran Manning, John Muldowney, Colm Walsh.



Back Row L-R Stephen Comerford, David Ryan, Jimmy Byrne, Shane Farrelly, Corneillus Pimus, Frank Ireland, Jiong .
Front Row L-R Ruben Herranz, Barry Mullins, Cathal Kavanagh, Trevor Kelly, Samuel Johnson, Jake Mullaly.

6th Year Class Photos



Back Row L-R David Bulter, Stephen Quinlan, Bernard McDonald, David Rice, Michael Dowling, Gary Coady.
Middle Row L-R Ciaran Neary, Richard Moss, Ciaran Treacy, Kieran Kelly, Shane O Keeffe, Jack O'Connor, John Holland, Stephen Maher.
Front Row L-R Martin Phelan, Dave Brett, Philip Heafey, Tom Flynn, Conor McQuillan, Brian Cooper, Thomas Armitage, Kevin Bolger, Joe Walsh.



Back Row L-R John Prendergast, David Walton, Rick Laydon, Justin Darmody, Stephen Murphy, Oisin Daly.
Middle Row L-R Martin Gibbon, Declan Rafter, Tomas Phelan, Conor Phelan, Thomas Hayes, Luke Casey, David Buggy, Darren Guilfoyle.
Front Row L-R Ian O'Fearghail, David McPhilliphs, Tom Ryan, John Connolly, John Wallace, Michael Kelleher, Patrick McGrath, Kieran Fanning.



Back Row L-R Kevin Nolan, Mark Simpson, Joe O' Brien, John Fagan, Craig Martin, Eoin Long.
Front Row L-R Shane O'Hanrahan, Robbie Culleton, Robbie Kavanagh, Miks Glaveckis, Mark Dowling, Kenneth Heffernan, Peter Cody.



Back Row L-R David Rafter, Thomas Hession, Shane Doyle, Alan Tyrell, Padraig Phelan.
Middle Row L-R David Griffin, Niall McQuillan, Eoghan Curtin, Brian Mac Partlin, Brian O'Shea, Joe Brennan, Michael Walsh, Eoin Brett.
Front Row L-R Mark Kinsella, Shane Carr, David Nolan, Jack O'Connor, Niall Mullaly, Patrick Rice, Billy Hayes, Eamon Foley.



Back Row L-R Andrew Prendergast, David Hanrahan, Niall O'Brien, Gavin Duffy, Niall Scanlon, Robbie Doyle, Danny Glendon.
Front Row L-R Darren Cornally, Mike Maher, Chris Cummins, Ciaran O'Malley, Gary O'Brien, Richard Whitney.

SPORT

International Achievements

This year the school is very proud to have four students who have been selected on Irish teams in their respective sport. They are Craig Martin (Sixth Year) Golf, Gavin Holohan (Transition Year) Soccer, Eamon O'Connor (Transition Year) Cross- Country and David Coyne (Transition Year) Darts.



Gavin Holohan (Transition Year)

Captained Evergreen in Kilkenny Under 11 to Under 14.

Kilkenny District League winners medals, 2 runners-up and 2 Cup Winners medals.

Several player of the year awards for both club, school and county.

Captained the Kilkenny side for the Kennedy Cup competition (Kennedy Shield Winners '05).

Moved to St. Joseph's Boys in Dublin August '05, followed by a move to Cherry Orchard October '05. With them I reached the Northern Ireland Milk Cup competition Quater final, 1 D.D.S.L Cup runners-up medal.

Trials for numerous clubs such as Hull City, Cardiff City, Blackburn Rovers, West Ham United, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Burnley and West Bromwich Albion

September 07 achieved my first International cap in the European Qualifiers 1st stage v Slovenia.

I achieved 2 more caps in a double header game v Finland in Kilkenny's Buckley Park and also a further cap v Portugal in the European Qualifiers Elite Stage held in March 08.

Qualification for the European Championships to be held in Turkey in May having qualified ahead of Portugal, Germany and Greece who were also in our group.

We are the first Irish team to qualify for a major Championship since 1996, at which time Ireland won the Championship with the help of some now well known Irish players, such as Robbie Keane, Damien Duff, Andy Reid and Richard Dunne.

I hope to sign for West Bromwich Albion in the coming weeks and will move to the U.K. on a full time basis in July 08 to take up a professional contract.



Eamon O'Connor (Transition Year)

Cross Country

Club Honours

2006 County Champion U-15

Leinster 3rd Place U-13

2007 County Champion U-16, U-17

Leinster 3rd Place U-16, 7th U-17

All Ireland 11th U – 16, 13th U-17

School Honours

South Leinster Schools' Champion 2006, 2008-05-08

7th Place in All Ireland Schools' (Intermediate)

2008 Schools' International 26th place (6th Irish)

Track

Club Honours

2006, 2007 - 800m and 1500m County Champion

2007 3rd Leinster 800m; 2nd Leinster 1500m

Nationals 5th 800m and 6th 1500m

2008 Leinster Indoor Champion U-17 1500m

School Honours

2007 South Leinster Champion U-16 Mile

Leinster 3rd place U-16 Mile

All – Ireland 7th place U-16 Mile



David Coyne (Transition Year)

Representing Ireland in Darts U18 and U21 2007/2008

Joint third in Winmau World Masters Youth 2007

Ranked number 1 in Ireland U18 and U21 2007/2008

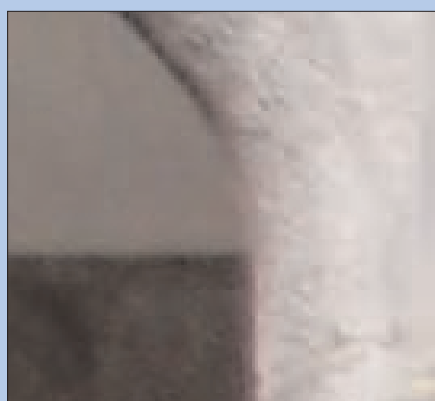
Irish National Singles U18 winner 2007

All Ireland Men's Winner with Kilkenny 2008

Tramore Open Youth 2008

4X Leinster Youth winner with Kilkenny 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Wexford Open Youth 2006



Craig Martin (Sixth Year)

Member of the Current Irish U-21 team

Boys' Home Internationals 2007

Ireland v Wales 2007

Ireland v Canada 2006

Inter provincials 2006 – 2007

Course Record Holder for:

Beech Park Golf Course 65

Lahinch Castle Golf Course 65



Back row L-R Pierre Morrissey, Aidan O'Dowd, Conor Hogan, Niall Walsh.

Front Row L-R Mr. Tom Hogan (Trainer), George Allen, Peter English, Eamon O'Connor, Conor O'Shea, Mr. John O'Keeffe (Trainer)

Cross Country Eamon O'Connor Fourth Year

Cross Country Running has become a hugely popular sport in St. Kieran's College. Students from all years train in the Castle Park during their lunch times. These sessions are well structured and organised by Mr. O'Keeffe, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Archbold. Some students run for general fitness, some for other sports such as hurling and soccer and then there are the athletes who represent the school in Cross Country.

The competitions begin with the New Year and this year's season began with the DCU Invitational. It wasn't a good start with no team taking home a title. The Intermediate team was closest with a second place finish.

This acted as a wake up call for everyone and the teams were much more focused when it came to the South Leinster Championships. We defended all four titles that we had won last year completing a clean sweep. Diarmuid Cody led home the U14's taking second place. Eoghan O'Connor was first of the U15's in seventh place. Eoghan's

brother Eamon won the Intermediate Boy's race in a very close finish. Tom Hayes led the Seniors to victory with a fourth place finish.

All four teams qualified for the Leinster Championship in Santry, Dublin. The Minor Team were second with Cormac Everard, Diarmuid Cody and Harry Wallace all scoring well for the team. The U15's found it tougher going, finishing sixth with Eoghan O'Connor first man home. The Intermediates were successful in winning the title for the first time in the school's history. Scorers were Eamon O'Connor, Conor Hogan, George Allen and Pierre Morrissey. The Seniors Team were placed third with John Connolly the first man home in 19th place.

March 8th saw the National Championship take place in Dartfield Equestrian Centre, Loughrea, Galway. The conditions were as bad as the athletes had ever experienced with the mud, wind and hill a huge challenge to all the competitors. We had two teams

competing at Intermediate and Senior level. The Intermediates came very close to taking home the title. We were a mere nine points away from St. Malachy's Belfast with a score of 107 points. The team was led home by Eamon O'Connor in seventh place, a result that earned him an international call up. Conor Hogan ran superbly to finish 15th. George Allen and Pierre Morrissey finished 37th and 48th respectively to leave us in third place overall.

The Senior Team packed very well to finish in sixth place. Robbie Kavanagh was first home in thirty second place; Brian O'Shea was right behind him in thirty third. Next came Niall Quinlan in 35th and John Connolly was 36th. It was a great display of team running from the lads.

Overall, it was another successful year in Cross-Country running for St. Kieran's College. We hope that next year will be even better and that there are many more titles for us to win in the future.



Back Row L-R Eoin Gough, Jack Cotter, Conor Quinlan, Diarmuid Cody, Conor Mahon.
Front Row L-R Mr. John O' Keeffe (Trainer), Ciaran Breen, James Deasy, Harry Wallace, Jason Carroll, Cormac Everard.



Back Row L-R Eamon Foley, Brian O'Shea, John Fagan, Niall Quinlan.
Front Row L-R Mr. Tom Hogan (Trainer), Robbie kavanagh, Thomas Hayes, John Connolly, Paddy Dowling, Mr. John O'Keeffe (Trainer).



Back Row L-R Mr. John O'Keeffe (Trainer) Stephen Brennan, Enda Morrissey, Michael Donnelly.
Front Row L-R Jack Bruton, Peter Walsh, Eoin O'Connor, Michael Freeman, Ben Lahart.



Successful year for Handball players



Senior Handball

This year proved a very successful year for St. Kieran's College Senior Handballers with Eamonn Foley and Ciaran Neary winning the All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Doubles Championship in Mullingar.

This was a great achievement as the lads had been beaten in two All-Ireland Senior campaigns before but finally took their chance against St. Augustine's College of Dungarvan on a score line of 21-14, 21-18 to be crowned champions. The Senior Colleges is one of the most prestigious titles to win in Handball terms and thanks to the lads and many players before them

like Richard Hogan, the school has many to its name. Unfortunately Eamonn and Ciaran could not continue their success in the 40x30 court but throughout their time in St. Kieran's College they have won three Leinster Senior College's titles. They have kept the flag flying on the GAA front in St. Kieran's College and set the example for young handballers in the school to follow.

Junior Handball

Dylan Walsh (First Year)

St. Kieran's College 40x20 First Year Handball representatives were Shane Nolan in the Singles and

David Burke and Dylan Walsh in the Doubles. They both had to play CBS Kilkenny in the First Round and won easily. In the Second Round both teams had to play Ballyhale in O'Loughlins. The Singles match was very exciting but Shane lost 15-13 in the third round. David and Dylan reached the semi-final in Croke Park against Dublin. They overcame them easily enough with a 15-8, 15-9 victory. This meant a place in the Leinster Final which was held in Garryhill against Wexford. This was a very close game with a 15-14, 15-13 victory in the third game.

Chess in St. Kieran's College

Aravind Menon (Second Year)

Last year Mr. O' Murchu retired from his post as teacher in St. Kieran's College. With his retirement came the fear that chess might be abandoned in the school as he was the person who was very interested in chess and kept chess alive in the school. This was done by holding regular chess sessions in his class room. However, our fears were unwarranted as this year we started playing chess competitively with Mr. O'Neill as our manag-

er. We took part in the All-Ireland Secondary Schools' Championship. In the first two rounds we played Castlecomer Community School and we defeated them both easily with 4-0 wins on the two boards. In the third round we met our local rivals, CBS Kilkenny, it was a highly anticipated match and luckily

for us we were victorious this time. Victory in this match gave us a place in the finals which were held in Limerick on Thursday 24th April. We did very well and achieved a position of Third overall. This was a fantastic achievement for our first time in the competition.



L-R Stephen Li, Aravand Menon, Michael Tierney, Aidan Byrne

Michael Brannigan Memorial Trophy

Andrew Tyrell (First Year)

Each year during the month of September all First Year students compete in the Michael Brannigan Memorial trophy. This is a cross country race which takes place over a very long course. We started in Fennessy's Field and then completed a circuit of the school grounds before eventually ending up where we had started. Nearly everyone completed the race. This was a highly anticipated race and we had great fun. The eventual winner was Cormac Everard.

Presentation of Michael Brannigan Memorial Trophy to last year's winner Conor O'Shea by Michael's mother Marie Brannigan. This presentation marked what would have been Michael's last year in St. Kieran's College as he would have completed his Leaving Cert in 2007.



L-R Luke O'Mahony, John Creegan, Marie Brannigan, Monsignor Kieron Kennedy(President), Conor O'Shea, Mr. John Curtis (Principal), Darren Rafter, Michael Meaney.



Equestrian Team News

Show Jumping

Michael Costello (Third Year)

St. Kieran's College took part in several rounds of the Hoofprints All-Ireland Showjumping League this year. The team of Patrick Drennan, Seamus McSorley, James Callanan and Michael Costello had much success. A fourth place finish in Wallslough and a second place finish in the White Cup out of seventy teams in Warrington, all added to their points total. They have booked a place in the final which is to be held in Barnadown and hopes for the team are high.

Hunter Trials

Neil Butler (Fifth Year)

This year the Inter-Schools Hunter-Trials were hosted by Borris Vocational School on 15th March in Baginbstown, Co.Carlow. In the Team Of Three Competition the St.Kieran's College team of Michael Costello, Cathal Healy and Neil Butler took fifth place, while the team of Patrick Drennan, Seamus McSorley and James Callanan took eighth place, both teams having clear rounds. All seven juniors and two seniors had clear rounds in the individual competitions.

Juniors: Michael Costello, James Callanan, Patrick Drennan, Seamus McSorley, Colin Corcoran, Paul Lynch and Diarmuid Hickey.

Seniors: Cathal Healy and Neil Butler.

Back Row L-R Colin Corcoran, Patrick Drennan, Cathal Healy, Trooper, James Callanan, Neil Butler, Paul Lynch

Front Row L-R Seamus Mc Sorley, Michael Costello, Diarmuid Hickey.

Swimming

How much effort is the average student prepared to put in for their sport? Perhaps two to three evenings per week would be a lot. But spare a thought for six students whose dedication to their sport sees their alarm clock go off at 4.45am every morning. Yes, that was 4.45 in the morning!!!!!! 5th year student Neil Butler, junior certs Conor McMorrow and Cian Mullally and 1st years David Prendergast, Brendan Neary and Diarmaid Hickey are members of Kilkenny Swimming Club's A squad and train six days per week for two hours per session. While most students (and teachers) are deep in the land of nod, the boys make their way to the pool at 5.20 am to train for two hours before school, every school day except Wednesday. They also swim a second session on Friday evening from 5.30 – 7.30 pm, but get a bit of a lie in on a Sunday as they don't have to be at the pool until 7.15 am!

Their hard work paid dividends at the Leinster Schools championships this year when all six performed extremely well. Neil Butler was just pipped for a place in the final of the 100m freestyle event at senior level. Conor McMorrow and Cian Mullally made the step up from junior to intermediate level and did extremely well. Cian won bronze in the 100; back stroke final and Conor won bronze in the 200m individual Medley final and came 4th in the 100m butterfly final. The first year boys swam very well in their first Leinster senior schools championships, both Brendan Neary and Diarmaid Hickey achieved good personal best times and David Prendergast won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke final and came 5th in the 100m freestyle final.

The relay team did especially well, both first years; David Prendergast and Brendan Neary had to swim up to intermediate level to join Cian Mullally and Conor McMorrow. The team brought home Bronze in the 200m Individual Medley relay. They were just



*Back Row L-R Neill Butler, David Prendergast, Diarmuid Hickey.
Front Row L-R Conor McMorrow, Brendan Neary, Cian Mulally.*

pped at the post for the gold by Good Counsel, New Ross in the 200m Individual Medley relay final and they beat Blackrock College and Gonzaga to take the silver medal. This was a great performance from such a young team and bodes well for the future of swimming in the school. Most of the boys qualified for the Irish Senior Schools Championships but were unable to attend as they clashed with the mock exams.

Exams or not, the boys still manage to maintain their training regime and are currently working hard to prepare for the major swimming events of the year. We wish them luck in the Leinster age group championships and the Irish open championships for which they will be hoping to qualify. It is rare to see such commitment in boys of their age and all credit to them for managing to maintain that commitment throughout the school year.

Well done boys!

Badminton

Badminton kicked off to a positive start again this year with a good number of enthusiastic players turning up for practice. During the year our U14's and U16's took part in the Kilkenny Schools' Tournament. Both days were very enjoyable and many of our players got their first chance to put their skills to the test competitively. The U14 A team were marginally beaten by Kilkenny College in the final and the B Team won their division outright. Our U16's stormed through to the final but were also beaten by Kilkenny College.



*Back Row L-R Gearoid Kennedy, Adam Jordan, Ms. Debbie Lynch (Trainer), Cormac Ryan Eamonn Treacy.
Front Row L-R Richard Fitzgerald, Aravind Menon, Anthony Patchell.*



Joey Corcoran, Declan Bennett, Fergal Brennan, Matthew Nolan .

Picture Parade 2008



Senior Soccer

Back Row L-R Eddie Nugent, Donal O'Riordan, Eoin Holohan, Daragh Walsh, Brian O'Riordan, Mark Sheehan, Shay Butler, Trevor Kelly

Front Row L-R Mr. Simon Reddy (Trainer), Oisín Daly, Colin Manning, Sean Doreen, Steven Duncan, Michael Wlash (Captain), John Cahill, Andy Kavanagh, Mr. Ken Maher (Trainer).

Stephen Duncan (Transition Year)

League

This year the U 18 soccer team won the South Leinster league for the second year in a row. In the first league game St. Kieran's College played a very good Tullow Community School. In a close fought game St. Kieran's managed to get out with a 2-1 win, thanks to great performances by the back four and defensive mid-fielder Oisín Daly. This game proved to be the toughest league match Kieran's would have to face this year. The second game was at home to Portlaoise CBS and saw Kieran's easily winning 3-1. The final game was against Carlow CBS, and was the league decider.

Kieran's started off well and were rewarded with a goal after 15 mins by Daragh



Walsh. A couple of minutes later Carlow CBS were a man down after a bad challenge on Oisín Daly. Kieran's took advantage of this and doubled their lead quickly with another goal by Daragh Walsh. With Carlow CBS having nothing to lose they pushed everyone forward and were rewarded with a goal from a well struck free kick. Almost immediately, Daragh Walsh picked up the ball in his own half and rounded the last two Carlow CBS defenders with only the keeper left. He made no mistake and slotted the ball past the keeper to end any hope of a comeback and to complete his hat-trick. (Kieran's were presented with the cup after the game.)

Cup

This year Kieran's were lucky enough to

be accepted into the under 18 cup. We started with high hopes of going far and in the first two games Kieran's showed they were a team that were definitely in with a shot of claiming the All Ireland. They easily beat O'Connell's Secondary School (4-0) and Beneavin De La Salle (3-0), both from Dublin. Next was a tough game against Saleisian College Celbridge who were favourites to win the all Ireland this year. After the full 90 mins the team were level 1-1 with Kieran's having the better of the chances. After extra time the two teams were still dead-locked and penalties were the only way the teams were going to be separated, Saleisian College won 5-3 on penalties and also went on to win the All Ireland outright.



Under-16 Soccer

After an impressive defeat of Moate Community School on a 6-0 scoreline, hopes were high that this might be St. Kieran's College year in the U-16 Cup. Four goals from Daragh Walsh capped a great display by the centre-forward, and when the second round resulted in a home draw against St. Paul's Raheny, a greater test of the team's ability was expected. A great

team effort saw the College win 4-1, with Daragh again scoring three. Team captain Gavan Holohan dominated the mid-field and the Dublin team were totally over-run in the second half. Another home game resulted in a 5-1 victory for St. Kieran's. Once more Daragh Walsh was tormentor-in-chief, with four goals added to his impressive tally. Unfortunately, a quarter final defeat away to Dunshaughlin Community School on a stormy February

day brought the cup run to an end, when the Meath team were somewhat lucky to emerge 2-0 winners. The team only conceded 4 goals in the competition due to a very strong back line. Some consolation was achieved when Gavan Holohan was capped by the Irish U-17 team, and with others hopefully involved in representative internationals, the future looks bright for the senior team next year.

Back Row L-R Mr. Eamon Heffernan (Trainer), Gerard Teehan, Cillian Phelan, Andrew Cantwell, Gavin Holohan, Eoin Delahunty, Daragh Walsh, Gary Corcoran, Mr. Don O'Connor (Trainer)
Front Row L-R Ciaran Colfer, Aaron McDonald, Michael O'Gorman, David Cummins, Kevin Ireland, Lucke Hickey, Sam Johnston, Conor Gorey.

Junior Soccer



U13 Soccer

Back Row L-R Mr. Carl Lynch (Trainer), William Dooley, Peter McPhilips, Seán Mulholland, James Tyrell, Cormac Connolly, Mr. Larry Cotter (Trainer).

Middle Row L-R Colin Corcoran, Vincent Teehan, James Callanan, Jack Cotter, Jack Dowling, Luke Tennyson, Johnny Mulholland.

Front Row L-R Patrick Hickey, Robbie Malone, Emmett Nugent, Cian Morton, David Maher, Brian Butler, William Allen, Michael O'Neill.

This year the U13 soccer panel took part in the very first Futsal competition in Thomastown during November. The panel also competed in a challenge match against

Evergreen U13B and played in the first round of the cup against Patrician Newbridge. The team put up a gallant effort but was beaten 3-1 after extra time.



Back Row L-R Hugh Lane, Mark Randall, Brian Cantwell, Aidan Cleere, Paul Lynch.

Middle Row L-R Paddy Butler, David Rose, Ciaran Prendergast, Thomas Hanrahan, Jack McGrath, Fr. Sean O'Connor (Trainer). Front Row L-R Joshua Phelan, Donnacha Carney, Harry Wallace, Stephen Thompson, Patrick Duggan, Mark Butler.



Mr. Simon Reddy (Trainer), Cormac Everard, Eamonn O'Connor and Pijus Timus.

Athletics Review

St. Kieran's College Athletics team have started their campaign this year with success in the South East Leinster Competition, from minor to senior level. Victories to date include 3 gold medals and a silver medal at minor level with a new schools record for the javelin by Pijus Timus in First Year. At senior level the team brought home a silver and a bronze medal.



Back Row L-R Ciaran Gough, Stephen Duncan, Gary Corcoran, Daryl Butler, Sean O'Dwyer, Aidan O'Dowd, Donal Brennan, Paddy Lawlor.

Middle Row L-R Mr. Liam Smith (Trainer) David Luttreall, David Cummins, Jason Quan, Ciaran Snype, Cian O'Mahony, Derek Phelan, Michael Whitely, Niall Walsh, Mr. David McCormack (Trainer).

Front Row L-R William Phelan, Sean Phelan, Paul Holden, Araon Nolan, Peter English, Padraig Walsh, James Gannon, Dermot Kelly.

Under 16 football

Caimin Browne (Transition Year)

The U16 Football started in early November. A team which two years ago had almost won the Leinster Championship had high expectations for this grade. The first test was an uphill task playing Good Counsel in a challenge match before the championship. With a lot of the team missing due to other commitments it was going to be hard to be successful against the Wexford giants. In the end Good Counsel proved far superior and won by a comprehensive margin.

A week later we played our first competitive match against Tullow

with most players back. It was a cold damp day at Larchfield but Kieran's settled into the conditions quicker than their Carlow counterparts. Kieran's led by 7 points at one stage but took their foot off the peddle at the end of the first half and 3 soft goals put Tullow ahead at half time. In the second half the lead changed hands several times but in the end Tullow proved stronger and Kieran's lost.

Kieran's had three weeks to wait for their final group game against Athy. Whoever won would go through. With injuries from the last game and being away from home, it was

a tough challenge. In the first half Kieran's were far more determined and by half time we were in front. With the wind in their faces in the second half Kieran's struggled and Athy drew level. Athy were on a roll and pulled away, winning by four points.

No one could fault the team for effort and in the end luck wasn't with us. A big thank you to the players who showed such great commitment. Also, thanks to Mr McCormack, Mr Smith and Mr. Fitzgerald who looked after us during the campaign.

U14 County Hurling Blitz

This year the school participated in two U14 hurling blitzes involving teams from all over the county which occurred in April and May. The two competitions mainly comprised of First Years and we had huge participation from everyone. Almost 100 students from St. Kieran's College participated in each competition. Four Kieran's teams were fielded on both days. All students thoroughly enjoyed the blitzes and overall the competitions were a huge success.

First Year Hurling League
Ninety First Year students took part in a hurling league from September to November. Each team played each other and the four top scoring teams in the league qualified for the semi finals. There was great competition between the teams and the hurling was top class. There was a high level of skill displayed by all the players. Ciarán Neary refereed the semi finals and final. The league was organised by Mr. Darmody, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Heffernan.



Back Row L-R William Dooley, Eoin Curtis, James Rafter, Shane Parsons, David Burke, Eoin Gough, Diarmuid Hickey.

Front Row L-R Conor Evans, Shane Butler, Niall Treacy, James Deasy, Ian Dunphy, Michael Lennon, Keith Phelan.

U14 Hurling 2007



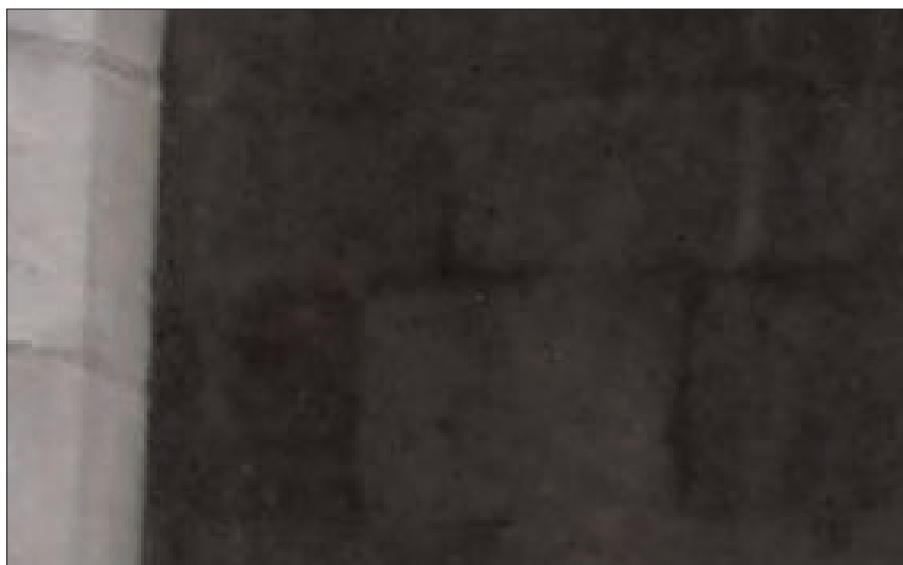
Congratulations to the U14 Panel of 2007 who won the Dr. Tom Barry Cup last year under the mentorship of Mr. Pat Murphy and Mr. John O'Keeffe.

Back Row L-R Cathal O'Neill, John Dunphy, Gavin Butler, William Phelan, John Power, Patrick Butler, Shane Brennan, George Allen, Conor O'Shea, Daniel O'Neill, Dylan Walsh, Niall Walsh

Middle Row L-R Evan Guilfoyle, Sean Farrell, Diarmaid Cody, Richard Reid, Michael Drennan, Sean O'Dwyer, Cillian Treacy, Aidan Cleere, Luke Hickey, Andrew O'Dwyer, Michael Donnelly.

Front Row L-R Mr. Pat Murphy (Coach) Hugh O'Neill, Patrick O'Carroll, Declan McQuillan, Cillian Buckley (Captain), Ciaran Prendergast, Thomas Prendergast, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Jack Nolan, Mr. John O'Keeffe (Coach)

U14 Hurling 2008



The U14 team have made a great start to their campaign this year. They have so far reached the semi finals with comprehensive wins over Good Counsel College (5-13 to 3-10), Kilkenny CBS (3-12 to 2-8), Castlecomer Community School (3-14 to 1-12) and Dublin South (4-9 to 3-8).

Their next match is against Dublin North in the Leinster Final so best of luck to the lads.

Front Row L-R Cormac Wafer, Harry Wallace, Shane Butler, Donnagh Carney, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Noel Keogh, John Mullan, Patrick Hickey, Luke Tennyson.

2nd Row L-R Ben Lahart, Mark Butler, Emmet Byrne, Billy Leydon, Jack McGrath, James Tyrell, David Burke, Enda Morrissey.

3rd Row L-R Diarmuid Cody, Jack Cotter, Tim Brennan, Michael Donnelly, Ciaran Prendergast, Cillian Treacy, Robbie Hayes, Paul O'Neill.

Back Row L-R Mr. Liam Smith (Trainer), Robert Lennon, Aidan Cleere, Eoin Gough, Craig Cummins, Daniel O'Neill, Mr. John O'Keeffe (Trainer).

U16 B Hurling



Back Row L-R Jason Nugent, Cathal O'Neill, Eoin Brennan, Pat O'Carroll, Bill Simpson.

3rd Row L-R Michael Whitely, Shane Brennan, Ciaran Snype, Peter Nolan, John Dunphy, Patrick Butler, Paddy Lennon.

2nd Row L-R Mr. Adrian Finan (Trainer), Kevin Brennan, David Cummins, Gary Corcoran, Tom Brennan, Daryl Butler, Dermot Kelly, Michael Twomey, Mr. Liam Smith (Trainer).

Front Row L-R Sean McDonald, Jonathon Neville, Jack Nolan, Richard Deasey, Peter English, Joey Corcoran, Paddy Lawlor.

This was another very successful year for the U16 B St. Kieran's College Hurling team. We were involved again in the Kilkenny league which consisted of all Kilkenny schools both in the city and county. The competition was run on the normal league rules with the two teams who

had accumulated the most points at the end making it to the final which was held in Ballyraggett. The team to challenge St. Kieran's on the day was Johnstown Vocational School. The match was played on a wet day in November, conditions for all were tough. Sean

McDonald held the backs together in what was a titanic struggle. All forwards scored well with Ciaran Snype coming off the bench to score the winning point. Richard Deasy lifted the cup for St. Kieran's College which was presented to the team by Brian Ryan.

U16 A Hurling



Back Row L-R Conor Maharaj, John Power, Niall Walsh, Ciaran Gough, Daniel Lutterrel, Stephen Duncan, Donal Brennan, Brian Prendergast.

Middle Row L-R Mr. Tom Hogan (Trainer) Aidan O'Dowd, William Phelan, Sean O'Dwyer, Killian Phelan, Ben O'Connor, Paul Holden, Dermot Heafey, David Buggy, Mr. Philip Walsh (Trainer).

Front Row L-R Padraig Walsh, James Gannon, Cillian Buckley, Sean Phelan, Darren Booth, Conor Hogan, Andrew Cantwell.

Senior Hurling 2007/2008



Back Row L-R Declan Rafter, Robbie Culleton, Joe Brennan, Conor McQuillan, Rick Leydon, Joe Walsh, Richard Fray, Shay Butler, Chris Nolan.

Middle Row L-R Mr. Niall Connally (Trainer), Pdraig Phelan, Brian O'Shea, Niall McQuillan, Oisin Daly, Alan Tyrell, Stephen Quinaln, Shane Norton, Aidan O'Dowd, Ciaran Tracey, Mr. Ken Archbold (Trainer).

Front Row L-R Martin Phelan, Tom Flynn, Kevin Nolan, Michael Walsh (Captain) James Gannon, Ken Heffernan, Paddy Dowling, Sean Phelan, John Cahill.

Niall McQuillan (Sixth Year)

The 2007/2008 Senior Hurling season began in October with the usual trials and pre-season hardship. After numerous challenge games and some intense training, the Leinster League campaign got underway with a trip to St. Peter's College in Enniscorthy. Despite having held the upper hand for the majority of the game, an injury time sucker-punch of a goal gave the Wexford outfit a one point victory. St. Peter's then drew with Kilkenny CBS to ensure that qualification from the group and further progress in the competition would be impossible for St. Kieran's. However, a dream fixture against Kilkenny CBS in the College's newly renovated grounds was still

to be played, and in a cracking game, St. Kieran's came out on top by a one point margin, an eighty yard free from goalkeeper Kenny Heffernan proving to be the difference in the end.

The serious work began after this game as the team prepared for the Leinster Championship meeting with Dublin Colleges. Going in as underdogs, St. Kieran's found themselves behind at half time. In the second half, after a slow start, a Rick Leydon goal ignited a comeback and our side came within a point, and just as against St. Peter's in the league, a late goal killed off the St. Kieran's challenge just as it was beginning. A huge effort was put in by Mr. Connolly and Mr. Archbold over the past three years as well as the entire panel.



