

Marist Newsletter



Dear Parents & Guardians,

A Happy New Year to all and welcome to the third edition of our 2022–23 newsletter. As usual, this newsletter aims to keep you updated on all the activities our students and teachers have undertaken, both inside and outside of the college, in recent weeks. Highlights of this edition include: our recent Junior Cycle results, news on the return of the much beloved Christmas Céilí, 2nd year Technology 'Bridge projects', a report on the brilliant win by our basketballers in the Under 19 Girls Regional Championship and how Transition Year student, Andrew Rosbotham, is one to watch!

Junior Cycle 2022

Congratulations to our Junior Cycle students on an excellent set of results attained. The college is delighted with the results achieved! We hope that every Marist student is proud of their success, and it provides inspiration and motivation for the Senior Cycle years ahead.



Christmas Céilí Mór Returns!

The annual *Christmas Céilí Mór* made its post covid-19 return on Thursday, 8th December, and what a night it was! Traditionally *An Céilí Mór* marks the beginning of the Christmas Season in

the college and has been much missed over these lockdown years. On the night, 350 students (and a lot of teachers...) did their absolute best to ensure this 45 year tradition returned with gusto, by dancing the night away in the college gym hall to the music of '*The Bellews*', a live traditional Irish *céilí* band. The Irish Department and Art Department outdid themselves, as is their custom. A wonderful night was had by all –long live the *Christmas Céilí*!

First Year Parent Workshop – Supporting your Child's Study and Academic Progress.

The College hosted a very successful in person *Information Workshop for First Year Parents and Guardians* on Tuesday 29th November. Approximately 80 parents attend this event, lead by Dr. Alison Lennon who *provided information and strategies to our parents on how to best support their child on their academic journey in the Marist College*. Many thanks to Ms Lynn McArdle, First Year Head, on making this event possible.



First year students receiving certificates of excellence prior to the Christmas break.

Transition Year Update



Transition Years have had an exceptionally busy winter term, having completed – Law Workshops, Theatre Workshops and Barista training, not to mention Creative Spark, LEO, Film Making, Fab Lab, Yoga Modules, Self Defence and Christmas House Examinations! Phew!



Social Outreach

All of the above was undertaken while upholding the long Marist Tradition of social awareness: Collecting for and packing up *Christmas Hampers on behalf of the college for the local Dundalk branch of the 'Society of St Vincent de Paul'*. In a record-breaking year, 22 hampers were delivered to the local community! Well done to Ms Rosie Reynolds and all the volunteers on this very worthwhile initiative. Other charity events included packing up 50 shoeboxes for the *'Team Hope Annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2022'*, led by teacher Ms Donna O'Brien. Well done to all who got involved and upheld our Marist Values.

The Rotary Club Youth Leadership Development winner – Andrew Rosbotham, 4A.

Well done to Transition Year Andrew Rosebotham, 4A, on his fantastic win of 'The Rotary Club Youth Leadership Development Competition'.

This is one of the longest running Rotary youth project competitions and only considers students who have consistently shown clear leadership potential in their school lives and in the extra-curricular activities they are involved in. We are immensely proud of Andrew and his achievement, and consider him a leader to

watch! <https://bit.ly/RotaryWinAndrew>



TY Trade Fair, Monday 19th December.

The Transition Year Trade Fair took place in the Marquee on the Monday before the Christmas break. It proved a busy day of selling for our TY mini-companies. Students were able to purchase last minute Christmas gifts including Christmas illuminators, metallic keyholders, personalised chocolates, tote bags, t-shirt and jewellery. A special mention to the successful 'Just Tag' company, whose NFC (Near Frequency Communication) Tag was snapped up by Connect Credit Union.



U19 Girls – North Eastern Champions 2022!



There were some nervous but determined faces in the college on Thursday 1st December. The girls U19 basketball team were determined to do the College, their mentors (teachers Ms O'Neill and Ms Burns) and themselves proud in the final of the **U19 North East Girls Basketball League**. *Megan Gallagher, Jessica Daly, Esther Ayoade, Anna Markey, Elahna Faapito, Michelle Agbolade, Isabelle McCabe, Robyn Markey, Sarah Ellis McAlester, Jessica Finnegan, Oluwatoni Olowookere, and Saoirse Martin* gave their all and emerged as the victors, securing their place in the **'All Ireland Play Offs'** in January 2023. Well done girls, we wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming January match, we are already so proud of you!

C.A.W. 2022 – College Awareness week



The Guidance Department of the college were even more busy than usual during the week of 21.11.22 – 25.11.22, preparing our students (and organizing our teachers!) to ensure this year's C.A.W. (College Awareness Week), was as successful as ever.

We had alumni experiences retold, poster competitions, prospectus chats, and everyone's favourite – D.E.A.T.A.C. (**Drop Everything And Talk About College!**), where teachers speak with students on their own college/university experience.

This was a very successful undertaking, and would be due to the diligent work of the Guidance Department –Ms McArdle, Ms Morgan and Ms. Mulligan.

First Years Attend 'Bin It 2022'!



The annual 'Bin It! Workshop' arrived in the Marist College in late November. This actor led workshop is aimed at Junior Students and incorporates a theatre in education session, encouraging students to dispose of all of their litter in a responsible manner. Almost 52,000 students have received this workshop across Ireland!

A fun and action packed morning was had by all of our First Years! Many thanks to Ms McGrath and the Green Schools Committee for organising this worthwhile experience.

Please scan the QR Code to access a video to view our 2nd Year Technology students 'Bridge Projects'. Congrats to all students for completing such excellent work.



Sixth Year Saturday Study has commenced! This facility will be available to all of our Sixth Year Students in the New Year – 9.30 A.M. until 1.00 P.M. every Saturday. We strongly encourage our 6th Year students to make use of this facility in preparation for the Pre-exams.

School Calendar 2022 / 2023

Second Term	
Thursday, January 5th	College Reopens
Wednesday, January 11th	Staff Meeting 3 PCW (1.10pm - 3.10pm)
Thursday, January 19th	TY Information Night (for current 3rd years)
Tuesday, January 24th	JCT Cluster Day (No school Day)
Thursday, January 26th	2nd Year Parent Student Teacher Meeting (4.15pm-6.45pm)
Friday, January 27th - Friday February 10th	Pre Leaving & Pre Junior Examinations
Monday, January 30th - Friday February 10th	TY Work experience (2 week block)
Thursday, February 2nd	1st Year Parent Student Teacher Meeting (4.15pm-6.45pm)
Monday, February 6th	Bank Holiday: St. Brigid's Day
Thursday, February 9th	Expression of Interest TY: final date
Monday, February 13th - Friday February 17th	MID-TERM BREAK. College Closes at 3.50pm
Monday, March 6th - Tuesday, March 14th	TY Module 3 Assessment Window: Week 6
Thursday, March 9th (Rescheduled)	TY Parent Student Teacher Meeting (4.15pm-6.45pm)
Monday, March 13th - Wednesday, March 29th	Assessment 3: 1st, 2nd & 5th Year during class time.
Tuesday, March 14th	5th Year Senior Options / Subject Choice Presentation at 7.00pm
Thursday, March 16th	School Holiday
Friday, March 17th	St. Patrick's Day Holiday
Wednesday, March 22nd	5th year subject choice return: FINAL DATE
Friday, March 31st	EASTER HOLIDAYS. College Closes at 3.50pm
Third Term	
Monday, April 17th	School Reopens
Wednesday, April 26th	Staff Meeting 4 PCW (1.10pm - 3.10pm)
Monday, May 1st	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 15th May - Friday May 19th	TY Module 4 Assessment Window: Week 6
Friday May 26th - Friday June 2nd	Summer Assessments for 1st, 2nd & 5th Years.
Friday, June 2nd	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. College closes at 1.10PM
Wednesday June 7th	Junior & Leaving Certificate Exams commence
PLEASE NOTE:	Additional information will be added as confirmed.
	Please continue to check school website for updates.

A BIG thank you to all parents, guardians and students for supporting the Parents' Council Christmas Draw.

Prize Winner Results

- 1st Prize: Adam Campbell
- 2nd Prize: Zac McKeown
- 3rd Prize: Amy Houston
- 4th Prize: Tony McArdle
- 5th Prize: Tiarnach Bonar

(Spot prizes were won by Jason Dooley, Dee Keenan, Francesca Clarke and A. Durnin). The draw raised €3020. These funds raised will greatly aid the Parents' Council in supporting school projects.

