

# Loreto Newsflash—December 2015

Christmas is upon us and it only seemed such a short time ago that we were welcoming the pupils back to school, after the Summer Holidays. In the course of this term the students and teachers in conjunction with Ms Cronin have been busy buying gifts and wrapping shoe boxes for Team Hope to deliver to orphanages in Africa and Eastern Europe. The school collected 250 boxes which will make a fantastic difference to so many. €1,000 was collected earlier in the Year for Trocaire to help the refugee crisis in Europe. The St. Vincent de Paul delegation helped to collect food hampers and to wrap and deliver them to some of our elderly and needy neighbours all over the Rivervalley Parish and the wider Swords area. As a Catholic school that recognises and embraces all faiths, this is a period on the Church calendar of much significance and importance. In our school community we have been preparing with our weekly masses, our advent wreath, our two school cribs and our daily morning prayer. The term will end with a Christmas Carol Service on the morning of 22 Dec. The overriding message we hear at Christmas is one of 'peace and goodwill' to one and all, I hope that this message will be alive for you and your family and I wish you all a Happy & Holy Christmas followed by a New Year of promise and contentment. The school will re-open on January 6th (Feast of the Epiphany) with morning mass at 8.45 a.m. I want to thank you for your continuous support for Loreto College. This is, as always, so much appreciated and hugely valued.

**School Building Update** On 17 November 2015 the Minister for Education announced a new programme of Capital Investment in Schools. Thanks to the work of the current Board of Management and students Niamh O'Halloran and Emily Geoghegan who made an oral presentation to the Minister last May and the years of petitioning and lobbying by former Boards, Principals, and staff, Loreto College is now listed among the schools for extension/refurbishment works for the period 2019/2021. These details are listed on the Dept. of Education website. This project when delivered should upgrade the school specialist rooms and facilities to modern standards.

**Board of Management 2015/2018** A new Board was appointed by the Loreto Trust in October to serve until 2018. The new board consists of: Mr Gerry Sinnott, Sr. Josephine Keegan, Mr Dan McDermott, Ms Colette Stokes—all Trustee Reps; Ms Mary Gorman and Ms Karen Parker—Teacher Reps and Ms Siobhan O'Brien and An t-Uasal Domhnall O'Scanail—Parent Reps. I wish to thank you for your nominations for the Parent Reps and I wish the Board members well in all their work for the school.



## **Parents Association**

The Parents Association wish to thank the new members that have come on board this year. They have been busy fundraising for the school over the past month and their work is greatly appreciated. They held a Monster Christmas Raffle and the winners and prizes are as follows; 1st Faye Guthrie, 2nd Barbara Kelly, 3rd Noel Hughes, 4th Darcy Sheridan, 5th Aidan Scully, 6th Yvonne Heaslip, 7th Caroline Murphy, 8th Lee Tierney. Thanks to all who sponsored prizes for the raffle and who bought adds in the programme. Your support is really appreciated.

***We wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year.***

## **School Website**

Please see the school website @ [www.loretoswords.ie](http://www.loretoswords.ie) for all other school information. The photo galleries are updated on a regular basis and posts re. what is happening in the school are added also.

## **Talent Show:**

Congratulations to all staff and students who performed and prepared the Loreto Has Talent Show. Well Done to Peace Martins, the Girls Squad and 6th Element the winners on the night