

## May 2006

The talk by John Lonergan to the students appears to have been very successful and hopefully the students gained another perspective on life. It's a pity the Fun-Loving Criminals were more attractive to the parents as Mr. Lonergan's talk for them was extremely interesting and entertaining! Despite the poor attendance in the evening, the support from the Presentation, CBS, St. Peters, and VEC parents' councils and the schools themselves enabled us to break even on the day.

We would like to thank Fr. Fegan for allowing us to use Rowe St. Church for the students' event. Feedback on whether other such events should be organized would be appreciated.

The project to provide healthy eating options for the vending machines is to be discussed at the Board of Management before the end of term and we are hoping that crisps and fizzy drinks will be replaced by healthier alternatives by next September.

The refurbishment plans appear to be progressing and work is to start on upgrading the labs at the end of May. The planning of the rest of the project seems to be moving along quite well at the moment. If it gets stuck again we and Mr. O'Shea will let you know.

We wish all the students taking exams good luck and wish the students leaving the school all the best for their future lives.

So it's out with the sun cream, or maybe the rain jacket, and see you in September!

Happy holidays!

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We have organized with the support of the other parents' councils a talk by John Lonergan, governor of Mountjoy Prison in the Talbot Hotel on 26th April at 8 pm. Entrance is 6 Euro on the door and entry is on a first-come-first-served basis. Mr. Lonergan will be talking to transition and 5th years from all 5 post-primary schools in the afternoon of the same day.

Two members of the council are participating in a group comprising 2 parents, 2 students, and 2 teachers, who are promoting a healthy eating policy in the school. It is hoped that only healthy options will be available in the vending machines by September.

We are investigating joining an umbrella group for secondary schools that would provide us with better information and, should we need it for the refurbishment, school bus, and catchment area issues, more leverage.

We are also considering organizing a careers night in the Autumn term, probably for the 4th, 5th, and 6th years.

We would like parents, particularly of new pupils, to be aware that the school uniform only specifies Brown shoes, not any particular brand or make. Some pupils seem to have had posture and foot problems due to wearing deck shoes, and this seems to be aggravated by the fashion of not tying the laces.

Thank you for contributing to the Parents' Council funds, which have been used to subsidize the school show and to enable us to organize the John Lonergan talk.

If you haven't contributed your 10 euro there is still time!!!

Happy Easter!