

## Staff Newsletter



North Tipperary Vocational Educational Committee  
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**AWARDS NIGHT; Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré**  
**Thursday 29th April @ 7:30pm**

Closing Date for Applications

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### North Tipperary VEC Awards

The time has come round again for the VEC Awards. Many will have noticed the posters going up in schools and centres throughout the county in the past week.

As you can see from the poster, this year's event takes place in Colaiste Phobal on April 29<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of innovations this year which include the addition of a new Academic Achievement Award. We have also agreed that the schools and centres will evaluate and nominate winners in each of the categories and there will be no further evaluation at VEC level. The exception is the Music Award which includes a

substantial bursary. Auditions for this bursary will take place in Templemore on March 18<sup>th</sup>. All other award nominees need to be forwarded to Liz Flannery by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes to all.

**Tom Maher, Chairperson of the Awards Committee**

### Debating Success in Borrisokane Community College

The Senior debating team of Borrisokane Community College has again reached the final of the Cultural Competition. This is one aspect of Cultural Day, organised to promote cultural activities in North Tipperary VEC schools. In the first round, Borrisokane opposed Nenagh and

convincingly proposed the motion 'School days are the best days of our lives'. This led the team to the next round where they opposed Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré with success. The motion was 'Ireland is still the best country in which to live'.

Borrisokane will meet Newport in the final which takes place on Cultural Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Borrisokane debating team is



(L – R): Joseph Mulcahy, Brian Davis, Rebecca Torpey, Edel Clarke & Ms. Fogarty (Teacher)

captained by Joseph Mulcahy, with speakers Rebecca Torpey, Edel Clarke and Brian Davis.

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Second Year PLC Students with Aidan Mac of Tippfm

## Tippfm in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed

The second year Post Leaving Certificate students in Coláiste Mhuire organised a cake sale and raffle which raised €1000 for the Haiti appeal. Alan Burchael received the cheque from Peggy Costello and together with Aidan Mac they broadcast the Breakfast Bowl from the school on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. In her interview the Principal Mrs. O Sullivan spoke about the general subjects, staff, and students while Mrs. Stake-lum spoke about the PLC courses and enrolment. Fran Curry also broadcast the Classic Café from 12 to

2 o'clock. He interviewed many students during lunch hour. He also spoke to Kenneth O Dwyer (past pupil) who is back on teaching practice. Aindriú O Fearghail also spoke about his enterprise win with NFTE. The visit caused a great stir about the school.



Liz Flannery and Nora Gubbins (NTVEC); Margaret Ryan, Nenagh Library; Ann Melley, Nenagh Vocational School

## AONTAS Learners Festival 2010

North Tipperary VEC, in conjunction with Tipperary Libraries, held drop-in sessions in two local libraries providing information to members of the general public on returning to education.

The sessions took place on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Nenagh Library and Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> in Thurles Library. Many members of the general public availed of this opportunity to inform themselves of further education options.

These events marked the AONTAS Adult Learner's Festival.

## First Year Parents Meeting in Coláiste Phobal

A subject option meeting for parents of our present First Years in Coláiste Phobal took place on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Cáit Leyne organised this important event and spoke to the large group of parents present on factors that should be taken into consideration when choosing choice subjects and the procedures involved.

## Information evening in Coláiste Phobal

An Information Evening will take place on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Coláiste Phobal. It will focus on course and subject options available to Post Junior Certificate students. The Course Coordinators will outline the various programmes available and to whom they would best suit.

## Sports

### Athletics Track and Field in Coláiste Phobal

The Munster Final Athletics Championships took place in C.I.T. Cork on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Pádraig Smyth, the sole participant from Coláiste Phobal qualified from the East Munster's in Dungar-

van. He ran a fantastic race finishing 10<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 91 in the 1500m race.

### Indoor Track and Field

This Competition took place in Nenagh on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nine athletes represented Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré in a variety of events, including 60m sprints, 1200m, long jump, and shot putt. The athletes performed very well in each of their indi-

vidual events and were unlucky to miss out on the medals.

### Disappointment for Hurlers in Coláiste Phobal

Reigning champions, Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré made their exit from this year's championship after a disappointing performance on Saturday last. After a bad start where they conceded two goals

in the first ten minutes Coláiste Phobal continued to struggle up to half time. After half-time, Roscrea dominated possession-wise, but failed to convert this superiority into scores sufficient to win the game. On a disappointing day for the Coláiste, Dromcollogher progressed to the Munster Final on a score-line of 2 goals 8 points to 1 goal 10 points.