

***Scoil Naomh Comhghall, Coininsi***  
St. Comgall's N.S., Connons, Clones, Co. Monaghan



**March 2007**

*The staff of St. Comgall's N.S. would like to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable St. Patrick's weekend.*

**School Developments:** A sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for agreeing to fund the shelving and storage units for our new school library. The importance of this library in enriching the child's reading experience cannot be over-emphasised and we look forward to extending it with an ever-increasing variety of texts. Our architect, Paul Mongan will visit the school later this week to assess the 'snag list' for final completion of works. We hope to have outstanding works, including front garden, completed as soon as possible.

**Tree Pruning:** Our wholehearted thanks to Mark Maguire, John Joe Gavin and Eddie McCaffrey who did a wonderful job on pruning unsafe trees. It was a huge undertaking and the amount of light now entering the school has increased considerably. With regard to the rest of the garden, we hope to rotovate grass areas, add top soil and finish off by planting a surrounding hedging.

**Enrolment/Open day:** We envisage holding an Enrolment/Open day from 1pm to 3pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007. All prospective children and their parents are invited to view the school and participate in 'Open Day' activities. We would be grateful if all parents would bring their child's birth certificate and PPS number with them on that day. Although this day will be advertised in the local newspaper, we would also ask parents to relay this information to other parents with school going children

**Sacraments:** Congratulations to our second class pupils Caolan, Jessica, Kesley, Kevin, Sarah and Zoe who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Sacred Heart Church, Clones on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The 'Do it in Memory' programme continues with parents and children on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007. A reminder that 'The Service of Light' ceremony for all sixth class children will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Clones on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007. All children are asked to arrive at the church in full uniform by 7:50pm.

**Dance:** Dance is another strand of our PE curriculum which allows children to explore ideas, thoughts and feelings through a new medium. We are pleased, therefore, to inform you that we have organised to have Mr. Gerard McQuaid of the 'McQuaid School of Dancing', teach all our children Irish dancing. Classes will commence on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and will continue for the foreseeable future.

**Music:** We have requested a music teacher, Mr. Fran McMahon, to teach the children the tin whistle. Tin whistles (Standard D) may be purchased in the school for €3.95. Classes will be held on Tuesdays starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and we look forward to building a future St. Comgall's N.S. band!

**Fund Raising:** A thank you again to all of our parents and community members who contributed to the recycling initiative. On this occasion the response realised an amount of €165. It is hoped to hold a final collection in the summer term.

**Supervalu Tokens:** Many thanks for all the Supervalu tokens which we have received; to date we have approximately 15,000 tokens. As we come to the closing date for this promotion, we thank you for supporting our efforts and look forward to acquiring a variety of new P.E. equipment.

**Altar Servers:** Thank you to our children for serving at Mass and thanks to parents for ensuring that the children are in the church on appointed times. Our priests have noted how competent and committed the children are in this undertaking. Once again, if a child is unable to serve on a particular Sunday, please organise someone to serve in your child's place.

**Sport:** Senior Classes will be travelling to the Astro pitch, beside Century Homes Park, Monaghan on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007 for the annual Ribena 5-a-side schools' competition. Children will wear their school tracksuits and bring an extra tracksuit and a **waterproof jacket** in case of changeable weather. Children should bring snack and lunch as for normal school day and it is important that an **extra drink** is included.

**St. Patrick's Weekend Break:** School will be closed on the **Bank Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and also Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** due to PE staff training. We apologise for this late notice, but the P.E. date was only finally confirmed for next week. Information regarding the course may be found attached.

