

# St. Conaire's Bulletin

## June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**New school year:** The school will reopen for the 2016/2017 school year on Thursday, September 1 2016 for all pupils. The full school calendar is available overleaf and is also published on [www.conaires.ie](http://www.conaires.ie)

**Go raibh maith agaibh go léir!** I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support over the past school year. It was a busy year and we express our sincere gratitude to all who worked with us in so many different ways for the benefit of the pupils of St. Conaire's. I would like to thank all the school staff, the Parents' Association, the Board of Management and friends of the school who assisted in so many ways.

**Best wishes:** We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils well as they leave primary school and head towards different second level schools. We hope the journey ahead will be a good one. We are very proud of them and we wish them well for the coming years. Ar Aghaidh Libh!

**Retirement:** Mr. Pat O'Brien is retiring from St. Conaire's this summer. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. O'Brien for his immense contribution to the life of St. Conaire's as a teacher, colleague and friend. He brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school and he was instrumental in the provision of our new school park. He led environmental education in the school for many years and assisted in securing our seven green flags. His expertise in local history and geography was shared willingly with his pupils and fellow teachers. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Pat for his professionalism, collegiality, teaching and wisdom all of which have made St. Conaire's a better school. We wish Pat and his family well on the occasion of his retirement.

**GAA Cúl Camp 2016:** A Cúl Camp will take place in Wolfe Tones from July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> inclusive. Further details are available from Ronan Keane on (083) 1053934.

**Summer Reading Camp:** Shannon Library is running a Summer Stars Reading Programme to encourage pupils to continue reading over the holidays. It is a free programme and children are welcome to join. Contact Shannon Library for further details.

**German Classes:** German language classes for pupils from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will resume in the school in September. German is taught and learned through fun, bingo, games, songs, poems and puzzles. Topics that are studied are from the first year German curriculum in secondary school. If you would like further information please contact Tracey Pyne on 087 6311848.

**St. Senan's RFC Summer Camp:** Summer Camp 2016 will run from August 22 to August 26 inclusive. No rugby experience necessary. Phone Anthony on 086 3004079 for more.

**School Book Shop:** Many thanks to all who used the school book shop this year. The winners of the draw were: Mia Ferfecka (Free Book Rental); Lucy Mallaghan (Free Stationery) and Hannah Nunes (Free Tracksuit).

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh, Principal

Please see overleaf for class lists and school calendar.

## Class lists for the 2016/2017 school year

Class for September 2016	Current Teacher	Teacher for September 2016
Juniors Class 1	New Junior pupils	Ms. Maria O'Driscoll
Juniors Class 2	New Junior pupils	Ms. Deirdre McDonagh
Juniors Class 3	New Junior pupils	Ms. Róisín McMahon
Seniors Class 1	Ms. Orlaith Ní Mhuiris	Ms. Mary Malone
Seniors Class 2	Ms. Olivia Morris	Ms. Olivia Morris
Seniors Class 3	Ms. Deirdre McDonagh	To be confirmed
First – Class 1	Amalgamation of classes – see separate note	Ms. Ní Mhuiris
First – Class 2	Amalgamation of classes – see separate note	Ms. Kelleher
Second – Class 1	Mrs. Siobhán Barry	Ms. Laura Hogan
Second – Class 2	Ms. Laura Hogan	Mrs. Siobhán Barry
Third – Class 1	Ms. Máiréad Greene	Mrs. Marion Eisenberg
Third – Class 2	Ms. Kate Bulfin	Ms. Suzanne Hogan
Fourth – Class 1	Mr. Eoin Glynn	Ms. Máiréad Greene
Fourth – Class 2	Mr. Colm Pilkington	Mr. Eoin Glynn
Fifth – Class 1	Mr. Stephen MacNamara	Ms. Sinéad White
Fifth – Class 2	Mrs. Karen McInerney	Mr. Gearóid O'Connell
Sixth – Class 1	Ms. Róisín McMahon	Mr. Colm Pilkington
Sixth – Class 2	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Stephen MacNamara
Learning Support Teachers	Mrs. Manning/Ms. Irene McMahon, Ms. Cleary, Ms. Patricia Garry	
Resource Teachers	Mrs. Glynn, Mrs. McInerney, Teacher to be confirmed	

## Calendar for 2016/2017 school year

School re-opens for all pupils .....	September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 (Thursday)
October 2016 Mid-term break .....	Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> inclusive
Christmas Holidays .....	Closed December 23 <sup>rd</sup> ; re-opens January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2017
February 2017 Mid-term break .....	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> 2017
St. Patrick's Day .....	March 17 2017 (Friday)
Easter Holidays 2017* .....	Closed April 10 – 21 <sup>st</sup> inclusive; re-opens April 24 <sup>th</sup>
May Bank Holiday 2017 .....	Closed Monday May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017
June Bank Holiday 2017 .....	Closed June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Holidays 2017.....	Closing at 12 noon on Friday June 30 <sup>th</sup>

Please note that there may be an additional closure to facilitate whole-school training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. This date will be decided by the Department of Education and Skills. St. Conaire's will notify parents once the date becomes known to the school.

\*All schools will close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017, which will be the final day of the school term, unless changes are required as part of contingency arrangements to make up for time lost due to unforeseen closures. Where contingency arrangements are required the school Board of Management may reduce the Easter break by remaining open up to an including Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.