

Clonkeen Chronicle Summer 06

Prefect council

The end of another hectic year brought a finish to the student council's first term in office, and they finished up with a bang. The first-year social went off without a hitch. Thanks to the efforts of Brian McCarthy, Mark Keenan, Andrew Kennedy, Christopher Carroll, Niall Swan and the rest of the group the first-years of Clonkeen and Cluny had an unforgettable time!

The council could not operate without the support of the principal, the staff, in particular Mr Noonan, and the co-operation of the Parent's Council. Without the support of the parents, events like the 1st year social could not take place. Many thanks to Paula who has always been there for us, shoes, jackets, balloons, glitter globes, and security, she has helped make it all happen.

The council has big plans in mind for next September, and should be hard at work from the first day back.

Conor Brennan
Chairperson.

Well done to all involved, it is great to see a student council operating so well. They are indeed part of the decision making process in the school and a driving force for initiatives which improve the lot of the students. (D. Ed)

Congratulations to all those who took part in this years 10 Km mini marathon. Once again the school was well represented and sponsorship is over the €2500.00 mark. This is a record amount for the school since it started participating in the event but then this year there were more participants than ever from the school. Fear of the court cases which might follow prevents me naming those involved but those of you with good eyesight might recognise some faces in the in the Irish Times photo on Tuesday 6th.

(D. Ed)

Principal's Foreword, June 2006.

To begin the final newsletter of this school year I would like to thank you all for your contribution to a very productive and happy year in Clonkeen College. The various areas of endeavour and achievement are dealt with elsewhere in the newsletter and on behalf of the Board of Management I wish to convey our appreciation and admiration for all concerned, students, teachers and parents.



Our first years have now "graduated" to become "old hands", well versed in the ways of the school and ready to impart their newfound knowledge to next year's neophytes! We more established members of the school community know there's a bit of road to be travelled yet but well

The last farewell

The annual staff/sixth year dinner was held in the school hall on Monday 15th May. After the sports Awards Presentations, Richard Moore, Darren Gibbs, Muireach Shankey-Smith, Stephen Farrell, Richard Nestor and Andrew Williams entertained all with their amazing range of musical skills. Michael Payne was a very capable compere for the occasion. The 6th year

done to them all. They've hit the ground running, teachers are impressed with their attitude and work-rate and their varied talents, expressed on the sports field and in the excellent CD "Clonkeen College – The Talent Recorded", give promise of exciting times to come.

We extend our best wishes to all the Third and Sixth Year students in their Junior and Leaving Certificate exams. I would particularly like to thank and compliment our Sixth Years on the consideration they showed for everyone during the last two weeks, when their classes had ended and they were free to make their own arrangements for study or classes with particular teachers. The manner in which they conducted their varied business

without in any way infringing on the continuing routine of the rest of the school was a tribute to their community spirit, tact and organisational skills.

While the frantic pace of recent summers will be somewhat abated this year there will still be work ongoing. The school roof is badly in need of repair and we recently received news from Minister Mary Hanafin of funding for the major part of the work required. We hope to have the project completed by the end of the holidays. Everyone should have received a copy of next year's calendar by now with the opening dates for the various classes. Until then enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you tanned and relaxed in late August.

graduation mass celebrated by Fr Damien Farnon took place on Tues 23rd May. Thanks to all involved.

D Twomey (Deputy Principal)

Past Pupils Union

The annual Clonkeen College Golf Classic will take place in Old Conna Golf Club on Friday June 30th. Once again this should be a great day out as old friends

battle it out, or seek consolation at the BBQ at the 9th hole, or later at the 19th. To enter a team please contact Maurice Hedderman (tel: 2064119, 087.258.00.49), Ray O'Connor (086.813.8110) or Harry Morgan (086.253.9004)

Entry fees are €450 (morning) and €550 (afternoon), this includes green fees, BBQ lunch, evening meal and fantastic prizes

Parents Council

Before I put the files away until September I'd like to bring you up to date with our activities for the year. We organised and co-ordinated the **Careers Night** for the 4th, 5th and 6th years. This is a very informative evening for the students and we hope it helped when CAO's were being completed. The **Drugs Awareness Night** for parents was well attended and we hope it gave parents some insight into the drug world. The **Shoes V Runners** issue always causes a stir at Parent Council level and thankfully the decision has been taken away from us and has finally been put to bed. We have discussed affiliating to **Federation of Christian Brothers** and have agreed to do so in September. We have consulted with the **Student Council** on many issues. We were delighted to be able to donate €1,200 towards the installation of water fountains. The new fountains will benefit the 2nd and 3rd year students and have proved very popular. The new **School Jacket** will be introduced from September and the PC, Student Council and all class representatives from 1st year upwards were consulted. The boys themselves chose (eventually!) a stylish crested jacket of good quality and at an exceptional price which I'm sure they

will be proud to wear. The annual **Table Quiz** in aid of the Third World Support Group was a huge success this year and €1,700 was raised. Many thanks to all the participants, helpers and raffle sponsors. Much credit must go to Mr. Clarke and his musicians on the fantastic success of the **School Concert**. Parents Council took over front of house. The **1st Year Social** in May in conjunction with 1st years from Cluny goes without saying. It was a very enjoyable night for all and all students were on their best behaviour. Well done to Student Council who organised this event in a most professional manner. Their parents should be proud of them. Many thanks to the Parents Council who gave up their time and to the dads who once again put on security jackets. Your support is much appreciated. The PC administers the **Personal Accident Insurance** policy for the pupils in the school through Allianz Insurance. New forms will be sent out in September. Please complete and return (cost €8) to the school. Cover is 24hour, 365 days per year and offers exceptional value and peace of mind for parents.

We have two parents resigning this year, Adrienne Commiskey and Padraig Walsh. Both members have given up much of their precious time

for the benefit of all of our boys. We would like to send them our very best wishes and don't forget there's always raffle tickets to be sold, shop duties, security.....!

Many, many thanks to all the PC members, social committee, staff, parents, students, Sandra, Teresa, Sean and Mr. O'Toole whose support I can always rely on.

Finally, best of luck to all the exam students – the hard work will pay off.

Enjoy the summer.

Paula McCarthy (chair parents council)

The parents council have indeed had a busy year and none busier than Paula herself, her face is so familiar in the school she almost seems like one of the staff.

One of the great successes of the parents council has been the relationship which has developed with the Student Council, the two groups often working behind the scenes on projects. The time Paula has been willing to devote to the school has made this happen.

Many thanks (D. Ed.)

Clonkeen College Under 13 Leinster
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Congratulations to all the players involved with the first year team. Last year's first year team lost in the Leinster final so to win this year is a great achievement. The year started with a win over Coláiste Rís Dundalk by two goals to one with the winning goal scored by Daragh Mooney. In the next round we were two goals behind to Larkin Celtic with 15 minutes to go. Goals by Roger Kelly and James Lee forced extra time where James Lee got a cracker. After Christmas we played Skerries at home in the quarter-final. Playing against a strong wind we played some of our best football taking the lead through Andrew Lynch. A stunning 20 yard strike hit the top corner from Aaron Leonard after some lovely flowing football. Daragh Mooney got the final goal in a comfortable 3 nil win. We waited 10 weeks for the semi-final where we played a much fancied MacDara's Templeogue at the VEC Terenure.

They took the lead after less than a minute. This was followed by a period of heavy pressure applied by the Templeogue side. We got the equalizer through a 25 yard strike by Aaron Leonard. He gave the keeper no chance when he unleashed this belter. This goal gave us a huge lift. We took the lead through James Lee just before half time. The second half performance against a strong wind was nothing short of magnificent. A great save from point blank range with his feet by Jamie Farrell kept us in the game. MacDara's applied a lot of pressure but we weathered it with massive performances from Eric Redmond, Aaron Leonard, Dylan Delaney, Adam Hudson and Jack McGovern. The game finished 2-1 and all the players involved were excellent. In the final we played Ratoath in Malahide. Nerves got the better of us in the first half. We were trailing 2-1 at half time. The lads knew we could play better football which we delivered with excellent performances from Roger Kelly, Aaron Leonard, Eric Redmond, captain Adam Butler and left winger

James Lee. The 150plus crowd of Clonkeen supporters were entertained with a top class second half performance. We levelled the game with another top quality strike by Aaron Leonard and took the lead through Jack McGovern. We never looked back at this stage.

The lads put an outstanding effort into the season. All 20 had an excellent eager attitude in training and deserved every bit of their success. Well done again.

SQUAD : S1 - Graham Butler, Aaron Byrne, Oran Colhoun, Olan Coyle, Seán Geraghty, Luke Hedderman, Adam Hudson. S2 - Jamie Farrell, Dylan Johnston, Roger Kelly, Brian Lavelle, James Lee, Daragh Mooney. S3 - Adam Butler(Captain), Dylan Delaney, Aaron Leonard, Andrew Lynch, Jack McGovern, Jack Nicholls, Eric Redmond.

Managers : A McBride, J Clarke

Good bye Mr Chips

Clonkeen Hurling 2006

This was another good year for hurling at Clonkeen College, with the U.16's finishing runners up in Dublin to St. Colmcille's C.S. by a solitary point. It was an historic year for Dublin hurling though as Dublin Colleges won the All-Ireland Colleges Cup for the first time –surely a sign of great things to come regarding the game's future in Dublin. Clonkeen College had two players on the team –David Treacy and Oisín Gough. Meanwhile Liam O'Dowd, Conor Gough and Conor O'Brien represented Dublin at various levels during the year. Well done lads!

All good things come to an end. This is true too of Mr. Hayes' teaching career at Clonkeen College as he has chosen to retire this year. Mr Hayes' contribution to Clonkeen College hurling over the years is incalculable, but all those who were present at the presentation that his charges organised for him recently could see the immense gratitude and affection they had for their hurling trainer.

On behalf of the senior players Oisín Gough presented Mr. Hayes –who was a little more than surprised – with a silver clock. David Treacy presented him with a crystal glass sculpture on behalf of the junior players, as well as a meal for two in Dalkey. Oisín Gough and David Treacy thanked Mr. Hayes for what he had done for hurling in the school and for being the genuine and exceptional trainer and teacher that he is.

The obvious affection that all the hurlers showed for Mr. Hayes that morning in Room 18 is a great testament to the man. He also had passed on a good share of his Tipperary cunning to the lads, as they were able to organise the whole thing without his knowing! In all his years of teaching and hurling matches it was probably the only time he was ever taken aback by anything!

Frank Hayes hails originally from Cahir, Co. Tipperary –a part of the

country where they know a thing or two about hurling. He studied in U.C.D. and played FitzGibbon Cup in his college years alongside such hurling greats as Pat Cashman, Phil Murray, Willy Smith and Pat Farrell.

He joined Clonkeen College in 1992 when St. Michael's C.B.S., Eblana Avenue closed down. During his years in Eblana Mr. Hayes trained the hurlers and when he joined Clon-



keen College he brought his passion for hurling with him. Himself and Mr. Twomey (Brendan) trained the teams tirelessly, and were joined in more recent years by Ms. Ryan and myself. The breakthrough came in 2003 when Clonkeen College U.14's won the Dublin

title. Over the years, hurling has gone from strength to strength in Clonkeen College under Mr. Hayes' watchful eye.

From all the students, Ms. Ryan and myself, we say thanks a million, and wish you and your wife Noreen, and your family, the very best of health and happiness in the future. We won't say goodbye though as we know you'll be in to help train the hurlers next year. Cheers Frank!

Also a big congratulations to Ms. Ryan and her husband Dermott on the recent birth of their baby boy, James. Plenty hurling in the blood there, as Ms Ryan's brother played for Tip and Dermott played for Limerick. James will play for Dublin though! All the best.

C. Collins.

THE TALENT WAS RECORDED

The CD project was an enormous success and everyone involved deserves a huge thanks from myself. All of the bands practised very hard and wrote some really great songs. The approach of all groups was very professional. I was par-

ticularly impressed by everyone's attitude on the day of the actual recording of the CD in Elektra studios - the level of hard work and creativity was great to see. A big thanks here must also go to Ms.Duffy for her assistance on the day of the recording as well as her excellent idea for using a power point presentation of band images as a lighting backdrop on the night of the concert. This in particular proved to be a very inspired way of 'lighting' the stage.

Particular thanks go also to Conor Lumsden (5th Year) for the loan of the PA system both for the rehearsals and for the actual concert themselves. Also thanks to Shane Masterson (5th Year) for the loan of his drum kit for the day/night of the concerts.

Great thanks also to Eoin Campbell (Room 1) who proved to be an excellent 'roadie' throughout.

Sincere thanks are also due to Mrs.Paula McCarthy for her great advice and practical help in the organising of the evening concert and the production and sale of the tickets. Thanks also to the parents who provided assistance and security on the eventing.

Finally, and very importantly, a big thanks to all of the students in Clonkeen who attended the concert and bought the CD. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the work your fellow students wrote and recorded and who knows, maybe it will inspire you to do the same one day.We managed to sell 420 CD's.

Thanks also to Mr.Lynch and Mr.Mcbride for their presence during rehearsals.

Thanks again and have a great summer. **J.Clarke**



Athletics

The athletics season comes to a close on Sat at Tullamore. Eoin Healy will defend his title in the Senior Steeplechase Final and Ross Whelan will compete in the Senior Long Jump final having set a personal best of 6.23 m in the Leinster Final. Best of luck to them

Medal winners at the East Leinster included : Adam Rossiter 2nd in the minor 500m / Oran Colhoun 1st in an exciting minor 1100m / Damien Crosbie 3rd in the minor high jump / Ciaran Farrelly 2nd in the u-16 shot, Abdul Marrar winner of the u-16 mile, Ross Whelan winner of the senior long jump and 2nd in the triple jump ,and Oisin Gough 3rd in the Senior Long Jump ,U-17 relay team finished 2nd – Eoin Gallagher, Mark Brennan, Neil Kelly and Daragh Lyons. The u-15 relay team collected the bronze- Robert Doyle, Marcus O'Byrne, Philip Higgins, Gary Brandon. We also had a very successful outing to the CBS sports at Santry in late April. In addition to the above other medal winners were Luke Hederman in the u-14 javelin., the u-14 relay team of Jamie Whitehouse, Brian Lavelle ,Ronan Sheridan and Adam Keenaghan.Adam Finnerty was a medal winner in the Junior High Jump but was injured later and could not compete further.

Well done to all (Br. Kelly)

Golf

Killiney Golf Club was again the venue for the annual stroke play championship. Twenty of our top golfers competed for 1st prize. David Greene (TYO) was the outright winner with a gross 76. Shane O'Rourke (R6) took the runner up spot. It was a fabulous day and some fine golf was played, with some new faces coming to the front.

The Junior and Senior Match-play Competition was played in Dunlaoire Golf Club. The senior competition put classmates competing against each other (David Greene and John Murphy both TYO). Again David won the day on the 18th hole. What a final! The Junior Match-play was an equally competitive match with two of our up and coming golfers – Colm Condon (R6) and Conor McCarthy (R4). Colm running out the eventual winner. Both golfers could be representing the school next year.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking both Killiney Golf Club and Dunlaoire Golf Club for providing their facilities, and of course the parents who are always available to act as chauffeurs etc

Have a nice summer and happy golfing.

B. Noonan

Tennis (Mr.Keogh)

The team was made up of Cian O'Toole, Barry Cooney, Killian Polley, Simon Grehan, Mark Fortune, Craig Cullen, Ben Grehan and Adam Lawlor. We were drawn in the toughest group in Class 1 and were up against it from the very start. We started off against St.A Conleth's and lost a tight match 4-1. Next we played a formidable Belvedere side who are favourites for the title and we lost 5-0. We got our first win against St. Michael's in our third match winning 3-2. Finally we lost our last game against St. Andrew's 4-1 in a close match.

Cian O'Toole

U-14 Soccer

Not a bad year, but could have been better. Our U-14's reached the semi-finals in 2 competitions, very unlucky to lose in one of them. Maybe this will make them more determined in the next competition for the school

Best of luck for the summer –all ye U-14's

(D O'Hora, G Monnelly)

U-14 and FIRST YEAR GAELIC FOOTBALL

Another fine season was had by our youngest Gaelic Footballers in Clonkeen, out at the start for training in the first week in September and there at the dying embers of the year with a thrilling climax to the First Year Class League on May 24th. A great commitment from all involved.

Our thrilling semi-final defeat before Christmas has already been documented. This created a valuable momentum for our First Years after Christmas. The emphasis for the young Clonkeen man was on involvement in training and in representing his class. We were up against two "A" schools in the League but despite, perhaps, an over-emphasis on giving all panellists a run-out we managed to compete in over two hours of football even if the results look a bit lopsided.

We reached the quarter-final of the Leinster Reserve Championship for those who were on the fringes of our team before Christmas. It gave us the opportunity to pit our abilities against the new and traditional strongholds of **Naas CBS** and **St.Pat's, Navan**. We learnt a few lessons against these much bigger schools, but continued the excellent spirit and determination for the duration of each match. However this competition enabled us to pull one over our near rivals **Coláiste Eoin** whom we beat 5-9 to 4-6 in the highlight of our competitive games after Christmas.

S3 finished bottom of the league and so had to win the First Year Championship the hard way with two back-to-back victories. Both matches were of an excellent standard, moreso given the fact that so many had been involved in **Mr.McBride's** and **Mr.Clarke's U-13 soccer team's All-Ireland semi-final** trip to Sligo the day before. Well done lads!

FIRST YEAR CLASS LEAGUE 2006: Semi-final: S3, 4-4; S1, 3-2; Final: S3, 2-3; S2, 0-6.

This year we awarded 5 Top Trainer awards – all First Years, which augurs well for September! They were **Oran Colhoun, Greg Clarke, Dylan Johnston, James Lee** and **Michael Curtin**. Well done lads! See you Monday, September 4th for our next lunch-time session. **Pauline Murray and Jim Lynch**

1st and 2nd year awards: End of year is here, summer holidays are approaching and the for non-exam classes school will be but a memory until September comes around and reality hits home. Before we break up though it is always nice to acknowledge the achievements of the students and at a presentation in the hall many of our first and second year students were presented with merit awards for the effort they have made over the year.

In each class particular awards for student of the year and academic achievement are awarded, those who represent their fellow students as class representatives are also singled out for the recognition they deserve.

Student of the year awards J. Whitehouse (S1) J. Tobin (S2) S. Craddock (S3) E. Aherne (R1) C. Campbell (R2) C. McIlwee (R3)

Academic awards R McNabb (S1) D Nolan(S2) D. Shanky-Smith (S3) C Egan (R1) D Cryan (R2) N Murphy (R3)

Class representatives: R McNabb, A Keenaghan (S1), G Clarke, S Neary (S2), C O'Neill, C Scanlan (S3), C O'Shaughnessy, Luke Kelly (R1), C. Campbell, M Dalton (R2), D Maurath, R Gough (R3)

under 18 football

The under 18 football team have not been in action since the narrow defeat in the semi-finals 2 months ago. Although the semi-final defeat brought an end to the quest for the Leinster championship and an end to the school careers of a number of senior players the season wasn't all bad. A 3-3 friendly draw in the opening game showed the potential of the team after battling back against a very good St. Declan's team. The team then went on a brilliant run of 4 straight wins in the Leinster championship guiding us into the semi-finals. The first of the 4 came away to Celbridge in a 3-2 win. That was followed by an impressive 7-0 win over Syngue Street. The third win in the competition was another 3-2 win after being 0-2 down to St. Vincent's and set up a clash against Portmarnock in the quarter finals. The quarter final was tight game decided by the only goal. After a nervy first half Clonkeen came back in the second half and secured our passage to the semi-finals with a goal on the hour mark to give us the 1-0 win. The winning streak came to a disappointing end in the semi-final against Naas. An impressive first half by Clonkeen was cancelled out by Naas as they got a goal on either side of half time to make it 2-2. The next goal would be vital and Naas nicked it putting them 3-2 up. Clonkeen put the pressure on for the final minutes but were denied a chance at extra time after a good goal was disallowed and a couple of other chances were missed.

Thanks must go to Mr. McBride and Mr. Keogh for the organising of matches, training, buses and referees and best of luck to everyone involved in next year's team.

Outgoing School captain Dean Zambra.