



St John's Parochial Newsletter

January/February 2018

- ❖ The pupils were treated to pancakes on Shrove Tuesday by Martha and Jadwiga of the Parents' Association. Many thanks for providing the pancakes and for giving of your time. It is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Izabella who very generously provided strawberries, blueberries and cream etc.



- ❖ This year, for the first time, we were joined by the pupils of Kiltallagh N.S, in Castlemaine, for the Ash Wednesday service at the church. Pupils from each school did readings and prayers for the service and a pupil from each school brought up the gifts. We were treated to pizza and a beetle drive in Teach an tSolais afterwards. This was very kindly organized by David and Jackie Tough. We very much appreciate their work with this because it not only provided a very enjoyable end to the day, giving pupils an opportunity to get to know each other, but it also afforded the teachers the opportunity to focus fully on the worship. We would like to thank Rev. Jim for providing us with this opportunity and we hope that this will be the first of many joint activities involving the two schools.

- ❖ We held a story writing competition in early February. Each pupil from the Junior Classroom was paired with a pupil from the Senior Classroom. Every group wrote their own story. Teachers had a difficult time picking a winner as the stories were amazing! Congratulations to Billy and Dan who wrote the winning story and to Allie, Graham and Adam who came second. Thanks to the Student Council for organizing this.
- ❖ The children in the senior room enjoyed excellent, informative and hands-on training in CPR. The boys and girls learned how to ascertain when to provide CPR, how to perform CPR and how to use an AED (defibrillator). These are life-long skills that will remain with the children for many years to come. We are very grateful to Kathleen Finnegan, a registered nurse with the Bon Secours Hospital, for providing the training.
- ❖ We would like to thank Ms. Treacy for the enormous contribution she made to the life of the school during her time with us. We will miss her and we wish her all the best in the future.

What's happening in March?

- ❖ We will celebrate "Seachtain na Gaeilge" from 13th-16th March. Details soon!
- ❖ We look forward to welcoming Mrs Benton back following her leave.
- ❖ The Student Council are organising an Easter Egg Hunt.
- ❖ Roarke will be confirmed on 23rd March. We wish him all the best.