



## CCC Parents Association Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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Fáilte – Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí

# Remembering Alex Coughlan



The Parents Association At CCC would like to offer our deepest sympathies to Alex's mum, dad, stepmother, his son, brothers, sister, family and friends

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**"May his kind and gentle soul rest in peace."**

## Agenda – 25th May 2026

- Summary PA Monthly Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Summary PA Monthly Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Role of PA
- Plant Sale Update
- Finance Update
- Uniform Sale
- College Update – John Cronin (Principal)
- AOB



# Summary 13th April Plant Sale KO Meeting

- Review of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 2nd March 2026
- Summary below of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- **Plant sale update:**
  - This meeting was to recruit volunteers
  - Update on why we are doing this and what happens to the proceeds
  - What are we selling and who we source our plant from
  - Raffle will be a focus plan to raise €15k in total incl coffee raffle and €10k in online sales
  - Last year the plant sale made a profit of €48K between both the raffle and the plant sale.
  - €45K went directly to the school for many beneficial projects.
  - The raffle organisation is underway. A big thank you Karen, Sharon and Cliona for their hard work. They are out rustling up prizes from our sponsors. Licenses have also been applied for.

# Summary 13th April Plant Sale KO Meeting

- Push the students to Buy tickets (letter going home Thurs 16th April)
- We need lots of volunteers circa 125 to run it effectively. The Chair asked the attendees to tell everyone about the event and shared the various time slots that volunteers were required for and also the distribution of the 10,000 flyers

# Summary 13th April Monthly Meeting

- **Regular Monthly Update:**
- Reviewed minutes of previous PA meeting held on 2 March 2026.
- Parent talk by Dr Richard Hogan, scheduled for 12 October 2026.
- Need to submit the planning for the astro turf, currently awaiting some admin to be completed to finalise the application for submission.
- €6, 415.36 is in the PA current account balance.
- Will be increasing as monies come in for the raffle and online raffle sales via idonate.

# Summary 13th April Monthly Meeting

## Mr Cronin's gave an update on school activities

- Projects being undertaken now – extension work awaiting preferred design.
- Leaky roof project – a representative of the Department of Education has attended at the school and has decided to open access to emergency work application for the roof.
- An emergency work application has also been submitted and approved to replace the boiler.
- TY Musical for 2026 is in the planning stages.
- 30th anniversary celebration evening was a spectacular success in the Draiocht. Delighted by the contributions of one of the first-year students especially.
- School events in Brief: World Book Day, Maths club, Daffodil day, Rock you Socks day, Leinster semi-final, hurling final, athletics successes. Student ethos ambassadors, non-uniform day, assistant dog in the school for world autism day,

Note for exam years that Leaving Cert deadlines are approaching. Best of luck to the students as they prepare to sit their oral and practical exams.



## Summary 27<sup>th</sup> April Monthly Meeting

- Plant sale update (*see deck from previous meeting for more detail*)
  - Progressing well
  - Raffle sakes currently at €2,710 and will be pushed over the 2 weeks
  - Volunteer no's behind last year Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning are the areas of concern, but the Chair said that we will get the extra volunteers with a few emails and SMS's to be sent
  - All outdoor poster and banners have been put up
  - Volunteer recruitment
- Flyer distribution was done with only circa 1k remaining

## Role of Parents Association – New Attendees

- Partnering with the school management and staff
  - Arrange talks of interest for parents throughout the academic year
  - Mock interviews
  - Readers for inhouse exams
  - Policy review for school – parental input
  - Deb Committee
  - Coffee mornings
  - Fundraising & fun – e.g. plant & uniform sales
  - Lobbying i.e. College extension
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- Strategic plans
  - *More details in the Appendix below*



## Plant Sale Update

# PLANT SALE



## CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May: 10am-5pm**



# Plan Sale Events







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# Sponsors 2026

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School Furniture



**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**PA**  
CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Traditional Home Bakery  
24 Cabra Road, Dublin 2, Tel: 01 857 7151

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**INSOMNIA**  
COFFEE

# Raffle Winners

## Main Raffle

No.	Prize	Winner
1	Asus Laptop	Shirley Ryan
2	PSS	Patrick Timony
3	Castleknock Golf Club 4 ball voucher	Martin Sullivan
4	Educo Gym	Annie Fragniere
5	Maximillians voucher €200	Siobhan Gaynor
6	Luttrelstown Golf Club 4 ball	Dermot Marron
7	Wongs voucher €200	Maeve Doyle
8	BT voucher €150	Xianming Wu
9	Castleknock Hotel Spa Facial voucher €120	Aline Bansal
10	Spar Hamper	Jason O'Keefe
11	Grants voucher €100	Peter Murphy
12	Castleknock Hotel E&V Restaurant voucher €100	Cora Doyle
13	Grants voucher €100	Nicola Giltrap
14	Insomnia voucher €100s	Shona Woods
15	Awesome Walls voucher €84	Suzanne Hegarty

## Main Raffle

No.	Prize	Winner
16	Anglers Rest voucher €80	Senada Muminovic
17	Castleknock Hotel Afternoon Tea voucher €80	Sonya MacGillivray
18	Dublin Zoo voucher €64	Jack Humpston
19	Bradleys Hort tree €60	Leona Lea
20	SG Education voucher €60	Sonya Lucey
21	Bradleys Hort tree €60	Niamh Mullin
22	Bradleys Hort tree €60	Teresa McCabe
23	Blanchardstown Shopping Ctr voucher €50	Niamh Prenderville
24	Goats Gruff voucher €50	David O'Beirne
25	Hair Creations €50 voucher	Geraldine McGrath
26	D-one-5 €50 voucher	Karen Foley
27	Westside Gym students voucher x 2	Laura Lea
28	McCabes Hamper	Gerry Ryan
29	Koss Headset R-Tech Computers	Simona Roveda

## Coffee Shop Raffle

No.	Prize	Winner
1	Hamper	Dave Kelly
2	2 Goats Gruff voucher €50	Dei Moran
3	3 Koss Communications Headset from ITBITS	Chris Leonard
4	4 Romayos voucher €25	Anabelle Vaz
5	5 Melo Castleknock voucher	Mary Sloan
6	6 Carpo Coffee voucher €20	Dei Moran



# Key Statistics from the Plant Sale & Raffle

Receipts  
81% Card  
19% Cash

Avg Items  
per sale  
6.84

Transactions  
1,855 Card  
430 Cash  
+1% on LY

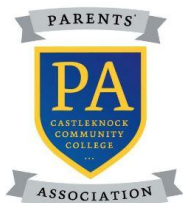
Plants Sold  
8,998 -4.4% on LY  
AIV €6.9 +2.2% on  
LY

Compost  
335 Bags  
V 356 LY

AOV (card)  
€30.47  
-1.6% on LY

Raffle  
€15.8k  
+€2.9k (23%)  
on LY

Volunteers  
123 parents  
45 Students



# What Did We Sell

332 Plastic  
Hanging  
Baskets €4.6k

1,649 6 Pack  
Trays €6.6k

264 Potted  
Planters  
€6.6k

190 Wicker  
Hanging  
Baskets €6.7k

991 Geraniums  
€4.0k

484  
Perennials  
€3.9k

Raffle 908(+38%)  
purchases and  
online AOV  
€23.5 (-11%)

250 Burgers &  
250 Sausages

# Income & Expenditure

Income  
€85,011  
+3.7% on  
LY

Expenditure  
€34,528  
+1.1% on LY

Profit  
€50,482  
(59.4%)

**Profit up 5.5% or €2.7k on LY**

- Income:
  - Proceeds from Plants sale
  - Main Raffle
  - Coffee Shop
  - Cake Stall
  - BBQ
  - Coffee Shop Raffle
  - Face Painting
  - Sponsorship €4.2k (+15% on LY) & circa €5.0k in prizes
- Expenditure:
  - Cost of plants, pots & trees
  - Banner, cable ties, stickers
  - Cost of BBQ items
  - Sum-up fees - 1.7%
  - Idonate Fees – 1.95% +25c per transaction
  - AIB Fees – 1%

# Plant Sale Income & Expenditure

	Plants	Compost	Coffee Shop	Martins Cakes	French Pastries	BBQ	Face Painting	Monster Raffle	Coffee Shop Raffle	Total
<b>Income:</b>										
Cash	8,744	790	341	61	20	117	26	2,790	204	<b>13,093</b>
Card	49,546	2,186	1,856	269	196	738	141	1,200	370	<b>56,502</b>
Raffle - idonate								11,215		<b>11,215</b>
Sponsorship Cash	3,030	155	114	17	11	44	9	790	30	<b>4,200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,320</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>85,011</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>										
Plants & Pots - Kilmoon	28,422									28,422
Shrubs & Trees - Bradleys Horticulture	1,718									1,718
Compost & Bark		1,659								1,659
Cable Ties X 2 packs	54									54
Cable Ties X 1 pack	30									30
Sign Hub - Banner & stickers for posters	182									182
2 Sumup Machines	84									84
Stickers / Sharpies for Pricing	85									85
Burgers & Sausages Purchase						150				150
Purchases BBQ (buns, cans, gas etc)						309				309
Donation	400									400
Idonate Fees @1.95%								218		218
Idonate Fees Transaction 25c								120		120
Bank fees Sumup @ 1.7%	838	37	31	5	3	12	2	20	6	955
Bank fees AIB @ 1.0%	98	8	4	1	0	1	0	30	2	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,910</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34,528</b>
<b>Profit:</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,410</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>15,608</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>50,482</b>
<b>% Profit</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>% Profit by Event</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1%</b>	



## Learnings from 2025

- Need more support - Yes
  - Increase Trees sales -> high ticket €30/€100/€150 - Yes
  - Sell Shrubs - Yes
  - Book sale? - No
  - How can we get people engaged with Raffle earlier without SMS blitz - Yes
  - More wickers hanging baskets, Hydrangeas, Lavender - Yes
  - Sell ice creams - No
  - No Marquee or promote - Yes
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## Learnings from 2025

- More talks
  - Gardai re drugs, security traffic etc **we asked**
  - Castleknock & Blanchardstown Historical Society **we asked too late**
- Print Stickers for Pricing - **Yes**
- Maybe more kids activities, balloons , bubbles etc - **No**
- Planning layout of hall – more formalised and locations for activities
- Raffle we need an owner(s) - **Yes**

## Consideration from 2026 for 2027

- More talks
  - Gardai re drugs, security traffic etc
  - Castleknock & Blanchardstown Historical Society
- More wickers hanging baskets, Hydrangeas, Lavender, Potted Planters, Trailing plants/Geraniums & Vegetables
- Flag issue re plastic hanging baskets 2 different qualities sent in
- Wi-Fi
- Test sum-up machines and format of pricing pages
- Music on Sunday afternoon as hall when emptying out of plants and low footfall atmosphere is a bit dead

## Consideration from 2026 for 2027

- Get more businesses in that fit in with the culture & community of the Plant Sale with 100% proceeds donated to the event
- School printer for stickers
- Plant Zone
- Hanging baskets maybe mid range circa €25? Make sure no impact on €35 baskets
- More boxes from Get Fresh
- And open to more suggestions

# Politicians – College Extension & Sports Facilities

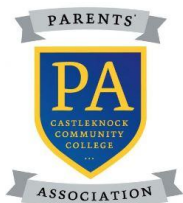
- Who did we get time with to stress the importance of maintaining the momentum.
  - Jack Chambers – TD Minister
  - Emer Currie – TD
  - Siobhan Shovlin – Councillor / ETB
  - John Walsh – Councillor / BOM Chair
  - Eimear Carbone Mangan – Councillor / BOM



**CCC Parent's Association  
Income and Expenditure Report May 2026**

	€	€
<b>Opening Balance 13/4/26</b>		<b>€ 6,415.26</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
30th Anniversary Music Night Programmes - Sum Up	€ 619.29	
Centra Laurel Lodge	€ 1,000.00	
AIB electronic transfer (10/04)	€ 150.00	
Bool electronic transfer (16/04)	€ 100.00	
PLNT sale contrib IE 26042097905808	€ 100.00	
Abbey Badges cheque	€ 50.00	
Carpenter pub check	€ 100.00	
Wriggle Learning transfer	€ 250.00	
Castleknock GAA transfer	€ 100.00	
Santry Design & Art cash	€ 100.00	
Galway Outdoor Ed (Achill Surf) cheque	€ 100.00	
Miko Metals cheque	€ 100.00	
Bradys dealership	€ 200.00	
GP-370100389	€ 1.94	
DEB Exams cheque	€ 100.00	
Yes Insurance	€ 100.00	
GP-376197107	€ 0.96	
GP-378043252	€ 1.96	
Debs Ireland Donation	€ 150.00	
Peak Learning	€ 100.00	
93820P20112973.366	€ 100.00	
GP-381785136 SumUp revenue	€ 55,559.79	
Stephen Malone painting cash	€ 200.00	
Declan Cummins	€ 200.00	
Plant sale coins	€ 406.30	
Plant sale cash Saturday	€ 7,165.00	
Plant sale cash Sunday	€ 6,680.00	
iDonate	€ 4,344.01	
Folens Donation	€ 100.00	
Get Fresh (P Croft) donation	€ 500.00	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>€ 78,679.25</b>	<b>€ 78,679.25</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
500665 cheque banners, other items for PS & flowers Jigsaw	€ 315.38	
Bank Fees	€ 8.95	
500666 cheque 2 new Sumup machines	€ 83.64	
500667 Float for Plant Sale	€ 1,850.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€ 2,257.97</b>	<b>€ 2,257.97</b>
<b>Closing Balance as of 15/5/26</b>		<b>€ 82,836.54</b>
<b>Future Expected Adjustments</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Donations due in	€ 300.00	
Idonate donations	€ 6,533.71	
	<b>€ 6,833.71</b>	<b>€ 6,833.71</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
30th Anniversary Music Night Programmes - Sum Up	€ 619.29	
Kilmoon Invoice	€ 30,080.99	
Bradleys Horticulture Invoice	€ 1,827.35	
Stickers / Sharpies for Pricing	€ 85.37	
Clarks Volunteers night estimate 2024	€ 800.00	
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€ 34,213.00</b>	<b>€ 34,213.00</b>
<b>Future Closing Balance</b>		<b>€ 55,457.25</b>

# Finance Update



## Uniform Sale



- Uniform Sale
  - Products **donations** required
  - Volunteers
  - Date **Saturday 20th June 9:30am - 12:30pm**



- Raised €4,321 in 2025 with Little Butterflies Arch Club – Clonee and Mountview Family Resource Centre receiving donations of €2,250 each



- Any questions or wish to help out contact email [ccc.uniform.sale@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.uniform.sale@gmail.com)



# College Update

John Cronin – Principal



## AOB

- Volunteer night **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June @ 7:30** in The College
- Please RSVP to Paula Cante ([paulacante@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:paulacante@castleknockcc.ie)) by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May



# THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 7th September @ 7:30pm

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# Appendix



# Timetable of PA Activities

- Request for list of activities of the PA
  - When required
  - How much time required
  - Share with other parents to support recruitment drive
  - Amend as and when required i.e. new ideas
  - Email contact for PA → [pacastleknockcc@gmail.com](mailto:pacastleknockcc@gmail.com)



# Timetable of PA Activities

Activity	Duration of event	Time Required	Time of Year	Training	Contact
Plant Sale	Pre-Event: posters setup, delivery of flyers, buying plants, , licence from Fingal for posters, limits on cash machine etc	0-5 hours before event	Early May – weekend after bank holiday (9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> May)	N	PA
	The event: 2 days + ½ day to setup	½ day -> 2.5 days weekend of event			
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 <sup>rd</sup> week June & September	N	Sonya MacGillivray / PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October / early November	N	Jacqueline Moloney & Jo McAndrew /PA
Policy Reviews	A few hours 1-2 policies a year	3-4 hours a) pre policy meet, b) policy sent out for review and c) post review meeting with recommendations	Autumn & Spring	Y	PA / John Cronin
Raffle	Licence from Gardai for raffle, print tickets, ask suppliers/local businesses/parents for prizes/sponsorship	5-10 hours	Mar-May	N	Sharon Reilly & Cliona Lartin/Karen Kearney
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Stephen Connolly / PA
Coffee Mornings	2 hours	2-3 hours	Autumn	N	Denise Doyle
Strategy Group	1 year +	TBC	N/A	N	Colm O’Grady & John Goodwin /PA
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November & Feb	Y	Sinead Morrissey Fallon / PA
Debs Committee		TBC		N	Grainne Kehoe /PA
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Grainne Kehoe / PA

