

Monday November 4th 2024

Dear Parents and Students,

As we welcome the Autumn term, we're excited to share updates, important dates, and highlights from our school community. This season brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection.



During the month of November, we pray for all who died during this year and to remember in a special way, those who have lost someone close to them.

- *For our school community. Be with us Lord as we gather this November to remember our beloved dead. We pray that we would continue always to support one another and to care for one another; especially those who are grieving the death of a loved one close to them at this time. Lord hear us.*
- *For our families. Be with us Lord as we remember the beloved dead in our own families. Guide us into a deep awareness of your love and concern for us as we remember those who have loved us, whom we have lost. Lord hear us.*
- *For ourselves. Be with us Lord as we dwell in a deep awareness of the frailty of all life, including our own life. Help us always to have a deep sense of compassion and care, self-respect and love for ourselves. Guide us in behaviour and attitudes that protect and nurture the gift of our own lives. Lord hear us.*
- *For our classmates and friends. Be with us Lord as we seek always to respect and care for those around us. Never let us forget the incredible identity each of us has as your beloved sons and daughter. Lord hear us.*
- *For justice and peace in our world. Be with those who are suffering the devastating effects of war in our world. Make us instruments of peace in our own families, schools and communities. Lord hear us.*

Achievements last Term:

Academic Achievements: Congratulations to all students for your hard work! We've seen great progress in various subjects, with many students excelling in their assessments and State examinations.

Extracurricular Activities: A big thank you to everyone who participated in our sports teams, and events; our PCH Cup Blitz which was a resounding success; our GAISCE awards; our BT scientist entries; trip to Achill; our Open Night; Spooky Story competition; Maths treasure hunt and many more events.

Community Engagement: Our recent community event, *Something in the Water* have made a positive impact.

What's New This Term:

- **Parent-Teacher Meetings:** Scheduled for **Wednesday November 13th for our 6th year students** and **Wednesday 20th for our 3rd year students**. This is a great opportunity to discuss your progress and set goals for the next term and I would encourage all 6th year students to attend their PT meeting and be part of the educational conversation.
- **TY Camino Talk** – A parent talk will take place on Tuesday November 5th at 6pm
- **Parents AGM** – Wednesday November 6th at 7pm. A text message invitation has been sent to all parents. New parents are very welcome.
- **Presentation Day Mass will take place on Thursday November 21st at 2.30pm.**

Events to Look Forward To:

- **Parents Association AGM Wednesday November 6th at 7pm**

Joining our school's parents' association, particularly during an Annual General Meeting (AGM), offers numerous benefits for both parents and the school community:

1. **Voice and Influence:** Parents have the opportunity to voice their opinions, raise concerns, and contribute ideas that can influence school policies and activities.
2. **Community Building:** Being part of the Parents Association fosters a sense of community among parents, teachers, and school staff, creating a supportive environment for students.
3. **Access to Information:** Our Parents AGM provides important updates on school activities, finances, and initiatives, ensuring parents stay informed about what's happening in their child's school.
4. **Networking Opportunities:** Parents can connect with other families, forming friendships and support networks that can enhance their school experience.
5. **Engagement in Education:** Active participation allows parents to be more involved in their child's education, which can positively impact student success.
6. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Parents can engage in various school events and projects, helping to enrich the school experience for all students.
7. **Support for Teachers and Staff:** Parents can help bridge the gap between home and school, supporting educators and contributing to a positive learning environment.

Overall, joining the PCH parents' association is a great way to actively contribute to the school community, fostering a collaborative atmosphere that benefits students, parents, and educators alike.

Reminders for Parents:

- **Stay Connected:** Be sure to check our school website and social media for the latest updates and announcements.
- **Assessment Reports** – Available for viewing on Friday November 8th on TYRO
- As per the academic calendar **Monday November 25th** is a discretionary day and there will be no school.
- There will be staff training for the new **LC Senior Cycle framework on Tuesday November 26th**. There will be no school for students on that Tuesday as training takes place.

Student Support:

- Our commitment to student well-being remains a top priority. We have resources available for academic support, mental health, and counselling. Please encourage your child to reach out if they need assistance.

Our PCH Football Blitz – A Word of Thanks!

Dear Students, Parents and Coaches and Volunteers,

On behalf of Presentation College Headford, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for making our Football Blitz a resounding success! Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship created an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

To our local primary school students, your energy and joy on the field were truly inspiring. You showcased incredible talent and camaraderie, reminding us all of the joy of playing the game.

To our secondary school students, thank you for stepping up as role models and mentors. Your leadership and encouragement made a significant impact on our younger players, fostering a spirit of community and collaboration.

A special thanks to Mr Conor O’Dowd and Mr. Barry Biggins organisers of today’s PCH cup. Your dedication, time, and effort behind the scenes ensured that the event ran smoothly and provided an enriching experience for all.

To the parents and supporters, your presence and enthusiasm helped create a vibrant atmosphere. Thank you for cheering on our students and for your continued support of our school community.

I hope everyone enjoyed the day filled with fun, learning, and friendship. Let’s carry this spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship forward into the rest of the school year!

A Note from the Principal

As we embrace the spirit of the autumn season, let’s focus on gratitude and kindness within our school community. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your son’s/daughter’s education.

Wishing everyone a wonderful autumn term!

Warm regards,

