

# School Newsletter 17 – 2012/13

The final term of school might conjure images of sunshine and short sleeves as we move towards the summer months but Shelly's optimistic call that , 'if winter comes ,can spring be far behind?' can only bring one answer this year – yes it can! With no sign of growth or milder temperatures we seem to be in protracted winter but hopefully the next few weeks will bring a change.



Conor Kelleher who recently won the Sean Dunne Young Writers competition fiction section

Congratulations to 3rd year student Conor Kelleher who recently won the Sean Dunne Young Writers competition fiction section with his short story, 'I heard you laughing yesterday'. A very prestigious award, the Sean Dunne competition drew entries from aspiring young writers all over

the country. Presented with his prize in Greyfriars, Waterford, Conor, pictured above with teacher, Paraic Cullen, has also been approached to have his story published in an upcoming short story anthology. A very talented young man, we wish him the best for the future and look forward to reading his work in the years ahead.

The Leaving Cert. oral exams get underway next week while other practical elements of some subjects are also due for submission around this time. The Transition Year students have been engaged in a film making module during the week so we look forward to seeing the finished product at their end of year presentation night in late May.

Congratulations to the U-16 football squad who won the Leinster 'A' title just before the Easter holidays. Remarkably the U-16 and U-14 'A' football and hurling Leinster trophies are all in the care of Good Counsel College presently. It is unlikely this has ever been achieved previously. Well done to all concerned. There will be a report of the football final in the Sports section of this website.

The annual ski trip to the Boston area took place during the Easter holidays and was a great success by all accounts. While temperatures were higher than here at home, the snow was excellent for the skiing.

We welcomed a group of visitors from Mercyhurst University to Good Counsel on Friday afternoon. They are studying for a semester in Dungarvan where the Augustinian school, like our own school, has long established links with the Pennsylvanian university. It is very appropriate in this 50 year anniversary of JFK's visit to New Ross that this group should drop by. We hope they enjoy their stay.