

## **Wins for High School Clonmel, Presentation Convent Clonmel and Cashel Community School.**

The Post Primary Schools Cross Country competition took place in Marfield GAA Club grounds last week in ideal conditions. We had teams from St Ailbe's Tipperary Town, Abbey CBS Tipperary Town, Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh Cahir, Cashel Community School, Presentation Convent Clonmel, Scoil Ruain Killenaule, Presentation Convent Ballingarry, Nenagh Vocational School, Loreto Convent Clonmel and Clonmel High School. Competition was keen in all eight races as this was an ideal opportunity for Schools to have a look at their athletes well in advance of the County Schools Cross Country Championships that will be held towards the end of January.

The first race of the day was the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Girls race and here we had a great race with Katie Tobin of Scoil Ruain Killenaule winning well from Beth Fitzpatrick of Loreto Convent Clonmel with the Bronze medal going to Rachel Ryan of St Ailbe's Tipperary Town. Cashel Community made a winning return to this competition when their team won Gold with St Ailbe's winning the Silver and Loreto Convent Clonmel winning the Bronze.

In the Boys equivalent Eoin Hctor of Clonmel High School won from Zach Kadri of St Ailbe's and Bailey Martin, Abbey CBS Tipperary Town. Clonmel High School won the team event from the Abbey CBS and St Ailbe's.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Girls race Kelly Ann Doyle of Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir was the winner with Aoibhe O Shea Presentation Convent Ballingarry 2<sup>nd</sup> and Aine Power Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir won the Gold medals with Presentation Convent Clonmel 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year Boys race saw Killian Cullagh Nenagh Vocational School winning the race with Patrick Cleary Clonmel High School 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thomas Flynn Colaiste Dun Iascaigh 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was great to see Colaiste Dun Iascaigh back competing again this year. Clonmel High School won the Gold medals from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cashel Community School 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> race was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year girl's race and here Leanne Prout of the Presentation Convent Ballingarry was a clear winner. Jenny Maher of Sty Ailbe's Tipperary Town was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Hannah Dalton of Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir 3<sup>rd</sup>. St Ailbe's won the Gold medals with Presentation Convent Clonmel the Silver and Scoil Ruain Killenaule the Bronze medals.

Then we had the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year boy's race with victory going to Styn van der Wal of Clonmel High School with Patryk Bardas of Clonmel High School 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sean O Halloran of Cashel Community School 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team gold medals were won by Clonmel High school with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh Cahir winning the Silver and Scoil Ruain Killenaule winning the Bronze medals.

In the Senior girls race we had Megan O'Brien of Loreto Convent Clonmel winning very convincingly from Aileen Wall of the Presentation Convent Clonmel and Meadh Moinihan of Loreto Convent Clonmel.. In the team event victory went to Presentation Convent Clonmel while Scoil Ruain of Killenaule was 2<sup>nd</sup> and St Ailbe's Tipperary Town were 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the Senior Boys race we had a Clonmel High School clean sweep with victory going to Sean Tobin, Michael Carey was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Evan Egan was 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the team event Clonmel High School won the gold medals with Cashel Community School the Silver medals and Scoil Ruain Killenaule the Bronze medals.

In the overall competition we had Clonmel High School winning the Elizabeth McCarthy Perpetual Shield. The Eugene O'Donnell Perpetual Shield for the Best Girls School was won for the very first time by Presentation Convent Clonmel while the Best Community Shield was won by Cashel Community School, also for the very first time.

Both Clonmel and Carrick on Suir Athletic Clubs would like to thank Marfield GAA for the use of their fine facilities. The Clubs would also like to thank the many teachers for all their help in making this competition such a success.