

## **Munster Schools' Cross Country Championships**

**(By Aisling Hoey)**

The Munster Schools' Cross Country Championships took place in Tramore Racecourse on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The top 15 finishers and the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 teams in Senior, Intermediate & Junior events qualified for the All-Ireland Championships to be held in the University of Ulster, Jordanstown on the 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.

In the Senior Boys race, the CBS Thurles were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 54 points, just 1 point behind the winners, Douglas CS on 53 points.

In the Intermediate Boys race, Christopher O'Brien of Thurles CBS ran very well to come home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place leading his school to silver medals on 61 points.

In the Junior Boys, Sean Tobin of High School, Clonmel won his race in style with his team-mate Reece Maher crossing the line in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Thurles CBS won 1<sup>st</sup> team prize on the day with 57 points with the High School, Clonmel in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on 58 points.

In the Senior Girls competition, Ann Marie Hayes of the Ursline Thurles had a fine race to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> position followed closely by her team-mate Serena Moloney in 6<sup>th</sup>. The Ursline, Thurles won 2<sup>nd</sup> team prize on 18 points just 3 points behind the winners, Ursline, Waterford.

In the Intermediate Girls, Emer Kennedy of Presentation, Thurles finished very well in 5<sup>th</sup> position.

In the Junior Girls, Sarah Frydan of Presentation, Thurles ran a great race and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position leading her team home in 2<sup>nd</sup> position on 36 points, 2 points behind leaders, Stella Maris, Tramore.

In the Minor Girls, Claire Horgan of Loreto, Clonmel had a very fine run to win her race with her team-mate Megan O' Brien in 5<sup>th</sup> place and Catriona Hayes of Ursline, Thurles in 7<sup>th</sup>. The winning team were the Ursline, Thurles on 36 points with the Loreto, Clonmel in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 46 points.