
Good Counsel College

Parents Council Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year. We are looking forward to a busy and positive year ahead. This is our first newsletter which we hope will keep you informed of the activities of the Parents Council and developments within the school throughout the school year.

A big thank you to the outgoing Chairman, Tony Murphy, for his hard work and service over the past number of years and to those parents who worked with Tony especially the outgoing secretary, Annette Comisky. Many of us are learning the ropes this year and would love to be joined by new members who are willing to support our efforts. All are welcome.

We are particularly excited by the completion of the new buildings, Villanova and Ostia, and the wonderful facilities they will provide. The Parents Council are very happy to be able to provide financial support for the equipment and furnishings for the ASD unit from the Friends of Good Counsel fund which we will be hope to further develop this year.

We are also focusing on developing study and exam technique supports for the students and again welcome your support for our fund raising efforts in the coming year to provide as much opportunity as possible for our children during their time in Good Counsel.

Please consider attending any or all meetings of the Parents Council and let us know your views.

With best wishes

Mary Lou O'Kennedy

Chairperson



Updates

October 1

Disco Funds raised last year through 70/80's disco was €3,360. Big thank you to all involved and all who bought tickets and/or attended on the night.

February 6

Next Meeting @ 8pm

Important Announcement

Our fundraising event for 2016/17 will be a Family Morning to be held on a Sunday morning in March including Mass followed by a Coffee morning and Raffle.

Date to be confirmed.

Plans for 2017 include –

Careers Night – Thur 26th January @ 7pm

Provision of Study Aid Templates

Pilot of Exam Techniques Aid

BBQ for 6th Years: June 2017

Careers Night

Careers Night is being held by the school on Thursday 26th January, in association with the Parents' Council, for students of 5th and 6th year and their parents. It provides an opportunity for them to meet with individuals from various careers, first hand. The purpose of the night is to encourage students and their parents to consider a number of career options, obtain information about careers of interest and opportunities to discuss various access routes to chosen careers.

Date and Time: Thursday 26th January @ 7pm



More Important News

Study Aid and Exam Templates

A Study Aid has been developed by a student in Blackwater, supported by the Waterford City Partnership. It has been made available to the school and piloted in November 2016 and we are exploring the possibility of making this available to exam year students in the coming months.

A second aid for Exam Techniques is also being developed and will be piloted by exam classes later this year.

Annual Report

The Principals Annual Report to the Board of Management, 1 September 2015 to August 2016, has been passed and ratified by the Board and is now available to parents, staff and students on the school's website.

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